## Colusa County Economic Forecast

## Forecast Summary

- During 2022, 475 jobs will be restored in Colusa County, sending total employment to an all-time record level.
- Over the 2022-2027 forecast period, total employment in Colusa County is expected to increase by 618 jobs.
- Government, agriculture, leisure services, and manufacturing will be responsible for virtually all job creation during the forecast period.
- The unemployment rate averaged 12.5 percent in 2021 . It is forecast to average 10.4 percent in 2022 and 10.8 percent in 2023.
- The median home price increased by 14 percent in 2021. Home prices are expected to increase by 12 percent in 2022 and 1 percent in 2023.


## Rice and Almond Industries

- The Colusa County economy is dominated by the rice and almond industries. The county has major companies in each stage of the agricultural supply chain, including farming, manufacturing, and wholesale.
- The largest rice and almond firms can employ up to 250 workers each during busy seasons.
- Colusa County companies export rice and almonds around the world, with top destinations including Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, India, and the United Kingdom.






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- Rice production has increased steadily over the last five years. Since 2015, total acreage devoted to rice farming has increased by 40 percent and the value of the rice harvest has nearly doubled to $\$ 460$ million.
- Almond production has also expanded but declining almond prices have put pressure on company profits.
- Employment in food manufacturing, together with other manufacturing activities, is expected to increase slowly over the forecast period.

- Employment in farming is expected to return to its pre-pandemic peak by 2023 or 2024.


## Leisure and Hospitality Employment

- Approximately 40 jobs were gained in 2021, an increase of 8 percent. Employment growth in 2021 restored 40 percent of jobs lost during the Coronavirus recession. The rest of these jobs are expected to be reinstated by 2023.


Rice Mill in Arbuckle

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- The largest tourist attraction is the Colusa Farm Show, which typically attracts 20,000 visitors. The Farm Show is held every February.
- Total employment in leisure and hospitality will rise gradually over the forecast, with the growth of these jobs limited by slow growth of the population.


## Government Employment

- The largest government agencies in Colusa County are the local school districts.
- Schools and other government agencies recovered approximately 110 jobs in 2021, accounting for 50 percent of jobs lost during the Coronavirus Recession.

- Pre-pandemic employment will be restored by 2021 and 2022.


## Population Growth

- The Colusa County population is expected to grow more quickly than the Northern California average during the 2022-2027 forecast period.
- Most of the county's population growth will come from births.
- The population will expand at an annual average rate of 0.4 percent per year from 2022 to 2027.
- By 2027 the Colusa County population will surpass 22,600 residents.


Colusa Farm Show | Source: Appeal-Democrat

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## Unemployment and Inflation Rates

- The unemployment rate in Colusa County averaged 12.5 percent in 2021.
- The unemployment rate is expected to average 10.4 percent in 2022 and 10.8 percent in 2023.
- Inflation decelerated sharply in 2020, largely because energy prices declined when the demand for fuels plunged.
- Inflation soared in 2021 and is expected to remain elevated for several years.
- During 2022 and into 2023, there will be a number of factors that will contribute to higher inflation. The most prominent will be:
- Record spending by consumers and the federal government during 2021 and 2022


- Fractures in the global supply chain that raise the cost of production for many businesses
- Sharp increases in the cost of housing and energy
- Labor market recruitment challenges that force companies to raise wages
- Combined, these factors have pushed inflation to its highest rate in 40 years. Ultimately, inflation reduces the purchasing power of households and negatively impacts consumer confidence, limiting the growth potential of the economy in 2022.
- However, inflation will begin to decelerate after 2022 as supply chains and the labor force are restored, eventually falling to below 3 percent again by 2024.



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## Home Prices and New Housing Production

- In 2021, the median home price in Colusa County was $\$ 337,000$.
- The median price has risen sharply during the first 10 months of 2022. Zillow records the median single family home price at \$382,500.
- Home value appreciation will moderate in 2023 and 2024, in tandem with other California markets including nearly all markets within the Northern California region.
- Price appreciation should slow down in 2023, but the median home price could approach $\$ 424,000$ by 2027.
- Housing production is expected to average 30 to 35 units per year from 2022 to 2027, consisting primarily of single-family homes.




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## Crop Report

- Colusa County's main three crops are almonds, rice, and walnuts. Tomatoes are also worth mentioning, earning the county $\$ 50$ million in 2020.
- Historically Colusa has been the top producer of Rice in the Sacramento Valley, however the top crop for 2020 was Almonds which accounted for 33 percent of the total crop value. There are 68,500 acres of almonds planted in the county, with a total value of $\$ 307$ million.
- Rice was the next biggest crop produced in Colusa County. There were 125,504 acres of rice harvested in 2020. Rice revenue has been on the rise in Colusa County since 2016, increasing from $\$ 197$ million to $\$ 286$ million in 2020.
- Walnuts are Colusa County's third biggest crop, averaging around \$73 million per year.


## New Development

- Sunrise Landing is an ongoing single-family residential project. This project is entitled to build 180 single-family homes in a community located adjacent to the Colusa Golf and Country Club.
- Sunrise Landing has sold a little over 40 homes with more available and pending. There are four model homes to choose from.
- The Colusa Industrial Park residential development project calls for the building of 286 residential units on a 151-acre plot of land. The project was first approved by the Colusa County Board of Supervisors in 2008 and has since undergone changes.
- The County of Colusa tried to sue the City of Colusa in February 2022 to get a restraining order for the project. The County took these actions as they thought the City of Colusa changed the project too much. However, a judge denied the County's request.
- A 49-unit affordable housing complex, named Rancho Colus, is coming to Colusa. The plan also includes a 3,000 square foot community center. The project is expected to be finished in Spring 2024.


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Economic Indicators

|  | Population (people) | Households (thousands) | Net <br> Migration <br> (people) | New Homes Permitted (homes) | Registered Vehicles (thousands) | Personal Income (billions) | Taxable Retail Sales (millions) | Total Taxable Sales (millions) | Real Industrial Production (millions) | Real per Capita Income (dollars) | Unemploymen Rate (percent) | Real ht Farm Production (millions) | Inflation Rate (percent) |
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| 2015 | 21,455 | 7.3 | -94 | 45 | 29.2 | \$0.9 | \$172 | \$399 | \$778 | \$48,456 | 15.6 | \$1,075 | 1.4 |
| 2016 | 21,677 | 7.4 | 63 | 90 | 29.9 | \$0.9 | \$182 | \$380 | \$654 | \$50,094 | 15.6 | \$923 | 2.3 |
| 2017 | 21,792 | 7.4 | -39 | 19 | 29.5 | \$0.9 | \$202 | \$389 | \$599 | \$48,791 | 14.4 | \$1,000 | 3.0 |
| 2018 | 21,690 | 7.4 | -207 | 45 | 29.9 | \$1.1 | \$234 | \$434 | \$654 | \$53,123 | 13.3 | \$991 | 3.7 |
| 2019 | 21,745 | 7.5 | -32 | 58 | 30.7 | \$1.1 | \$270 | \$467 | \$638 | \$53,322 | 13.0 | \$990 | 2.9 |
| 2020 | 21,826 | 7.5 | -38 | 25 | 30.9 | \$1.2 | \$300 | \$511 | \$657 | \$58,526 | 16.4 | \$965 | 1.8 |
| 2021 | 22,059 | 7.6 | 134 | 36 | 31.5 | \$1.2 | \$334 | \$578 | \$665 | \$55,485 | 12.5 | \$935 | 4.2 |
| 2022 | 22,133 | 7.5 | -28 | 52 | 31.7 | \$1.3 | \$368 | \$633 | \$690 | \$55,662 | 10.4 | \$916 | 7.3 |
| 2023 | 22,210 | 7.6 | -24 | 57 | 31.8 | \$1.4 | \$375 | \$648 | \$715 | \$55,988 | 10.8 | \$895 | 3.5 |
| 2024 | 22,283 | 7.6 | -25 | 59 | 32.0 | \$1.4 | \$381 | \$658 | \$738 | \$56,586 | 11.5 | \$874 | 2.3 |
| 2025 | 22,383 | 7.7 | 4 | 65 | 32.2 | \$1.5 | \$387 | \$669 | \$757 | \$56,953 | 11.6 | \$847 | 2.3 |
| 2026 | 22,492 | 7.7 | 17 | 69 | 32.4 | \$1.5 | \$392 | \$680 | \$775 | \$57,321 | 11.6 | \$822 | 2.3 |
| 2027 | 22,581 | 7.8 | -1 | 70 | 32.6 | \$1.6 | \$398 | \$690 | \$791 | \$57,674 | 11.6 | \$815 | 2.2 |
| 2028 | 22,668 | 7.9 | 0 | 71 | 32.7 | \$1.6 | \$404 | \$701 | \$804 | \$58,317 | 11.6 | \$804 | 2.2 |
| 2029 | 22,717 | 7.9 | -35 | 65 | 32.8 | \$1.7 | \$414 | \$718 | \$816 | \$58,794 | 11.5 | \$793 | 2.3 |
| 2030 | 22,823 | 8.0 | 25 | 78 | 33.1 | \$1.8 | \$425 | \$738 | \$825 | \$59,208 | 11.4 | \$790 | 2.2 |
| 2031 | 22,948 | 8.1 | 45 | 82 | 33.3 | \$1.8 | \$434 | \$753 | \$833 | \$59,475 | 11.4 | \$782 | 2.1 |
| 2032 | 22,961 | 8.1 | -65 | 57 | 33.4 | \$1.9 | \$445 | \$772 | \$839 | \$59,858 | 11.3 | \$780 | 2.3 |
| 2033 | 22,993 | 8.2 | -45 | 61 | 33.4 | \$1.9 | \$454 | \$788 | \$844 | \$60,510 | 11.3 | \$780 | 1.9 |
| 2034 | 23,045 | 8.3 | -25 | 63 | 33.5 | \$2.0 | \$464 | \$805 | \$848 | \$61,048 | 11.2 | \$778 | 2.1 |
| 2035 | 23,105 | 8.3 | -15 | 64 | 33.7 | \$2.1 | \$476 | \$825 | \$852 | \$61,595 | 11.2 | \$762 | 2.2 |
| 2036 | 23,152 | 8.4 | -28 | 59 | 33.8 | \$2.1 | \$491 | \$850 | \$855 | \$61,947 | 11.1 | \$758 | 2.6 |
| 2037 | 23,196 | 8.4 | -29 | 57 | 33.9 | \$2.2 | \$505 | \$874 | \$857 | \$62,191 | 11.1 | \$755 | 2.7 |
| 2038 | 23,247 | 8.5 | -23 | 57 | 34.0 | \$2.3 | \$519 | \$897 | \$859 | \$62,584 | 11.1 | \$754 | 2.5 |
| 2039 | 23,350 | 8.5 | 31 | 66 | 34.2 | \$2.3 | \$533 | \$923 | \$861 | \$62,738 | 11.1 | \$753 | 2.7 |
| 2040 | 23,327 | 8.6 | -96 | 37 | 34.1 | \$2.4 | \$547 | \$947 | \$863 | \$63,207 | 11.1 | \$750 | 2.6 |
| 2041 | 23,431 | 8.6 | 33 | 62 | 34.4 | \$2.5 | \$560 | \$968 | \$864 | \$63,565 | 11.0 | \$748 | 2.2 |
| 2042 | 23,505 | 8.7 | 3 | 56 | 34.5 | \$2.6 | \$572 | \$989 | \$865 | \$64,021 | 11.0 | \$739 | 2.1 |
| 2043 | 23,464 | 8.7 | -112 | 33 | 34.4 | \$2.7 | \$585 | \$1,011 | \$866 | \$64,790 | 11.0 | \$736 | 2.0 |
| 2044 | 23,557 | 8.8 | 23 | 59 | 34.6 | \$2.7 | \$595 | \$1,029 | \$868 | \$65,349 | 11.0 | \$735 | 1.8 |
| 2045 | 23,550 | 8.8 | -77 | 37 | 34.6 | \$2.8 | \$608 | \$1,051 | \$869 | \$66,059 | 11.0 | \$732 | 1.9 |
| 2046 | 23,497 | 8.9 | -122 | 27 | 34.5 | \$2.9 | \$621 | \$1,073 | \$869 | \$66,803 | 11.0 | \$729 | 2.0 |
| 2047 | 23,458 | 8.9 | -108 | 29 | 34.4 | \$3.0 | \$635 | \$1,097 | \$870 | \$67,328 | 11.0 | \$729 | 2.2 |
| 2048 | 23,504 | 8.9 | -24 | 48 | 34.5 | \$3.1 | \$651 | \$1,125 | \$872 | \$67,602 | 11.0 | \$730 | 2.3 |
| 2049 | 23,546 | 9.0 | -28 | 46 | 34.6 | \$3.2 | \$666 | \$1,149 | \$873 | \$68,046 | 11.0 | \$727 | 2.0 |
| 2050 | 23,594 | 9.0 | -23 | 47 | 34.7 | \$3.2 | \$681 | \$1,175 | \$874 | \$68,413 | 11.0 | \$725 | 2.1 |

Employment Sectors

|  | Total Wage \& Salary | Farm | Construction | Manufacturing | Transportation \& Utilities | Wholesale \& Retail Trade | Financial Activities | Professional Services | Information | Health \& Education | Leisure | Government |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | jobs) ---- |  |  |  |  | ------------- |
| 2015 | 8,770 | 2,580 | 90 | 1,360 | 180 | 1,110 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 570 | 580 | 2,160 |
| 2016 | 8,720 | 2,620 | 110 | 1,220 | 190 | 1,180 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 460 | 590 | 2,220 |
| 2017 | 8,910 | 2,810 | 110 | 1,230 | 200 | 1,190 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 380 | 590 | 2,270 |
| 2018 | 9,140 | 2,940 | 120 | 1,150 | 200 | 1,200 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 560 | 590 | 2,240 |
| 2019 | 9,460 | 3,130 | 130 | 1,240 | 220 | 1,190 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 630 | 590 | 2,190 |
| 2020 | 8,890 | 2,850 | 100 | 1,260 | 230 | 1,190 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 660 | 490 | 1,970 |
| 2021 | 9,380 | 2,960 | 110 | 1,290 | 270 | 1,250 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 530 | 2,080 |
| 2022 | 9,960 | 3,064 | 125 | 1,423 | 297 | 1,300 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 839 | 539 | 2,232 |
| 2023 | 10,110 | 3,136 | 119 | 1,428 | 298 | 1,312 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 849 | 552 | 2,273 |
| 2024 | 10,130 | 3,166 | 119 | 1,429 | 298 | 1,317 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 854 | 565 | 2,246 |
| 2025 | 10,160 | 3,163 | 131 | 1,427 | 298 | 1,318 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 859 | 569 | 2,249 |
| 2026 | 10,190 | 3,148 | 145 | 1,426 | 299 | 1,323 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 862 | 570 | 2,272 |
| 2027 | 10,210 | 3,126 | 158 | 1,425 | 302 | 1,326 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 866 | 570 | 2,294 |
| 2028 | 10,210 | 3,099 | 161 | 1,423 | 304 | 1,331 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 870 | 573 | 2,312 |
| 2029 | 10,210 | 3,067 | 160 | 1,423 | 305 | 1,335 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 873 | 576 | 2,330 |
| 2030 | 10,200 | 3,034 | 164 | 1,423 | 306 | 1,339 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 875 | 581 | 2,340 |
| 2031 | 10,190 | 3,010 | 167 | 1,423 | 308 | 1,342 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 878 | 585 | 2,333 |
| 2032 | 10,180 | 2,991 | 158 | 1,423 | 308 | 1,345 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 881 | 590 | 2,339 |
| 2033 | 10,160 | 2,978 | 148 | 1,423 | 310 | 1,347 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 884 | 592 | 2,340 |
| 2034 | 10,160 | 2,963 | 147 | 1,423 | 310 | 1,349 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 887 | 595 | 2,344 |
| 2035 | 10,170 | 2,951 | 147 | 1,423 | 311 | 1,351 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 889 | 598 | 2,354 |
| 2036 | 10,170 | 2,936 | 146 | 1,423 | 313 | 1,353 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 892 | 601 | 2,364 |
| 2037 | 10,160 | 2,925 | 135 | 1,423 | 313 | 1,355 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 896 | 603 | 2,370 |
| 2038 | 10,160 | 2,916 | 132 | 1,423 | 314 | 1,357 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 897 | 604 | 2,372 |
| 2039 | 10,160 | 2,910 | 136 | 1,423 | 315 | 1,358 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 899 | 607 | 2,376 |
| 2040 | 10,160 | 2,906 | 124 | 1,423 | 317 | 1,359 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 609 | 2,382 |
| 2041 | 10,170 | 2,902 | 123 | 1,423 | 318 | 1,360 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 902 | 611 | 2,387 |
| 2042 | 10,170 | 2,898 | 121 | 1,423 | 319 | 1,360 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 904 | 613 | 2,391 |
| 2043 | 10,160 | 2,895 | 110 | 1,423 | 318 | 1,360 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 905 | 612 | 2,397 |
| 2044 | 10,180 | 2,892 | 120 | 1,423 | 320 | 1,360 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 908 | 614 | 2,402 |
| 2045 | 10,170 | 2,890 | 112 | 1,423 | 321 | 1,360 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 908 | 615 | 2,405 |
| 2046 | 10,180 | 2,888 | 106 | 1,423 | 322 | 1,359 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 909 | 616 | 2,414 |
| 2047 | 10,180 | 2,887 | 106 | 1,423 | 323 | 1,359 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 911 | 617 | 2,416 |
| 2048 | 10,190 | 2,886 | 114 | 1,423 | 325 | 1,359 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 913 | 618 | 2,417 |
| 2049 | 10,200 | 2,885 | 115 | 1,423 | 326 | 1,359 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 914 | 618 | 2,418 |
| 2050 | 10,200 | 2,884 | 116 | 1,423 | 327 | 1,359 | 140 | 0 | 0 | 916 | 620 | 2,419 |

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## Socioeconomic Indicators







