Aggregate rent expenses were approximately \$1,463,000, \$2,760,000, and \$6,428,000 for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1999, and 2000, respectively.

(8) Stockholders' Equity

Increase in Authorized Shares and Stock Split. On February 7, 2000, Forrester increased the number of authorized shares of common stock from 25,000,000 to 125,000,000 and effected a two-for-one stock split as a 100% stock dividend. Forrester has retroactively restated all share and per share amounts for the periods presented to give effect to this stock split.

Public Offering. In February 2000, Forrester issued 626,450 shares of common stock in a public offering that generated net proceeds to Forrester of approximately \$22,659,000.

Preferred Stock. Forrester has authorized 500,000 shares of \$.01 par value preferred stock. The Board of Directors has full authority to issue this stock and to fix the voting powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, and the number of shares constituting any series or designation of such series.

(9) Stock Option Plans

In February 1996, Forrester adopted the Forrester Research, Inc. 1996 Equity Incentive Plan, which has been subsequently amended (the Plan). The Plan provides for the issuance of incentive stock options (ISOs) and non-qualified stock options (NSOs) to purchase up to 13,500,000 shares of common stock. Under the terms of the Plan, ISOs may not be granted at less than fair market value on the date of grant (and in no event less than par value). ISO grants to holders of 10% of the combined voting power of all classes of Forrester stock must be granted at an exercise price not less than 110% of the fair market value at the date of grant. Options generally vest ratably over three to four years and expire after 10 years. Options granted under the Plan immediately vest upon certain events, as defined.

In September 1996, Forrester adopted the 1996 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the Directors' Plan), which provides for the issuance of options to purchase up to 300,000 shares of common stock. Under the Directors' Plan, each non-employee director shall be awarded options to purchase 12,500 shares of common stock, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock upon his or her election as a director. These options vest in three equal annual installments commencing on the date of grant. In addition, each non-employee director will also receive an option to purchase 8,000 shares of common stock, at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock, each year immediately following Forrester's annual stockholders' meeting. These options will vest in three equal installments on the first, second, and third anniversaries of the date of grant. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee) also has the authority under the Directors' Plan to grant options to non-employee directors in such amounts and on such terms as set forth in the Directors' Plan as it shall determine at the time of grant.