

# Solano County 2019 Index of Economic and Community Progress

County Administrator's Office

Robert Eyler, Ph.D.

Presented to Board of Supervisors on May 5, 2020



### Solano County Standards of Living and Employment

\* 2018 is the latest data for these variables

#### Jobs Growth Income Growth Increased Again in 2019

- Solano County Non-Farm Employment +1,700 new jobs in 2019
- Housing prices were up 0.3% in 2019
- Personal Income/Capita, Median HH Income, GP/Capita all up in 2018\*
- Property and Sales Tax Revenues rising in 2019
- Population growth positive and slowing a bit again in 2019
- Ag Values up in 2018\*, but farm jobs fell again in 2019

#### Challenges

- Gross product growth slower than state and nation
- Population growth mainly from natural increase
- Residents over 25 years old below state average for holding bachelor's degree
- Commute times rising in 2018\*







### Solano County Standards of Living and Employment

### National/global:

- COVID-19: major, quick shock
- Low interest rates: back to 2009 levels
- Recession likely in 2020, continuing to 2021 maybe
- Unemployment to spike in April and May, perhaps peak?
- Elections coming...

### California in 2020 a function of social policy

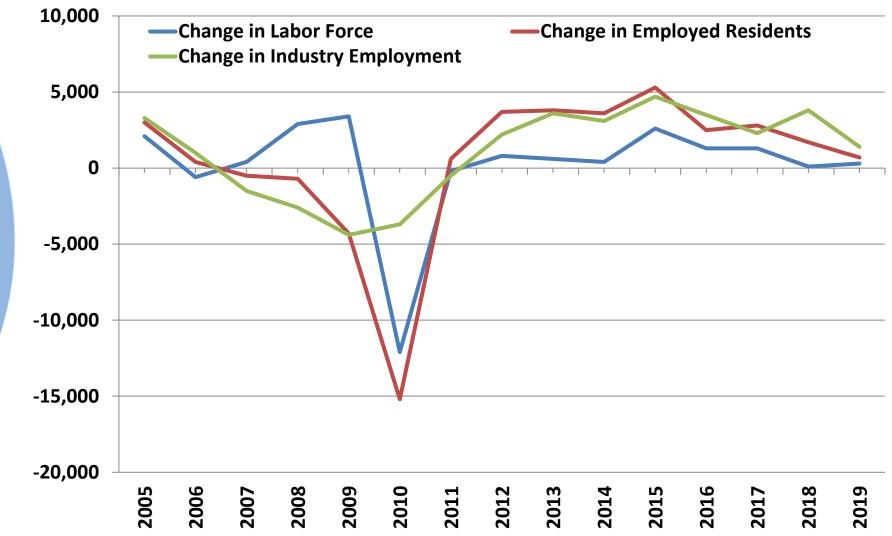
- Going to feel like 2009 and 2010 for at least two quarters
- Watching job and business losses by industry in California







### **Solano County Labor Force Indicators (EDD)**Workers 2005 – 2019 = modest employment growth and 3.7% unemployment

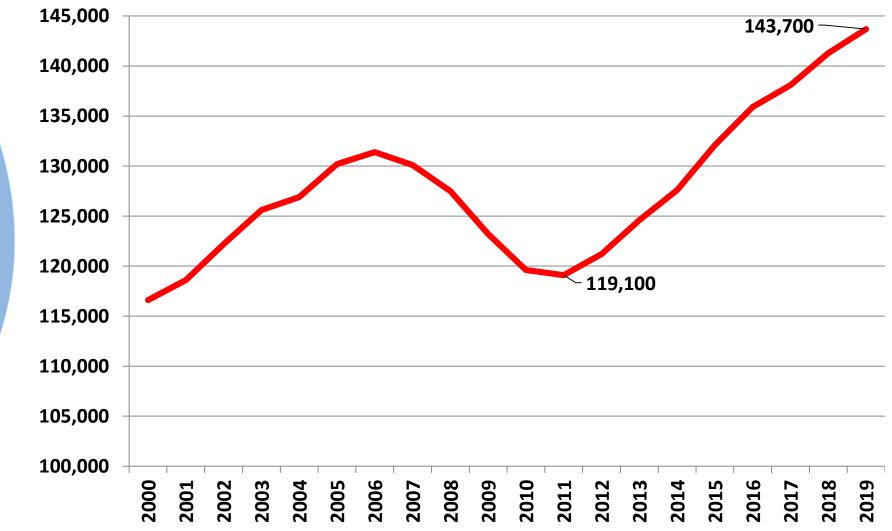


Source: EDD (http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/), Labor Market Information





### Solano County Non-Farm Employment (EDD) Number of Workers, 2000-19



Source: EDD (<a href="http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/">http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/</a>), Labor Market Information

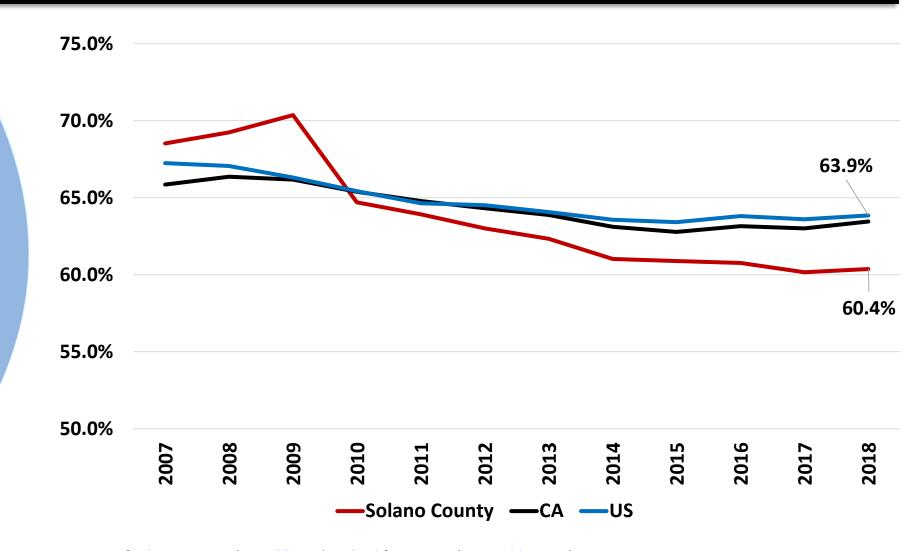






### Solano County Labor Force (LF) Participation (% in LF) 2007-18, Ages 18-64

2018 is the latest data for these variables



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (<u>www.bls.gov</u>) and California EDD (<u>www.edd.ca.gov</u>)

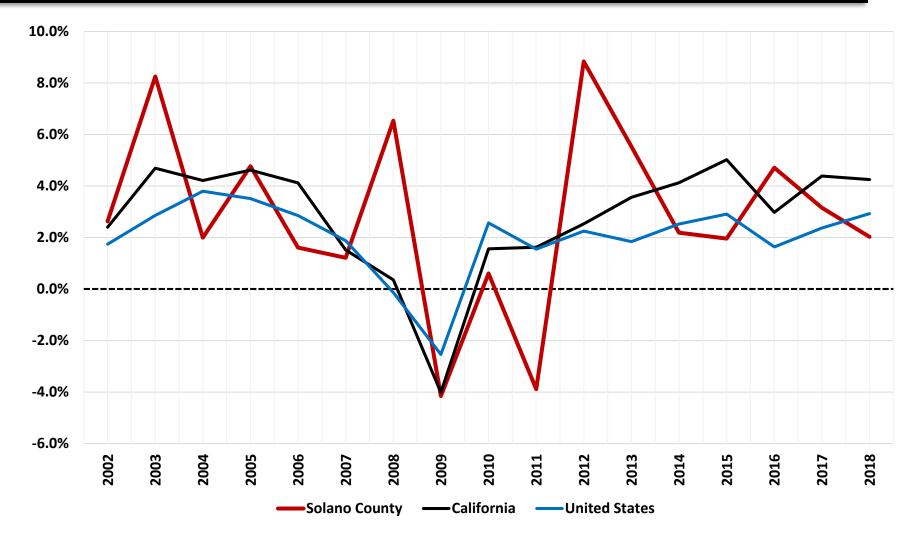
Soiano Means Business





## Per Capita Personal Income Change % Change from Previous Year, 2005-18

2018 is the latest data for these variables



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.gov)

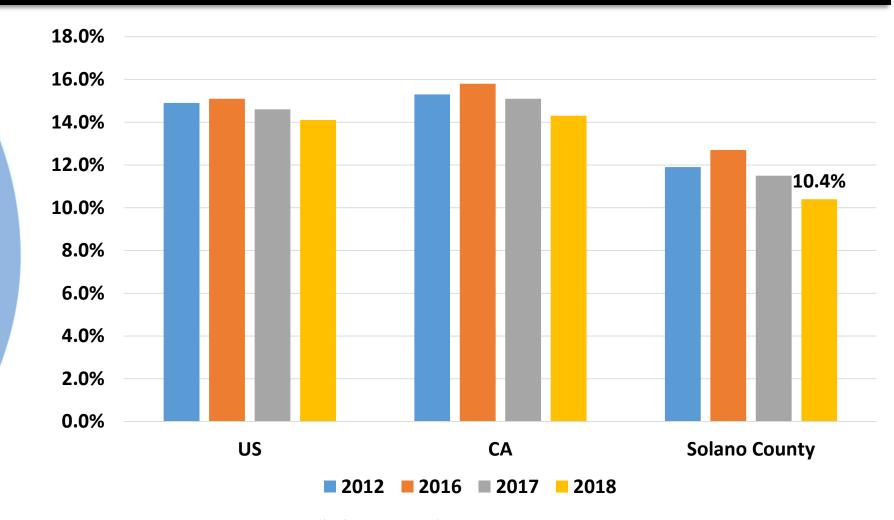






## Poverty Rates: 2010, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Solano County, CA and US

2018 is the latest data for these variables



Source: Census Bureau, American Community Survey (factfinder.census.gov)

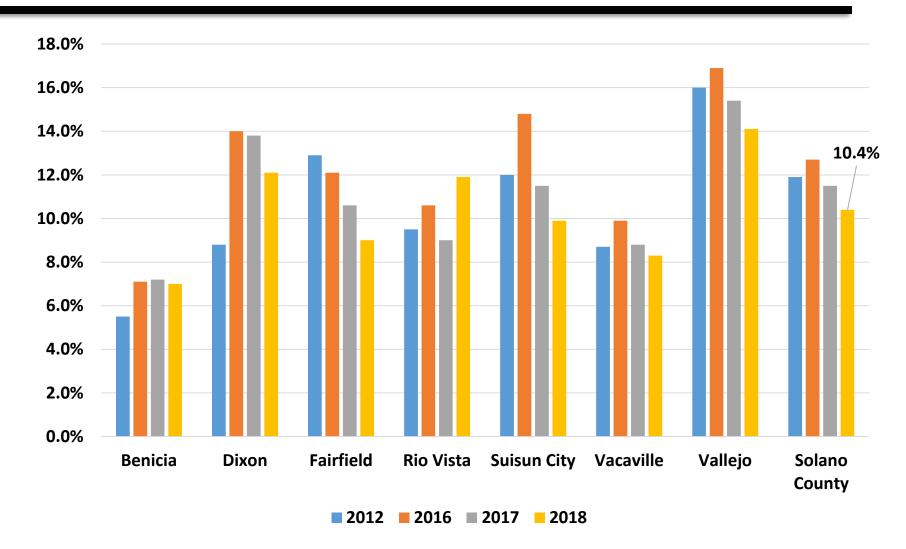






### Poverty Rates: 2010, 2016, 2017 and 2018 By City

2018 is the latest data for these variables



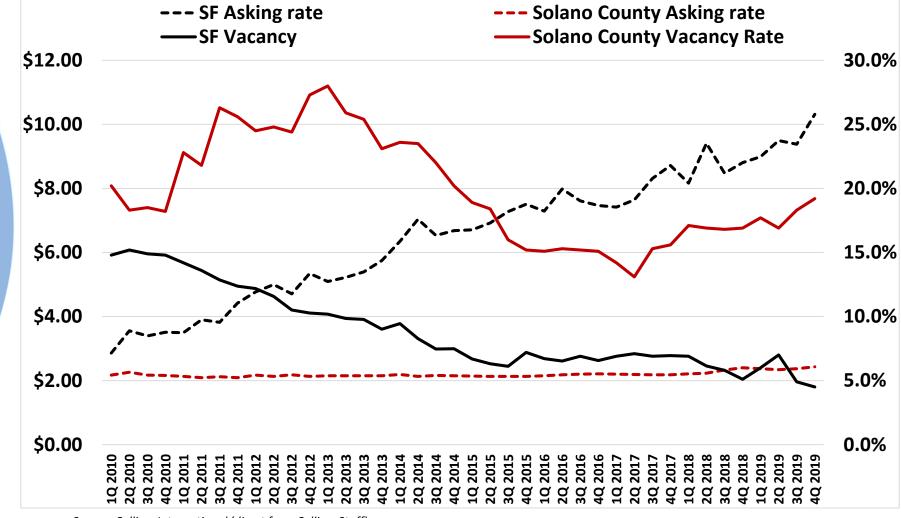
Source: Census Bureau, American Community Survey (factfinder.census.gov)







### Commercial Real Estate, Prices \$ and Vacancies (%), 2010-19, Quarterly Data, Office Space



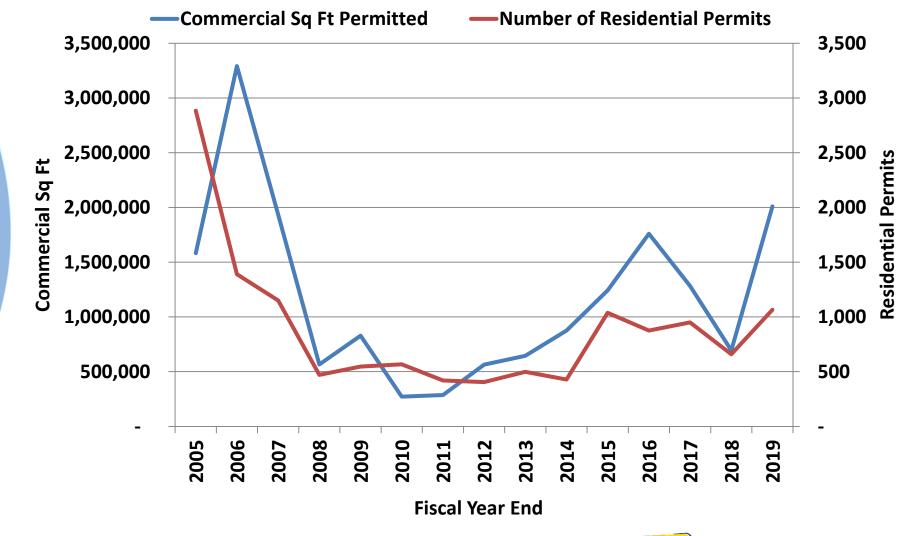
Source: Colliers International (direct from Colliers Staff)







### Building Permits, Residential (units) and Commercial (Sq Ft), 2004-05 to 2018-19 FY



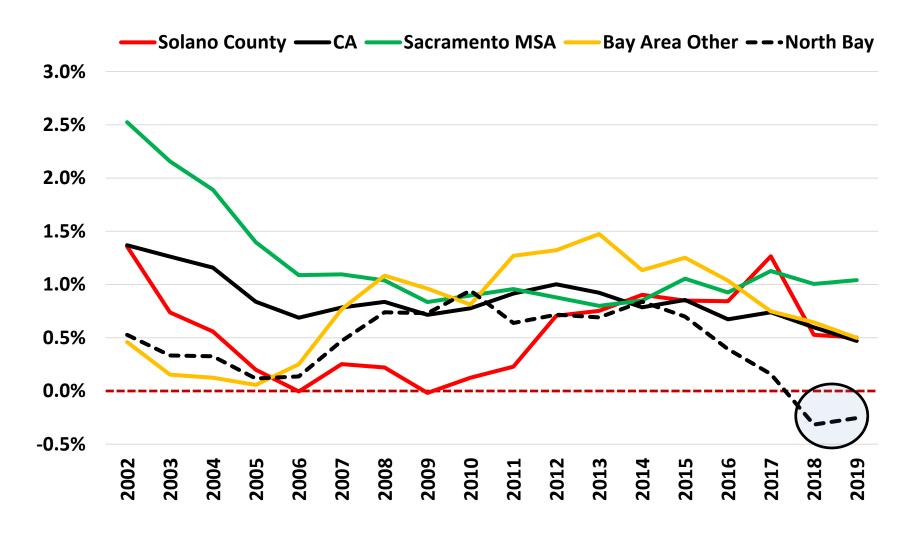






May 5, 2020

### Population Growth, % change, 2002-19

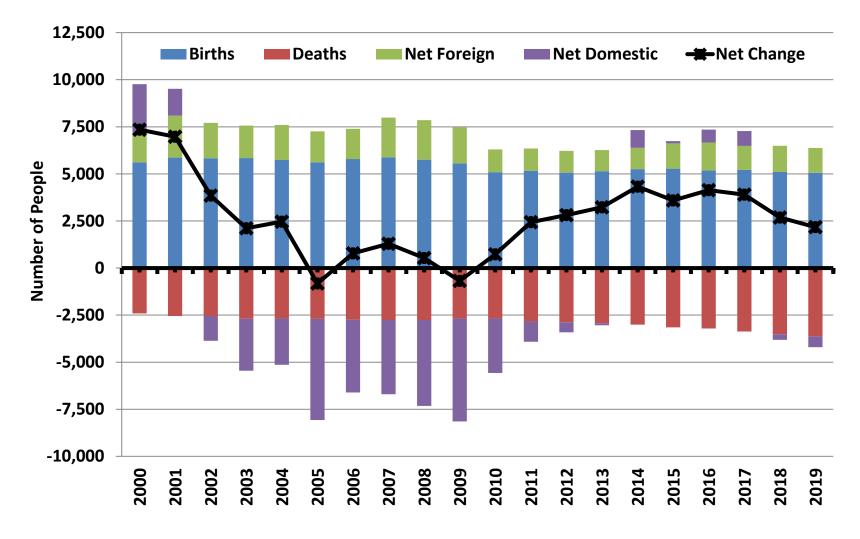








### Population Growth Components, People, 2000-19

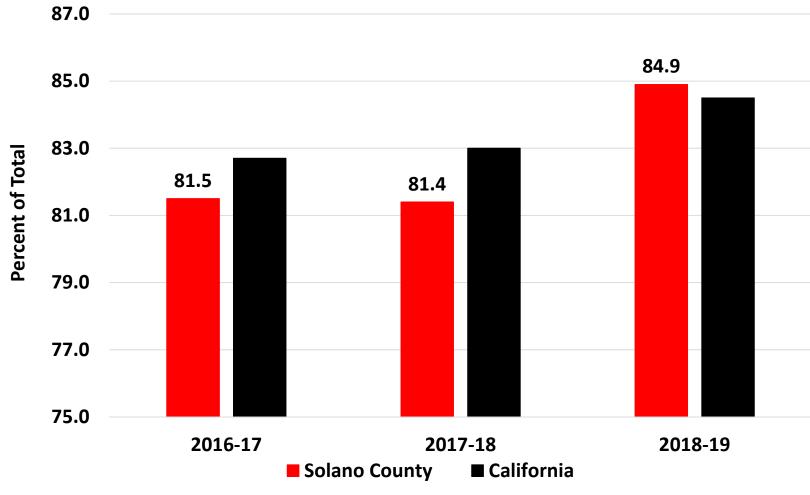








### Solano County High School Graduation Rates, % Recent Academic Years to 2018-19



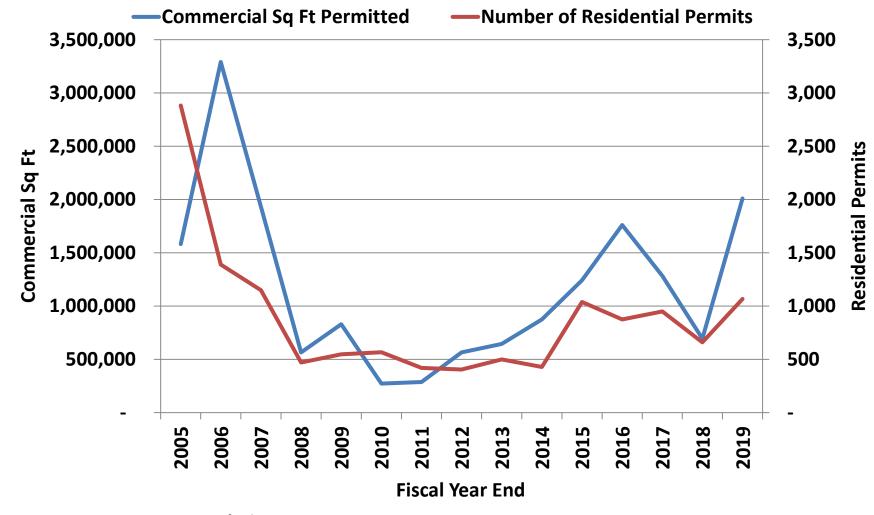
Source: California Department of Education (cde.ca.gov), There was a methodology change that does not allow historic comparisons before 2016-17







### Building Permits, 2005-2019, Commercial Sq Ft and Residential New Units Permitted, Fiscal Years



Source: County of Solano

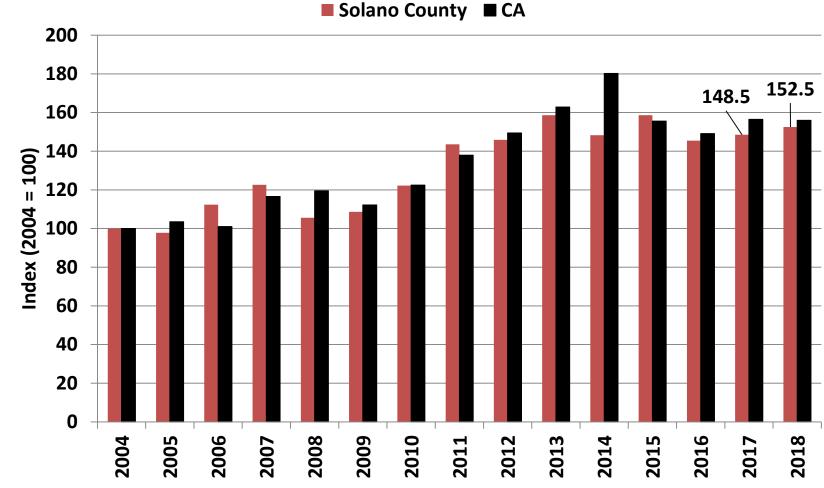






### Agricultural Values, Gross Product in Ag, 2004-18 Solano County and California, Index 2004 = 100

2018 is the latest data for these variables



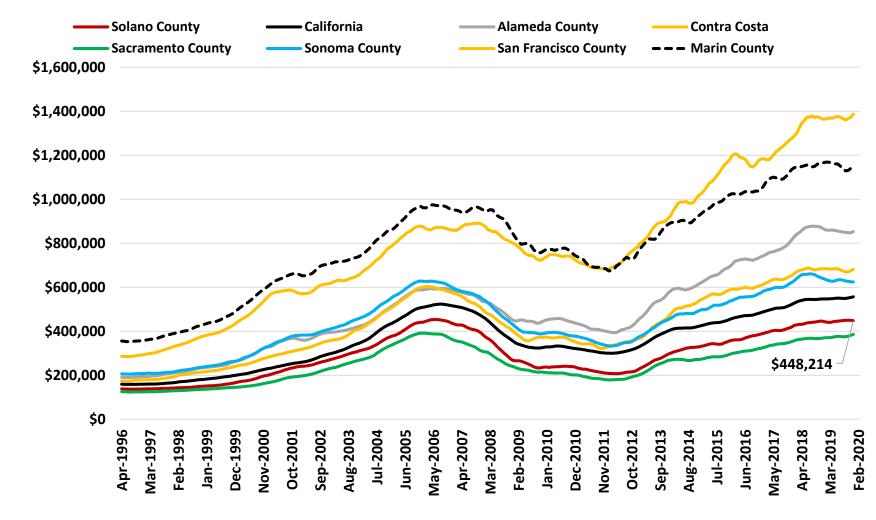
Source: Solano County Agricultural Commissioner and Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.gov)







### Median Home Prices 1996 – 2019 (2009 Dollars)



Source: Zillow™ Research







### Housing Affordability, % of Households that can afford median price home

Overston	Solano	Sacra-	California	Conoma	Maria	Santa	Alamanda	Contra	Marrin	San
Quarter	Solano	mento	California	Sonoma	Napa	Clara	Alameda	Costa	Marin	Francisco
2010.Q3	71%	68%	46%	40%	41%	30%	31%	21%	23%	22%
2011.Q3	75%	72%	52%	46%	48%	34%	36%	27%	25%	26%
2012.Q3	77%	73%	49%	46%	45%	32%	34%	28%	27%	25%
2013.Q3	56%	50%	32%	31%	28%	22%	21%	22%	18%	16%
2014.Q3	49%	48%	29%	29%	21%	21%	21%	20%	15%	12%
2015.Q3	45%	47%	29%	26%	23%	19%	20%	34%	19%	11%
2016.Q3	43%	43%	30%	26%	24%	21%	23%	36%	18%	13%
2017.Q3	43%	43%	28%	25%	26%	17%	20%	33%	18%	13%
2018.Q3	38%	42%	27%	22%	24%	17%	18%	32%	19%	15%
2019.Q3	47%	45%	31%	28%	29%	22%	26%	39%	22%	18%

Source: California Association of REALTORS







#### **Reactions: A Tale of Three Policies**

Monetary Policy Fiscal Policy Social Policy







#### Potential Forecasts on Jobs

### Tricky Scenario

- CA economy employs similar measures to China, shorter timeframe and impacts
- On the border of recession, some workers are furloughed or laid off

### Ugly Scenario

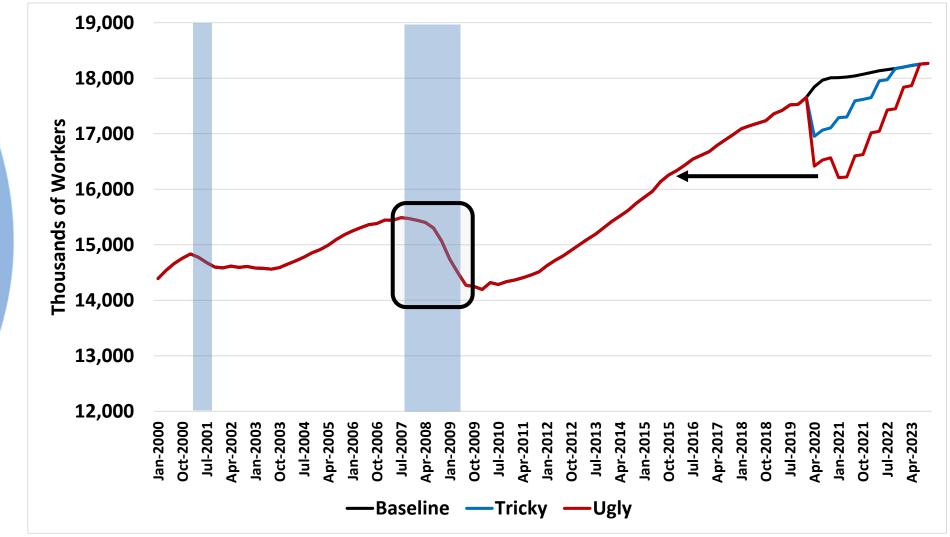
- Situation is general: jobs losses rise and move from seasonal to structural
- Restart slow, especially in tourism/casinos/air travel
- Wealth effects become jobs losses
- Businesses concerned about revenues and profits into 2021 and a second episode







#### Scenarios: Jobs in CA, 2000-23 Thousands of Workers, Seas Adj



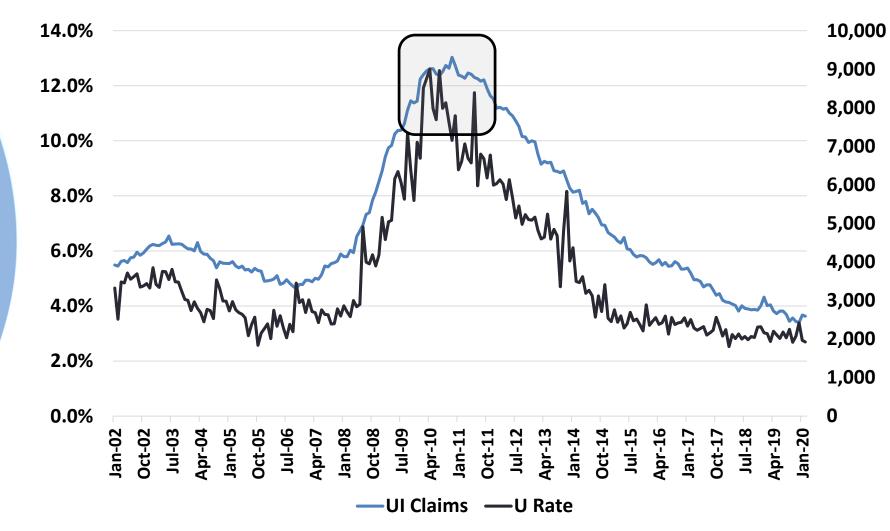
Source: CA Dept of Finance and EFA







### Solano County UI Claims and U Rate, Jan 2002- Feb 2020



Source: EDD (<a href="http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/">http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/</a>), Labor Market Information







### How is Solano County doing as a Community?

#### Solano County's communities better off in 2019

- Jobs and Incomes Continue to Rise, including wages
- Construction Jobs growing
- Home Values and Wealth Rising
- Tax Receipts Rising
- Poverty rates falling, standards of living up after inflation

### Challenges: COVID-19 recovery in 2020 and beyond

- Challenge Duration and depth of unemployment
- Challenge Business losses and affected sectors
- Challenge Pressures on municipal budgets with rising services demand
- Challenge? Residential and commercial real estate values falling







### **Opportunities after COVID-19**

#### Economic and workforce development

- Manufacturing: health care supply chain and pharmaceuticals
- Upskilling a lower-wage workforce

#### Visitors and Regional Movements

- Airlines may face rising costs and lower demand
- Summer 2020 plans may be regional versus national/international

#### Bay Area connections

- Movement of workers from Bay Area based on telecommuting
- Will there be shifts by employers to different work schedules?







### **Questions?**

Robert Eyler, Ph.D.

President, Economic Forensics and Analytics

eyler@econforensics.com



