

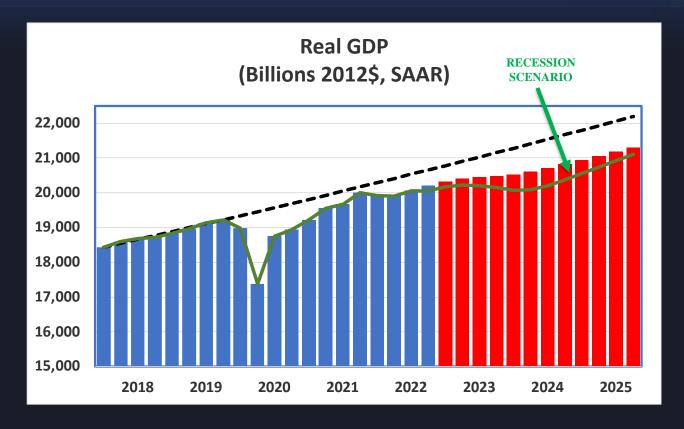
# The Economic Outlook and Orange County Taxable Sales

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**UCLA Anderson Forecast** 





SAAR means Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate



#### LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION



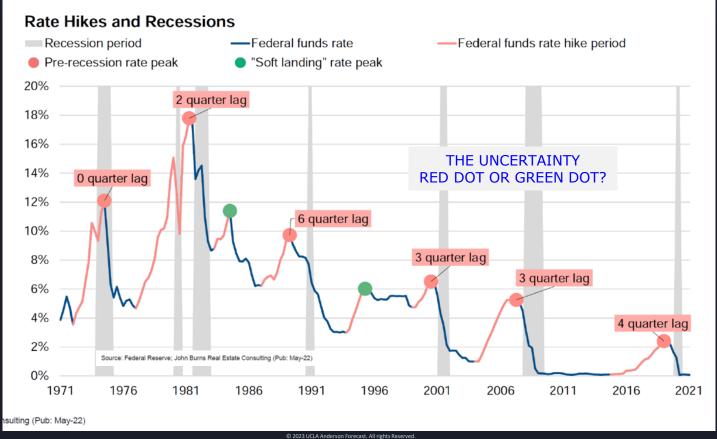


#### Change in CPI (Year over Year)





#### RATE HIKES AND RECESSIONS: THE EVIDENCE



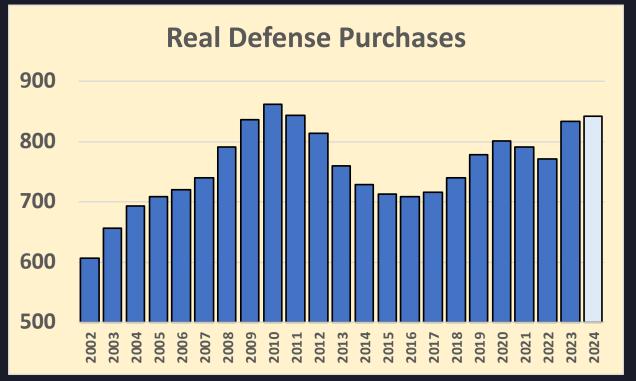


#### Consumption Remains Strong

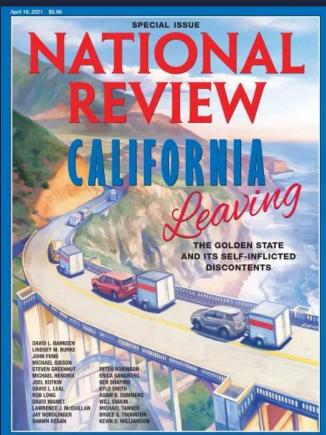




# Into an already booming economy and tight labor market, add stimulus from more defense spending



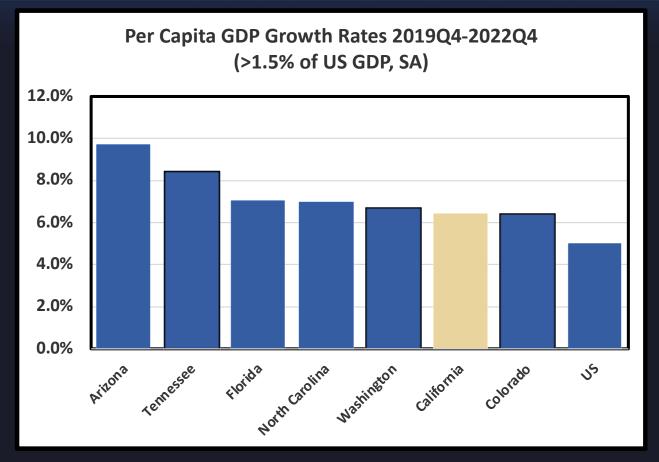




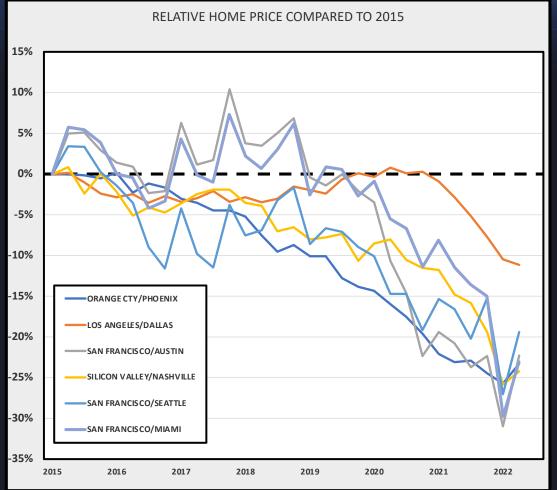




#### Adjusting GDP Growth for Migration



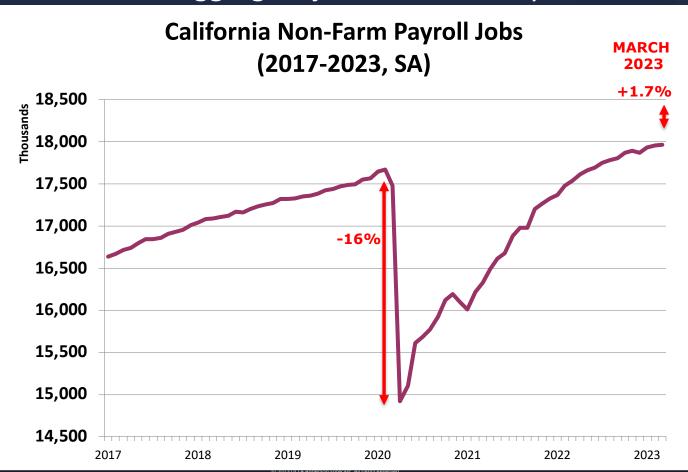




Migration for more affordable homes is easing

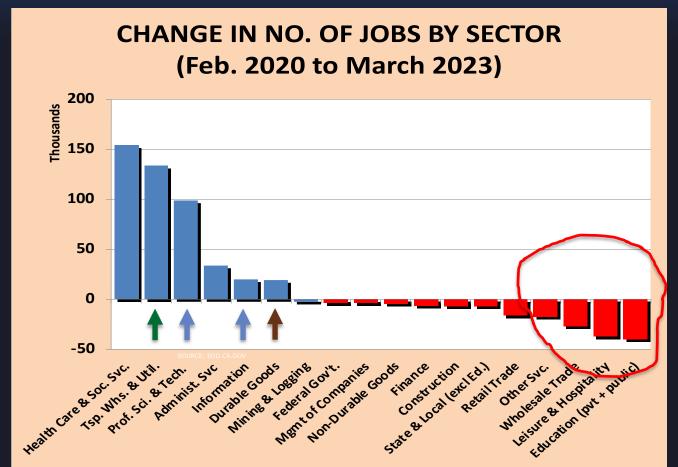


#### Aggregate jobs and recovery



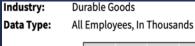


#### CA Non-Farm Payroll Job Change By Sector Proposition Control answers. Accurate



Anderson **Forecast** 







#### MFG **EMPLOYMENT RECOVERED**

Source: BLS.gov

WITH SUPERIOR **PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH** 



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#### Defense stimulus will not be spread around

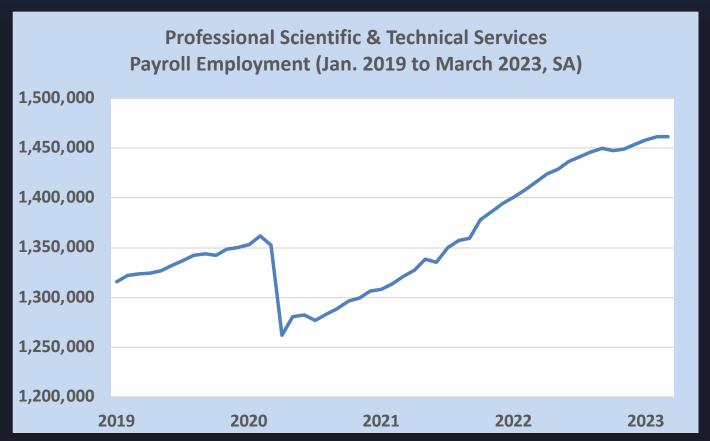
The top ten states for total Defense spending in Fiscal Year 2020 were:

Rank	State	Defense Spending (billions)
1	Texas	\$83.0
2	Virginia	\$64.3
3	California	\$61.0
4	Maryland	\$30.4
5	Florida	\$29.1
6	Connecticut	\$23.6
7	Arizona	\$20.2
8	Massachusetts	\$18.6
9	Pennsylvania	\$17.8
10	Georgia	\$15.8

Source: US Department of Defense

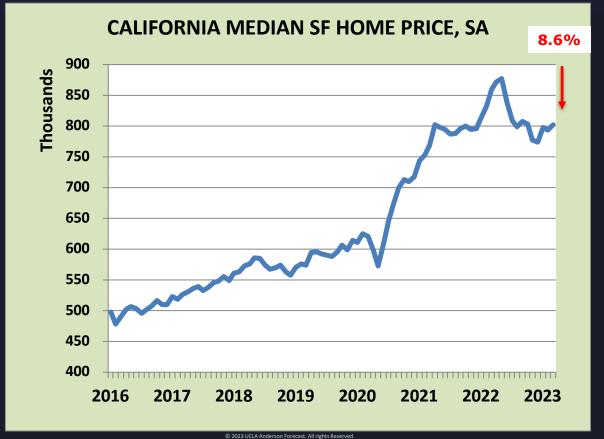


#### Tech employment in CA is growing





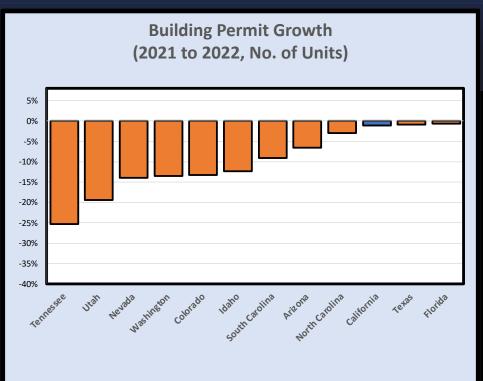
#### <u>California Outlook – Housing Markets</u> (Jan. 2016 TO March 2023)

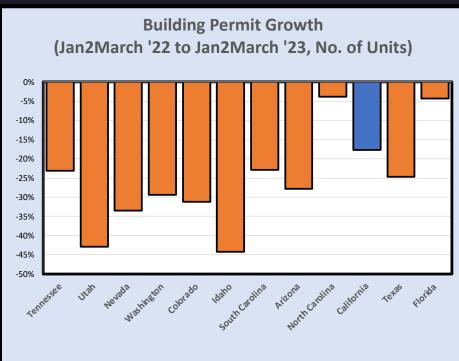




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#### Home construction is slowing







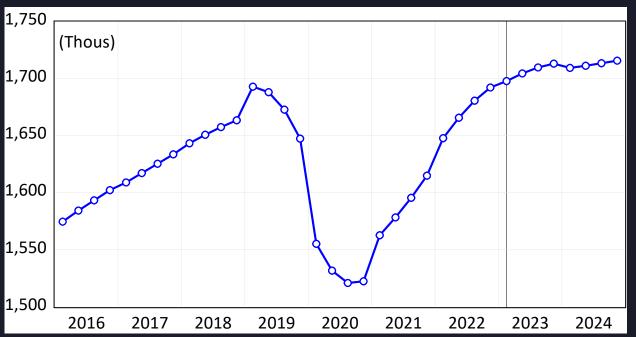
# SUMMARY: WHAT MAKES THE CA FORECAST DIFFERENT

- L&H: AWAITING THE CHINESE
- MFG: HIGH TECH & DEFENSE & AEROSPACE
- TECH: OK FOR NOW BUT...
- CONSTRUCTION: NEW HOUSING LAWS & INDUSTRIAL
- GOV'T: BIG RAINY DAY FUND





#### O.C. payroll job growth is forecast to slow down in 2023 & 2024



Payroll job growth:

2021: 3.6% 2022: 5.3%

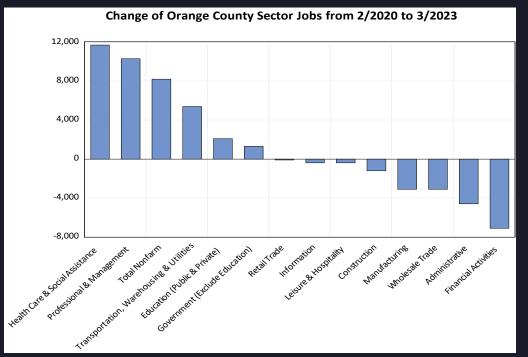
Forecast: 2023: 2.1% 2024: 0.4%

Sources: California EDD and Anderson Forecast. The year is calendar year.



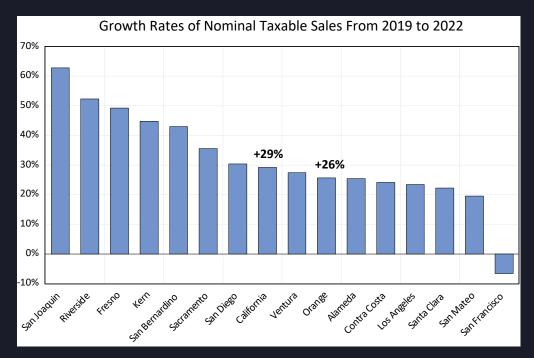
The job gains: health care, professional & management services, and transportation & warehousing.

The job losses: administrative services and financial activities





### Inland counties had a higher growth of nominal taxable sales due to higher growths of jobs and population

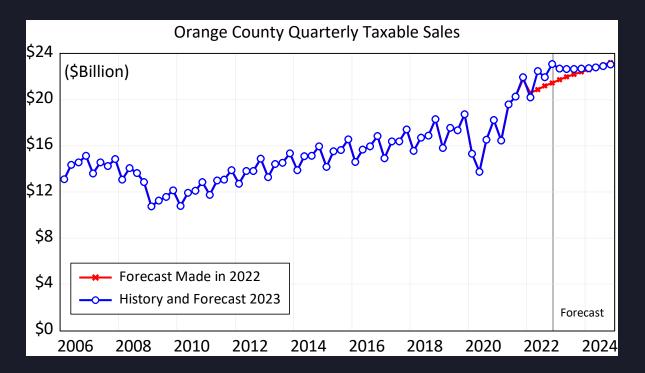


Source: California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

Note: The selected counties are 15 largest counties in CA in terms of taxable sales in 2022

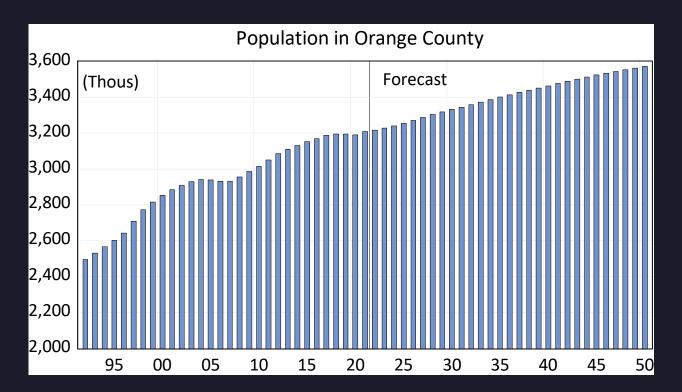


## O.C. actual taxable sales in 2022 were better than our forecast mostly due to elevated inflation



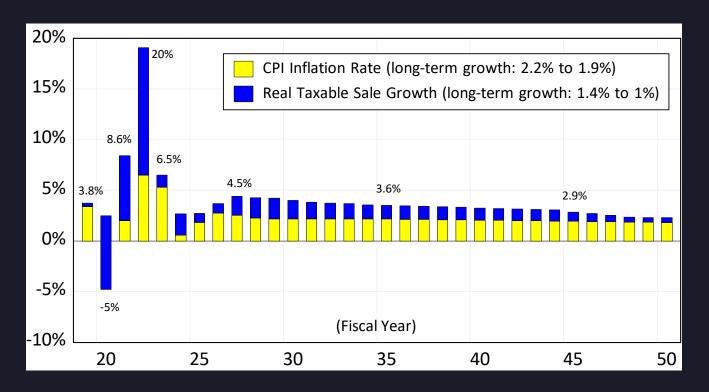


#### Population growth in O.C. is forecast to slow down to 0.4% in the next three decades





## The long-term growth of O.C. taxable sales will slow to 3.6% in 2035 and to 2.9% by 2045





#### Summary

- Orange County's economy grew slightly slower than California due to slower job and population growth.
- Orange County gained more jobs than all of the jobs lost during the pandemic and returned to pre-pandemic employment levels in early 2023.
- We predict Orange County's economic growth will slow in 2023 and 2024 along with California and the U.S.
- The rapid growth in taxable sales over the past two years will converge to trend with falling inflation.