Lassen County Economic Forecast

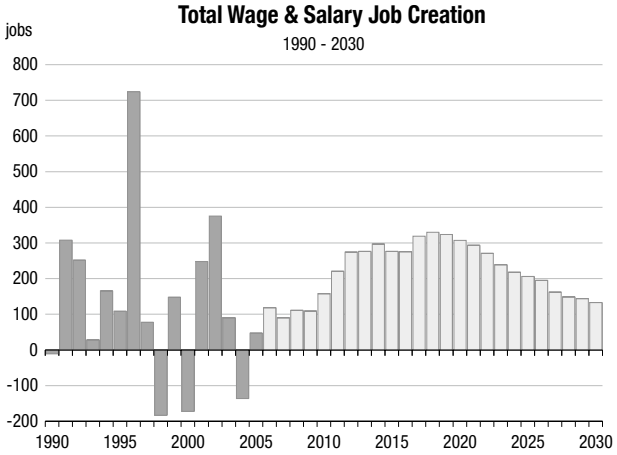
Lassen County is one of the northernmost counties in California. It is roughly the same size as the state of Connecticut. Lassen County has a population of 35,696 people and 10,220 wage and salary jobs. The per capita income in Lassen County is $20,746, and the average salary per worker is $40,352. In 2006 the median household income in Lassen County is estimated at $52,500.

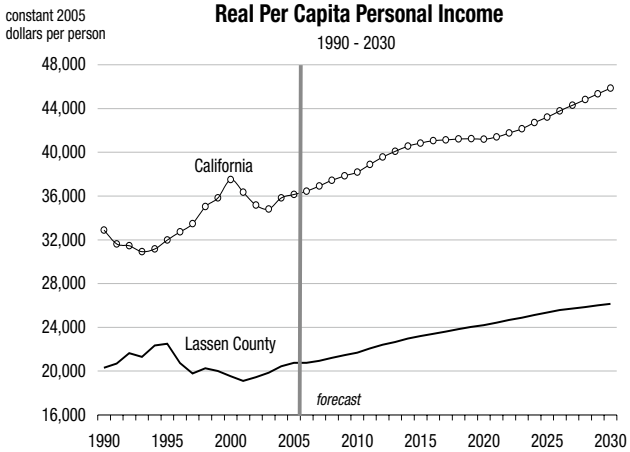
In 2005, wage and salary employment grew by 48 jobs in Lassen County, an increase of 0.5 percent. Non-farm employment gained 118 jobs, a 1.2 percent increase. The unemployment rate was 8.0 percent in 2005.

The only sector to produce significant employment gains in 2005 was the public sector which created 230 jobs. Most non-farm sectors in the county lost jobs last year especially the manufacturing and leisure services sectors. Employment declined by 54 jobs in the manufacturing sector to less than 40 workers, down from more than 200 workers in 2003. The largest employment sectors in the county are public institutions. Over 57 percent of all jobs in the county are in the public sector. The penitentiaries and correctional institutions in Susanville are the largest employers in the county. They employ more than 2,500 people, and house over 11,000 inmates.

The population grew in Lassen County at a rate of 0.2 percent in 2005. The only incorporated city in the county is Susanville, which grew 0.2 percent between January 2005 and January 2006. Migration was positive last year with an estimated 255 net migrants entering the county.

Employment growth and population growth are expected to remain positive over the next several years.





Forecast Highlights

- Total wage and salary job growth is forecast to increase to 1.2 percent in 2006. Over the next five years job growth is expected to average 1.1 percent per year.

- Average salaries adjusted for inflation are currently below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast period. Inflation adjusted salaries are expected to rise an average of 0.6 percent per year over the next 5 years.

- Between 2006 and 2010, the momentum for employment growth is in leisure services, education and healthcare services, wholesale and retail trade, and government. These sectors account for over 85 percent of all jobs created in the county over the next five years.

- Population growth is expected to be 1.4 percent in 2006. Annual growth in the 2006 to 2010 period also averages 1.4 percent per year.

- Net migration is forecast at approximately 400 persons in 2006. Over the next five years migration is expected to average 390 net migrants per year.

- Real per capita income is forecast to increase 0.1 percent in 2006. Over the next five years real per capita incomes are expected to increase an average of 0.8 percent per year.

- Total taxable sales, adjusted for inflation, are forecast to rise at a rate of 4.4 percent in 2006. Over the next five years real taxable sales are forecast to increase 4.6 percent per year.

- Industrial production is forecast to increase 0.6 percent in 2006. Over the next five years the growth rate of industrial production will decline, with total production falling an average of 0.2 percent per year. Total crop production, adjusted for inflation, is expected to increase an average of 3.0 percent per year between 2006 and 2010.

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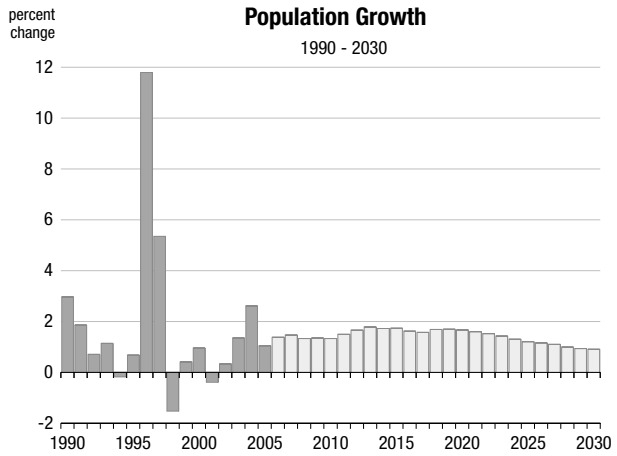
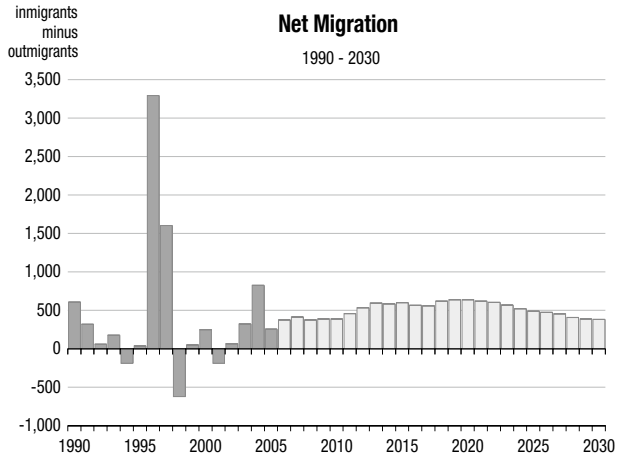
1997-2005 History, 2006-2030 Forecast

	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (thousands)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Total Taxable Sales (millions)	Personal Income (billions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Inflation Rate (% change in CPI)	Real Farm Crop Value (millions)	Real Industrial Production (millions)	Unemploy-ment Rate (percent)
1997	34,029	1,606	28.3	9.3	84	$184.3	$0.53	$19,790	3.4	64.4	120.5	9.7
1998	33,514	-619	29.2	9.5	83	$187.4	$0.55	$20,262	3.2	52.2	68.7	9.4
1999	33,654	51	29.9	9.6	116	$208.5	$0.57	$20,015	4.2	55.3	87.9	7.0
2000	33,977	250	31.1	9.6	107	$221.1	$0.59	$19,529	4.5	59.3	113.1	7.2
2001	33,846	-186	32.8	9.7	95	$226.4	$0.61	$19,099	5.4	46.3	111.5	7.4
2002	33,962	66	33.7	9.8	125	$247.8	$0.63	$19,445	1.6	48.1	120.3	7.9
2003	34,423	323	34.1	9.9	163	$302.2	$0.66	$19,854	1.8	56.6	113.8	7.8
2004	35,325	826	36.4	10.0	210	$257.1	$0.71	$20,430	1.2	61.8	115.5	7.7
2005	35,696	255	36.9	10.2	173	$282.0	$0.74	$20,746	2.0	59.6	114.4	8.0
2006	36,191	376	37.8	10.3	151	$294.4	$0.78	$20,761	3.9	59.9	124.2	7.9
2007	36,724	415	38.6	10.4	155	$308.1	$0.82	$20,928	2.4	59.8	126.4	7.9
2008	37,216	376	39.5	10.5	156	$322.2	$0.86	$21,204	2.0	59.9	129.5	8.1
2009	37,721	390	40.3	10.6	157	$336.7	$0.90	$21,466	2.0	59.5	132.3	8.3
2010	38,225	389	41.0	10.7	160	$352.8	$0.94	$21,686	2.5	59.0	132.3	8.3
2011	38,798	460	41.7	10.8	161	$368.7	$1.00	$22,059	2.4	59.1	137.1	8.3
2012	39,446	535	42.4	10.9	162	$384.8	$1.05	$22,398	2.2	59.1	139.1	8.4
2013	40,152	594	43.1	11.0	161	$401.8	$1.11	$22,658	2.3	59.0	139.8	8.5
2014	40,847	585	43.8	11.1	160	$419.6	$1.17	$22,973	2.3	58.8	139.6	8.6
2015	41,557	600	44.4	11.2	160	$438.9	$1.23	$23,191	2.5	58.6	137.1	8.6
2016	42,232	566	45.0	11.3	159	$459.2	$1.30	$23,412	2.7	58.2	141.2	8.7
2017	42,900	560	45.7	11.4	159	$480.4	$1.36	$23,609	2.7	58.2	141.1	8.7
2018	43,626	619	46.3	11.5	159	$501.7	$1.43	$23,836	2.5	58.2	143.6	8.7
2019	44,371	640	46.9	11.6	160	$523.9	$1.51	$24,045	2.5	58.0	143.8	8.7
2020	45,114	638	47.5	11.7	160	$546.6	$1.58	$24,203	2.5	57.9	144.4	8.6
2021	45,838	621	48.1	11.8	160	$570.1	$1.66	$24,420	2.4	57.9	142.6	8.6
2022	46,541	604	48.6	11.9	160	$594.7	$1.75	$24,668	2.5	57.6	138.0	8.5
2023	47,209	571	49.2	12.0	159	$619.8	$1.83	$24,882	2.5	57.6	134.4	8.6
2024	47,827	523	49.8	12.1	157	$644.9	$1.92	$25,124	2.3	57.1	131.1	8.6
2025	48,409	489	50.3	12.3	156	$671.4	$2.01	$25,358	2.4	56.7	126.2	8.6
2026	48,973	473	50.9	12.4	156	$699.1	$2.10	$25,585	2.4	56.4	122.2	8.5
2027	49,517	457	51.5	12.5	155	$727.7	$2.18	$25,719	2.5	56.1	119.9	8.6
2028	50,012	410	52.1	12.6	154	$758.2	$2.28	$25,860	2.7	56.0	120.4	8.6
2029	50,485	390	52.6	12.7	154	$789.4	$2.37	$26,003	2.7	55.6	121.2	8.5
2030	50,949	384	53.2	12.8	154	$820.8	$2.47	$26,144	2.6	55.3	124.1	8.5

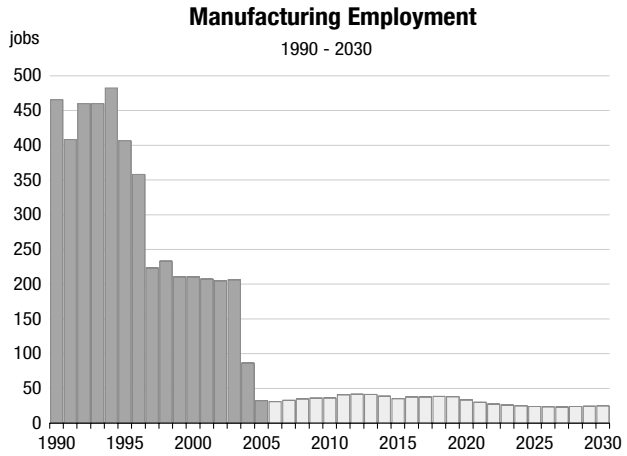


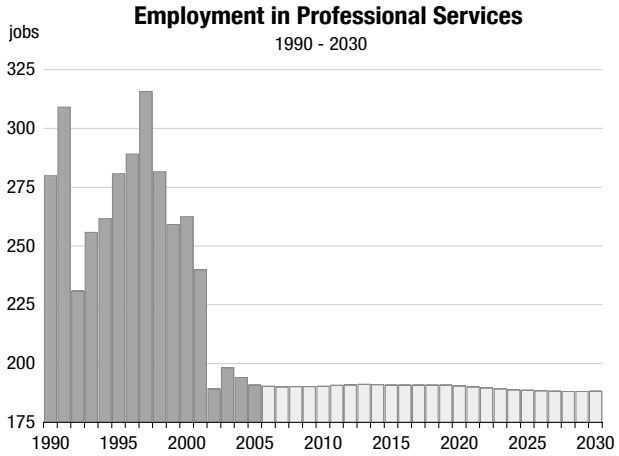


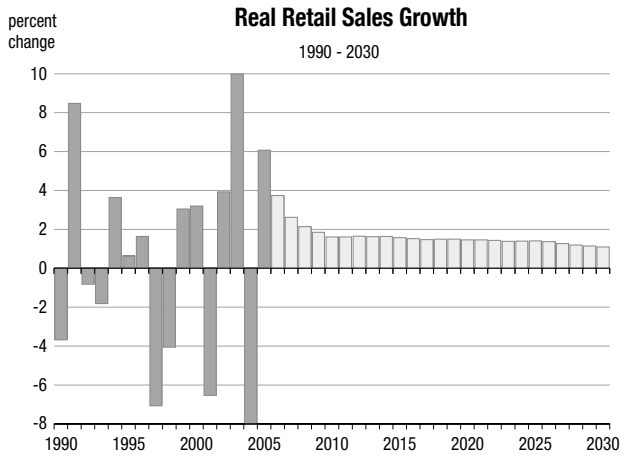
Lassen County Employment Forecast

1997-2005 History, 2006-2030 Forecast

	Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Construction	Manufac-turing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Financial Activities	Professional Services	Information	Health & Education	Leisure	Government
	----------employment (thousands of jobs)----------											
1997	9.8	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.11	1.24	0.20	0.32	0.16	0.74	0.61	5.33
1998	9.6	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.07	1.22	0.17	0.28	0.15	0.77	0.62	5.27
1999	9.8	0.32	0.28	0.21	0.09	1.19	0.15	0.26	0.14	0.77	0.62	5.36
2000	9.6	0.24	0.20	0.21	0.10	1.24	0.16	0.26	0.13	0.76	0.61	5.35
2001	9.8	0.28	0.24	0.21	0.16	1.18	0.17	0.24	0.15	0.81	0.69	5.38
2002	10.2	0.31	0.35	0.21	0.18	1.12	0.15	0.19	0.14	0.89	0.78	5.55
2003	10.3	0.35	0.31	0.21	0.19	1.12	0.16	0.20	0.12	0.92	0.79	5.65
2004	10.2	0.44	0.30	0.09	0.19	1.06	0.15	0.19	0.10	0.90	0.75	5.70
2005	10.2	0.37	0.29	0.03	0.18	1.07	0.15	0.19	0.11	0.88	0.73	5.93
2006	10.3	0.39	0.27	0.03	0.18	1.09	0.15	0.19	0.11	0.91	0.78	5.92
2007	10.4	0.39	0.27	0.03	0.19	1.11	0.15	0.19	0.11	0.93	0.80	5.93
2008	10.5	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.20	1.13	0.16	0.19	0.12	0.96	0.82	5.96
2009	10.6	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.21	1.15	0.16	0.19	0.12	0.99	0.84	5.99
2010	10.8	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.22	1.18	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.02	0.86	6.06
2011	11.0	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.24	1.20	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.05	0.88	6.18
2012	11.3	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.25	1.23	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.08	0.90	6.37
2013	11.6	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.26	1.26	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.11	0.91	6.56
2014	11.9	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.28	1.28	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.15	0.93	6.78
2015	12.2	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.29	1.31	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.17	0.95	6.98
2016	12.4	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.30	1.34	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.20	0.96	7.17
2017	12.7	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.32	1.36	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.23	0.98	7.40
2018	13.1	0.39	0.27	0.04	0.33	1.39	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.27	1.00	7.64
2019	13.4	0.39	0.28	0.04	0.34	1.41	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.30	1.01	7.88
2020	13.7	0.39	0.28	0.03	0.36	1.43	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.33	1.02	8.12
2021	14.0	0.39	0.28	0.03	0.37	1.46	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.36	1.03	8.34
2022	14.3	0.39	0.28	0.03	0.38	1.48	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.40	1.04	8.53
2023	14.5	0.39	0.28	0.03	0.39	1.50	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.43	1.05	8.69
2024	14.7	0.39	0.28	0.02	0.41	1.53	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.45	1.06	8.84
2025	14.9	0.39	0.28	0.02	0.42	1.55	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.48	1.07	8.98
2026	15.1	0.39	0.28	0.02	0.43	1.57	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.50	1.08	9.10
2027	15.3	0.39	0.28	0.02	0.44	1.59	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.52	1.09	9.20
2028	15.4	0.39	0.28	0.02	0.46	1.61	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.54	1.10	9.28
2029	15.6	0.39	0.28	0.02	0.47	1.63	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.56	1.11	9.36
2030	15.7	0.39	0.28	0.03	0.48	1.65	0.16	0.19	0.12	1.58	1.12	9.43



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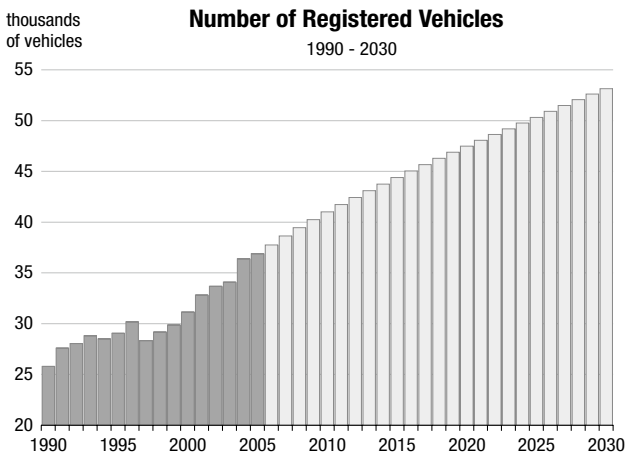
Number of Registered Vehicles
1990 - 2030
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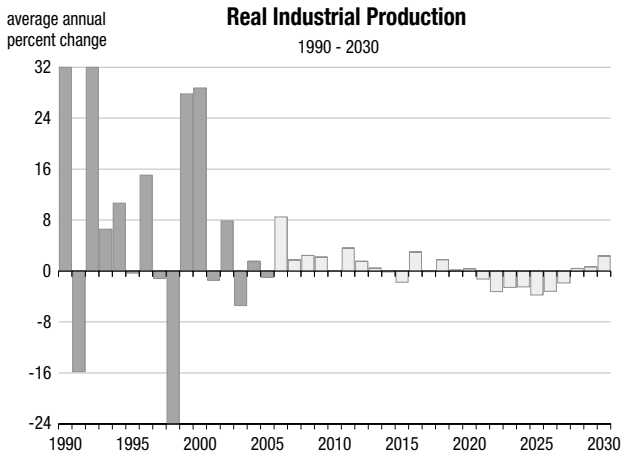
Real Industrial Production
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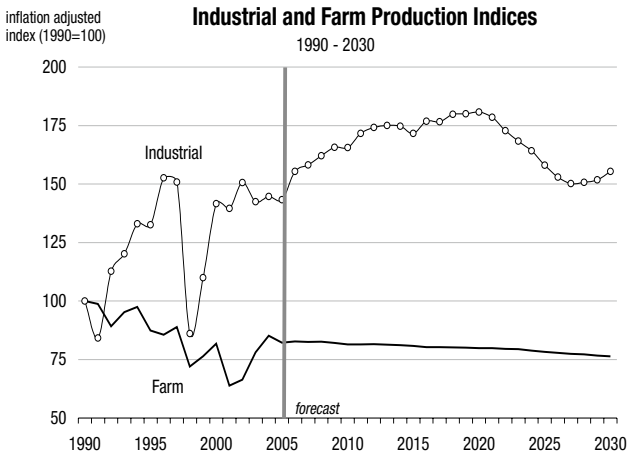
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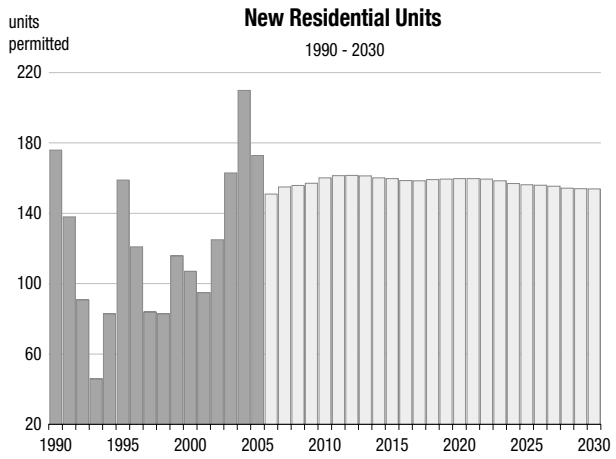
New Residential Units
1990 - 2030
units permitted
220
180
140
100
60
20
1990
1995
2000
2005
2010
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2025
2030

Real Earnings Per Worker
1990 - 2030
thousands of constant 2005 dollars per worker
58
54
50
46
42
38
34
California
Lassen County
forecast
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