The Inland Empire Business Activity Index tracks performance of the Inland Empire regional economy on a quarterly basis and is adjusted for seasonal variations. The composite indicator is estimated using a wide range of economic data including employment, economic output, income, real estate, and other indicators at the national, state, and metropolitan level.
The Center’s short-term outlook for business activity in the Inland Empire remains positive, with gains expected throughout 2018. Over the year, business activity in the region is forecast to rise between 2.5% and 3.5%. While the Inland Empire can count on years of growth in the Logistics sector and other key industries, the prospect of future labor shortages, caused in part by California’s high cost of living relative to other parts of the nation, could limit growth over the long run.