

# **Outlook for the California Economy**

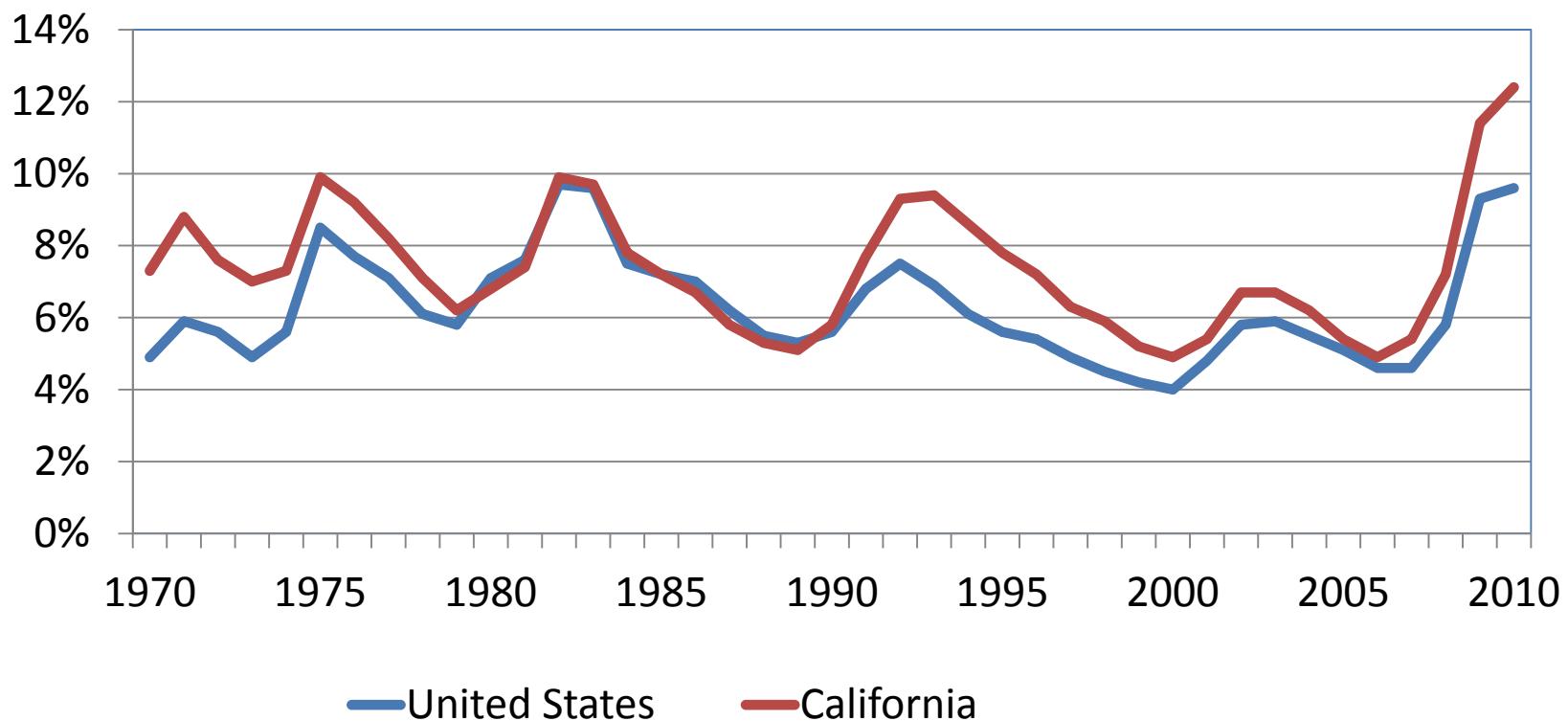
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# Overview

- The short-term outlook for the California economy primarily depends on U.S. trends.
- The CA economy had a deeper recession compared to the nation, primarily as a result of the construction slump.
- The CA economy is growing slowly with activity levels growing faster than jobs.
- The pace of recovery largely depends on a construction rebound and resolution (if any) of the political gridlock in the nation and CA.

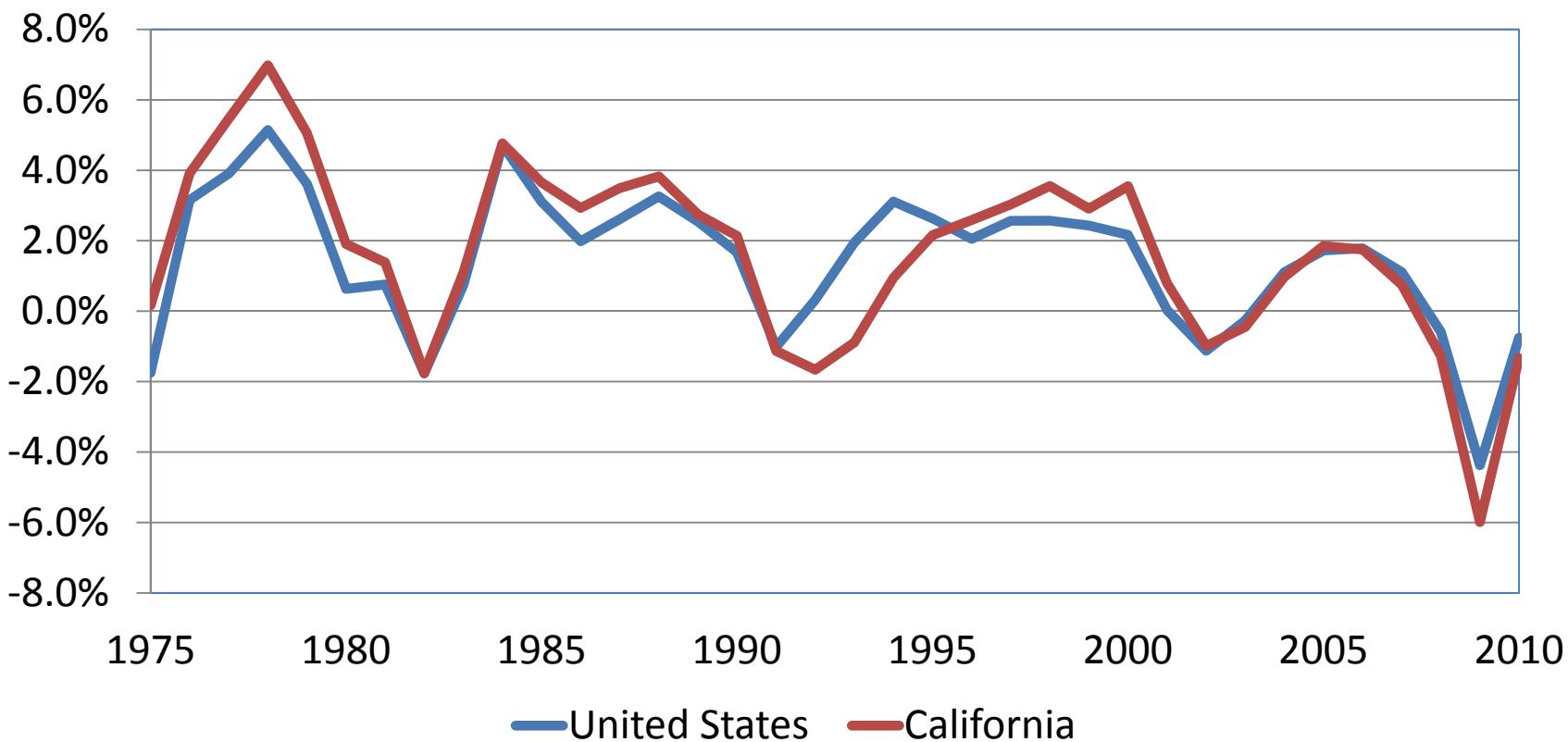
# California and the Nation Move Together-1

## Unemployment Rates



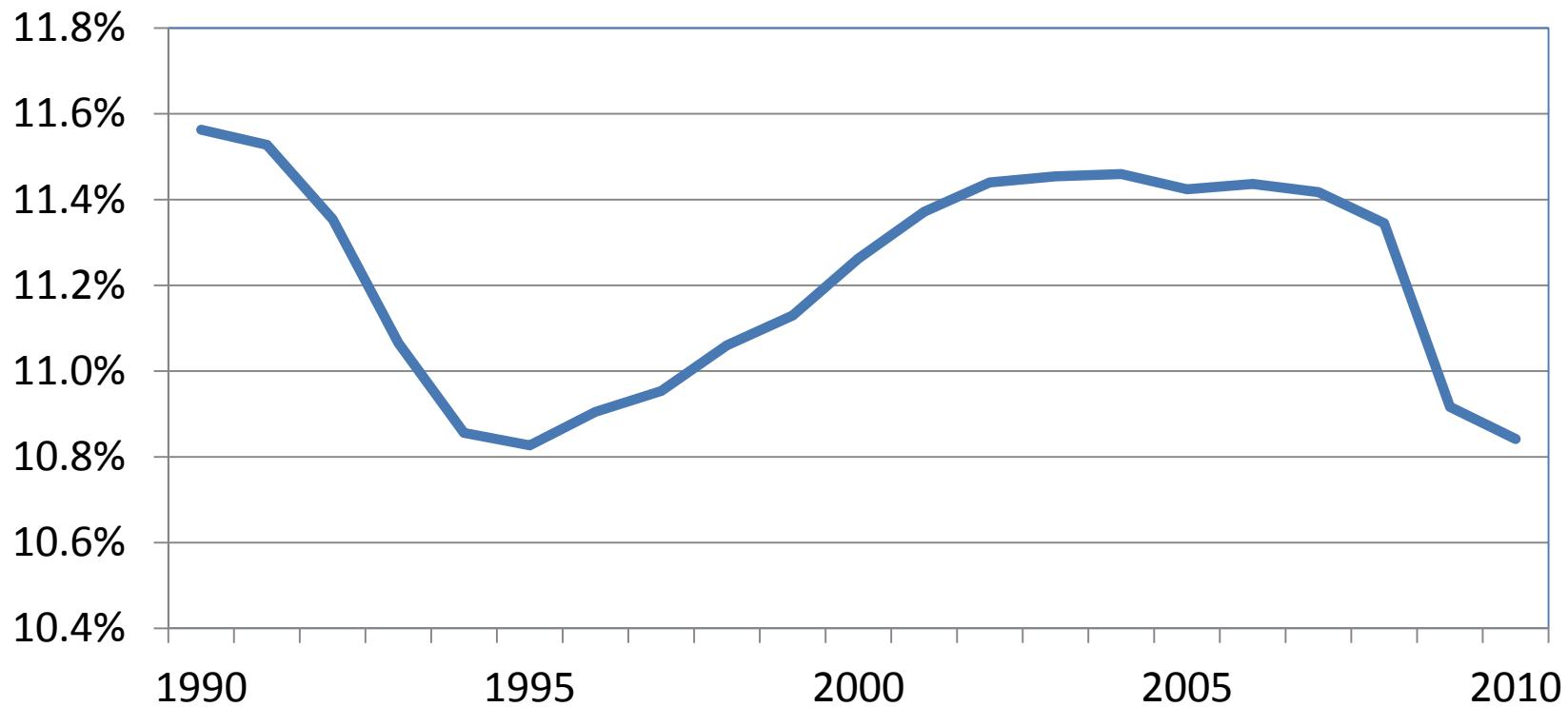
# California and the Nation Move Together-2

## Annual Job Growth



# California Became an Average Job Growth State

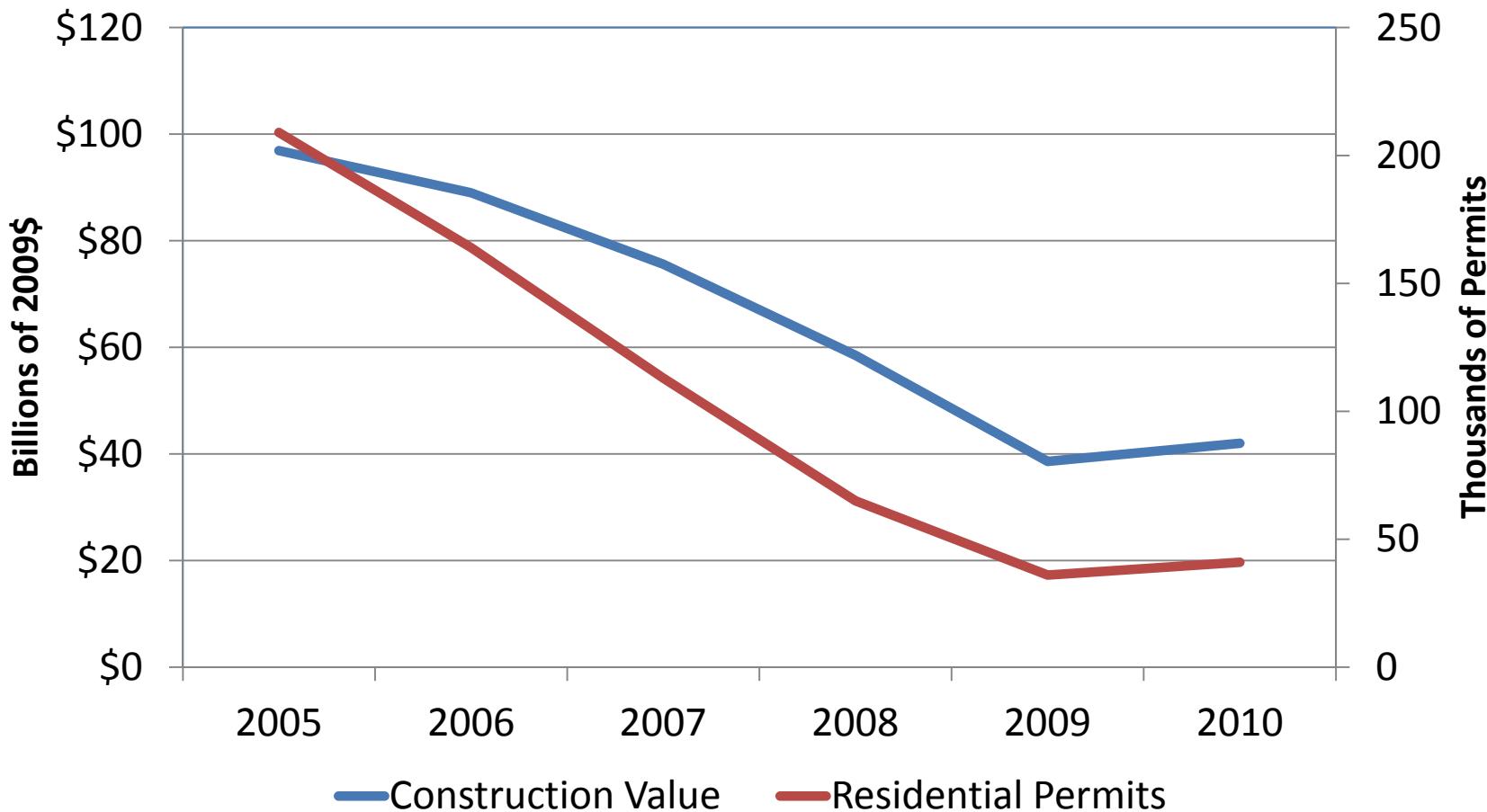
## California Share of U.S. Jobs



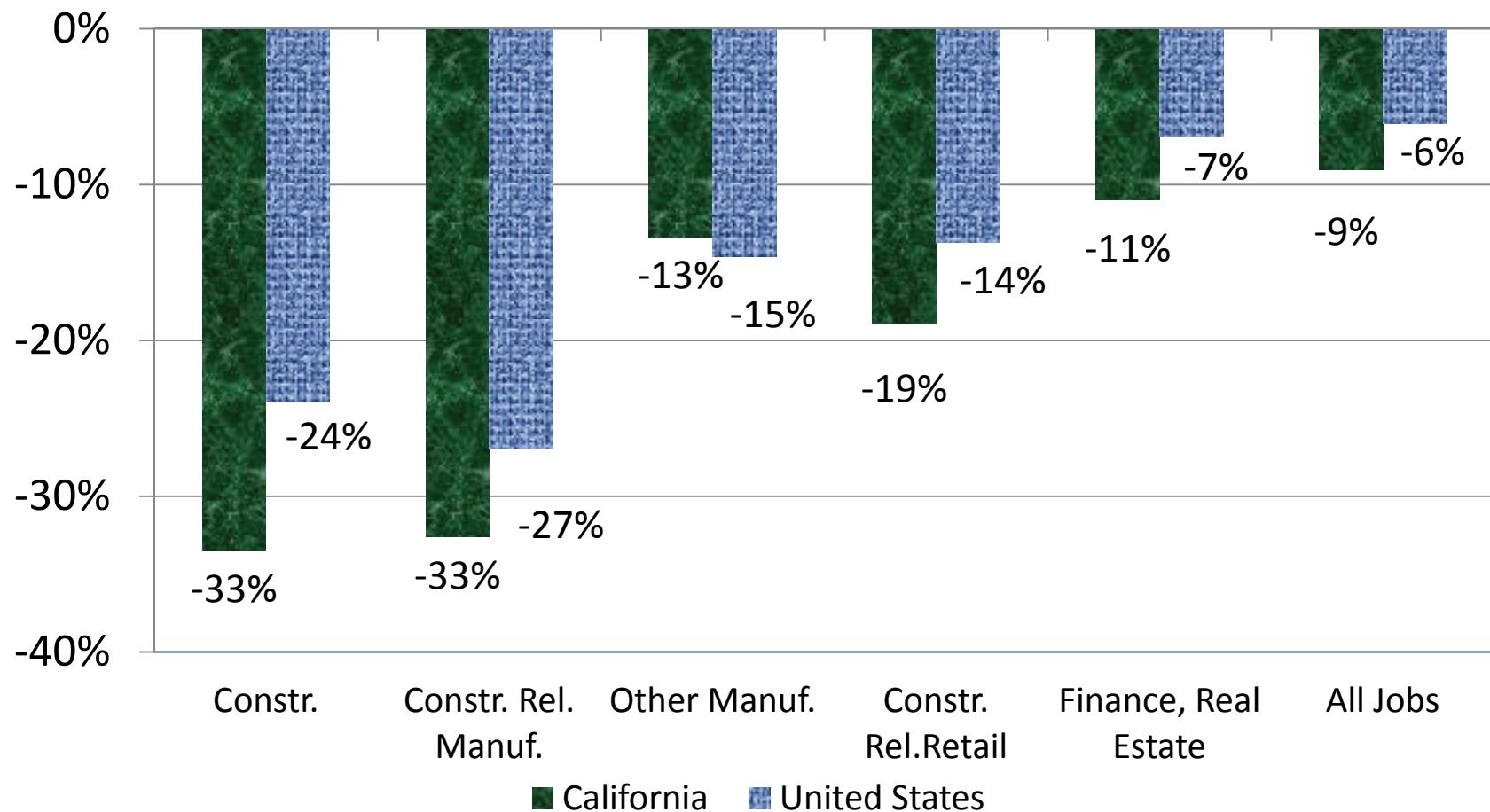
# The Recent Poor Performance is Primarily the Result of Construction Declines

- California housing and construction activity slumped deeply and worse than the nation.
- Almost 600,000 lost jobs are attributable to the construction slump.
- Manufacturing job losses are everywhere but not a cause of CA's above average job losses.

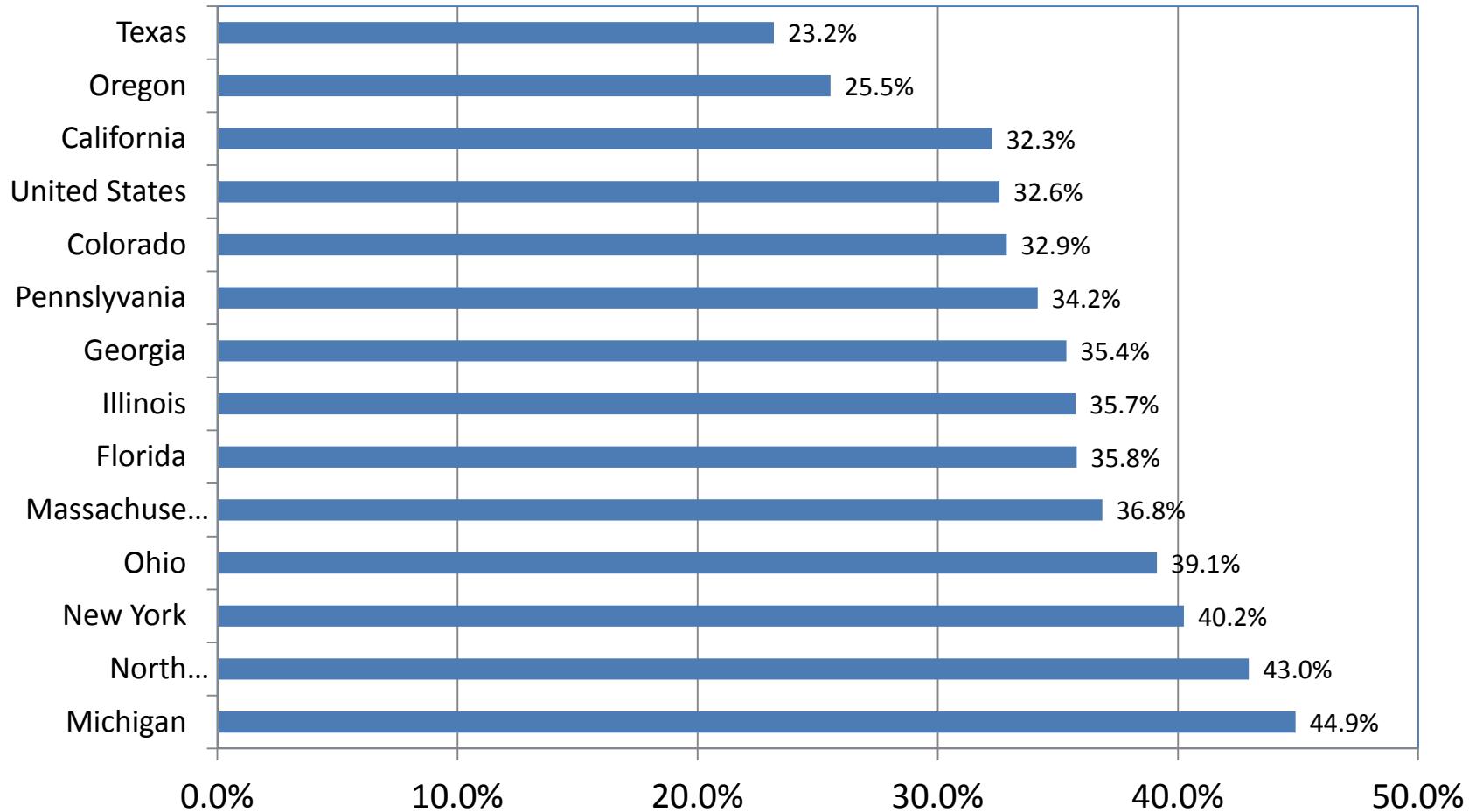
# California's Sharp Construction Decline



# Job Losses Dec 07-09



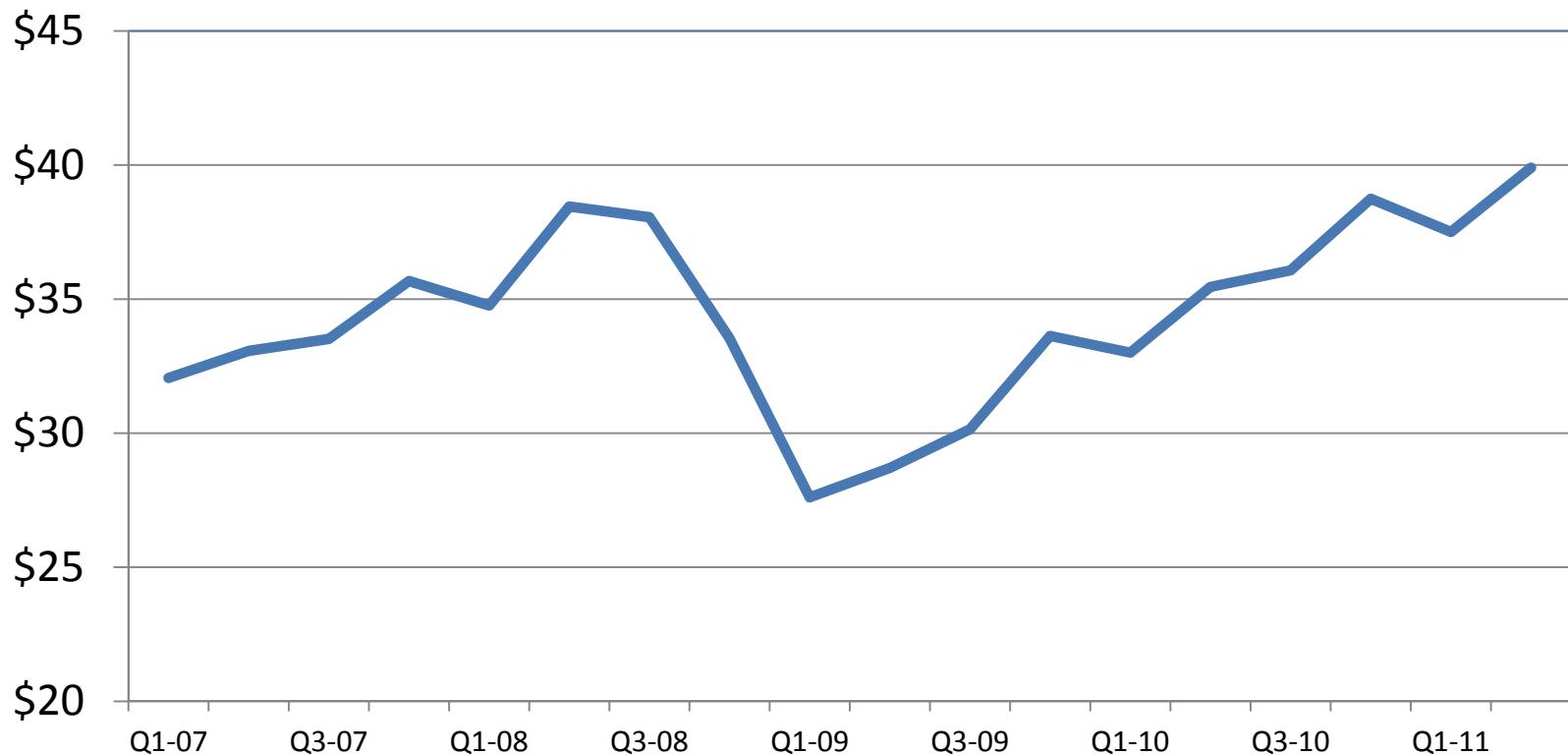
# Manufacturing Jobs 2000-2011



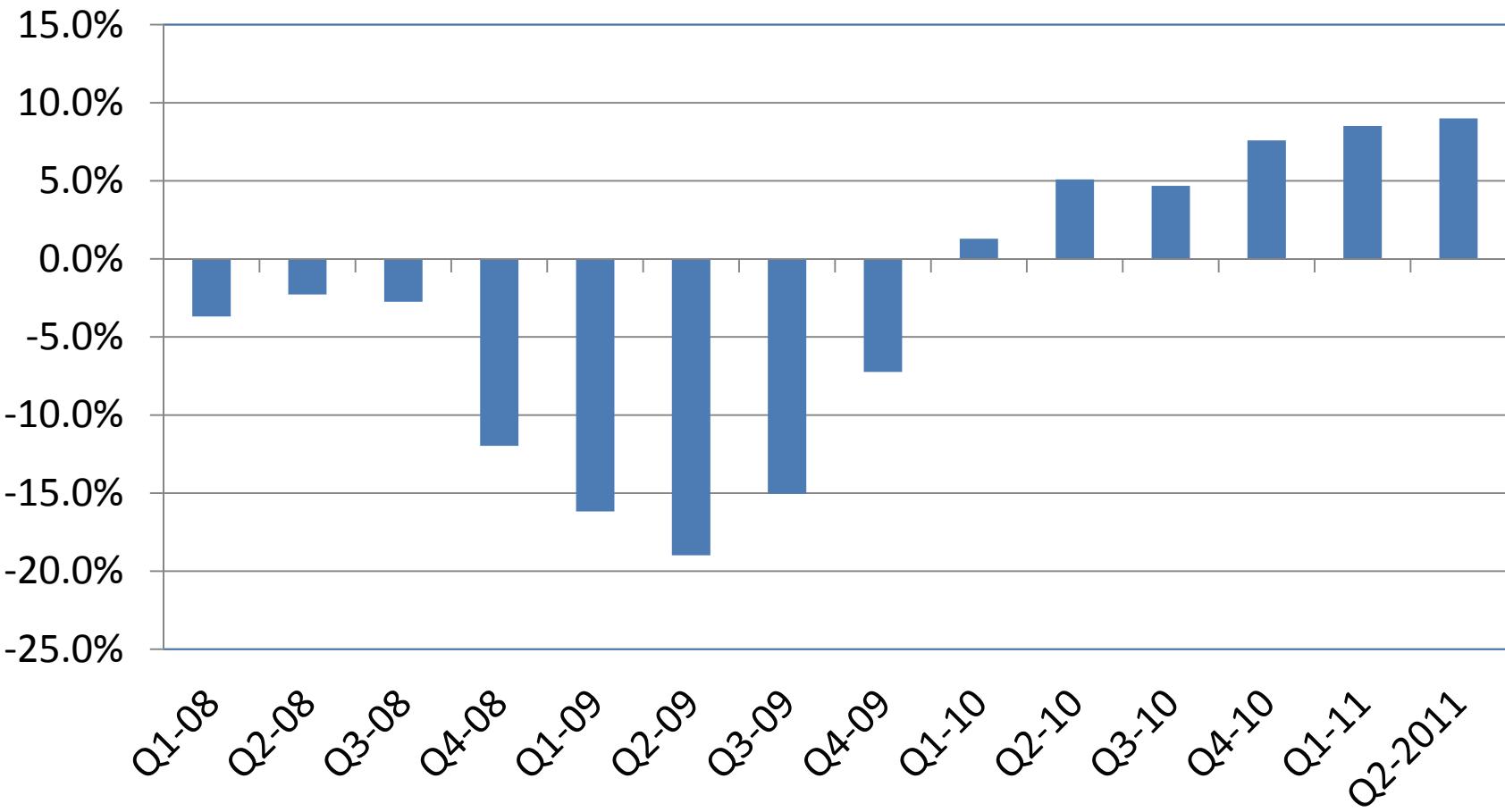
# CA is Posting Some Economic Growth

- In the past 12 months, job levels grew by 1.4% in CA and 1.0% in the nation
- Exports, trade volumes, taxable sales and VC funding are showing strong rebounds—though most indicators slowed in the summer.

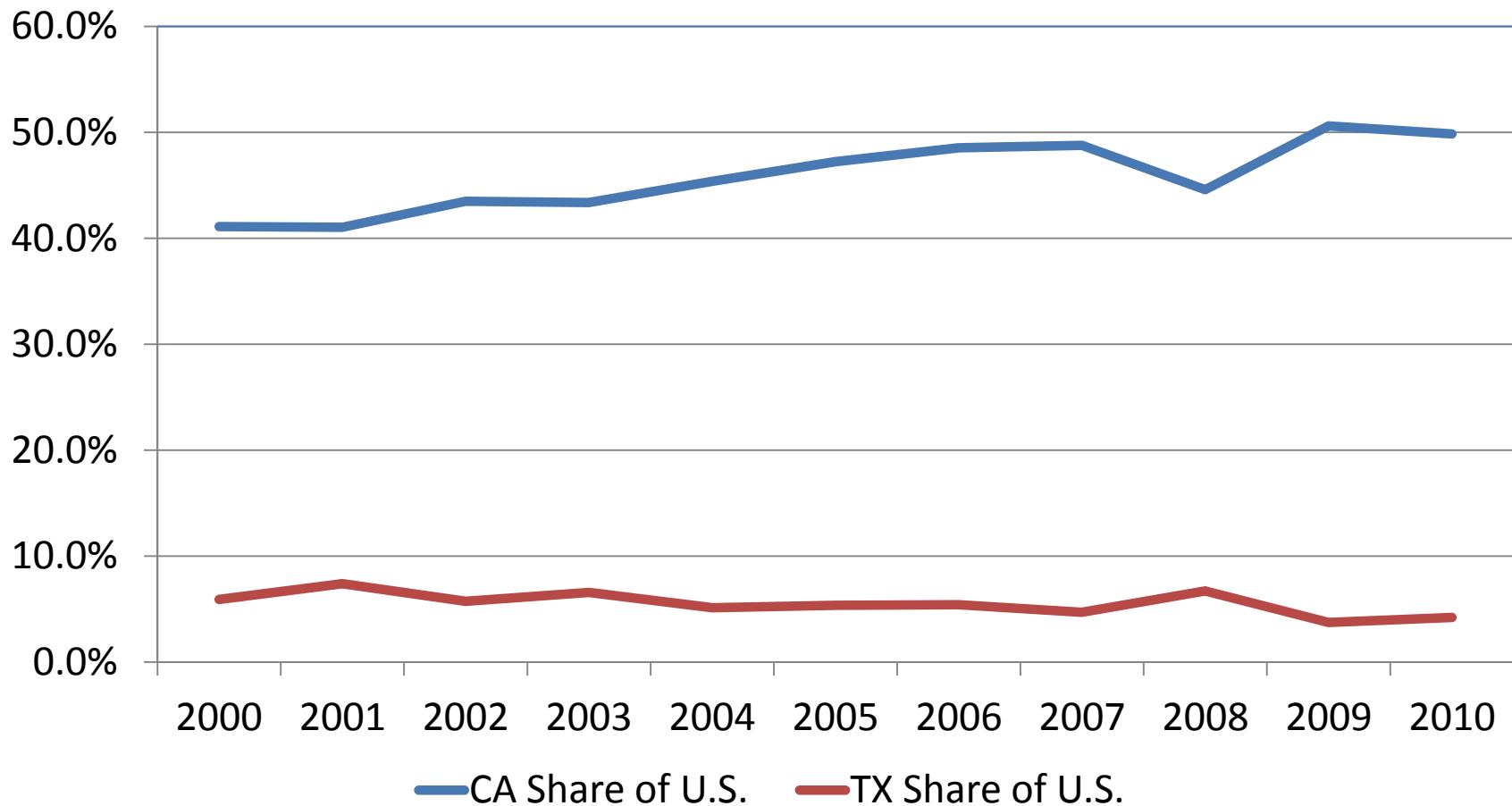
# Ca Exports (\$Billions)



# California Taxable Sales % Change



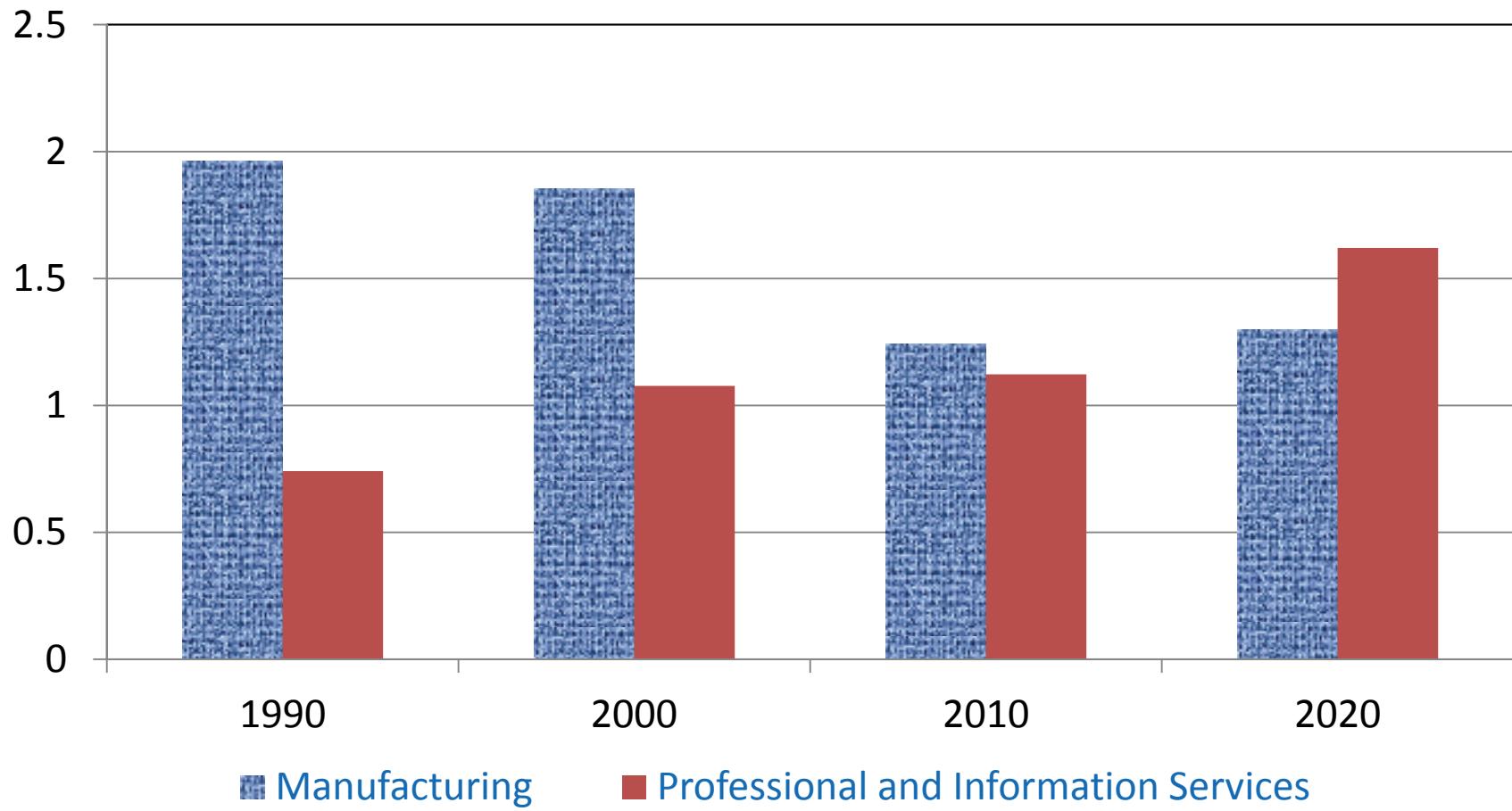
# CA and Texas Share of VC Funding



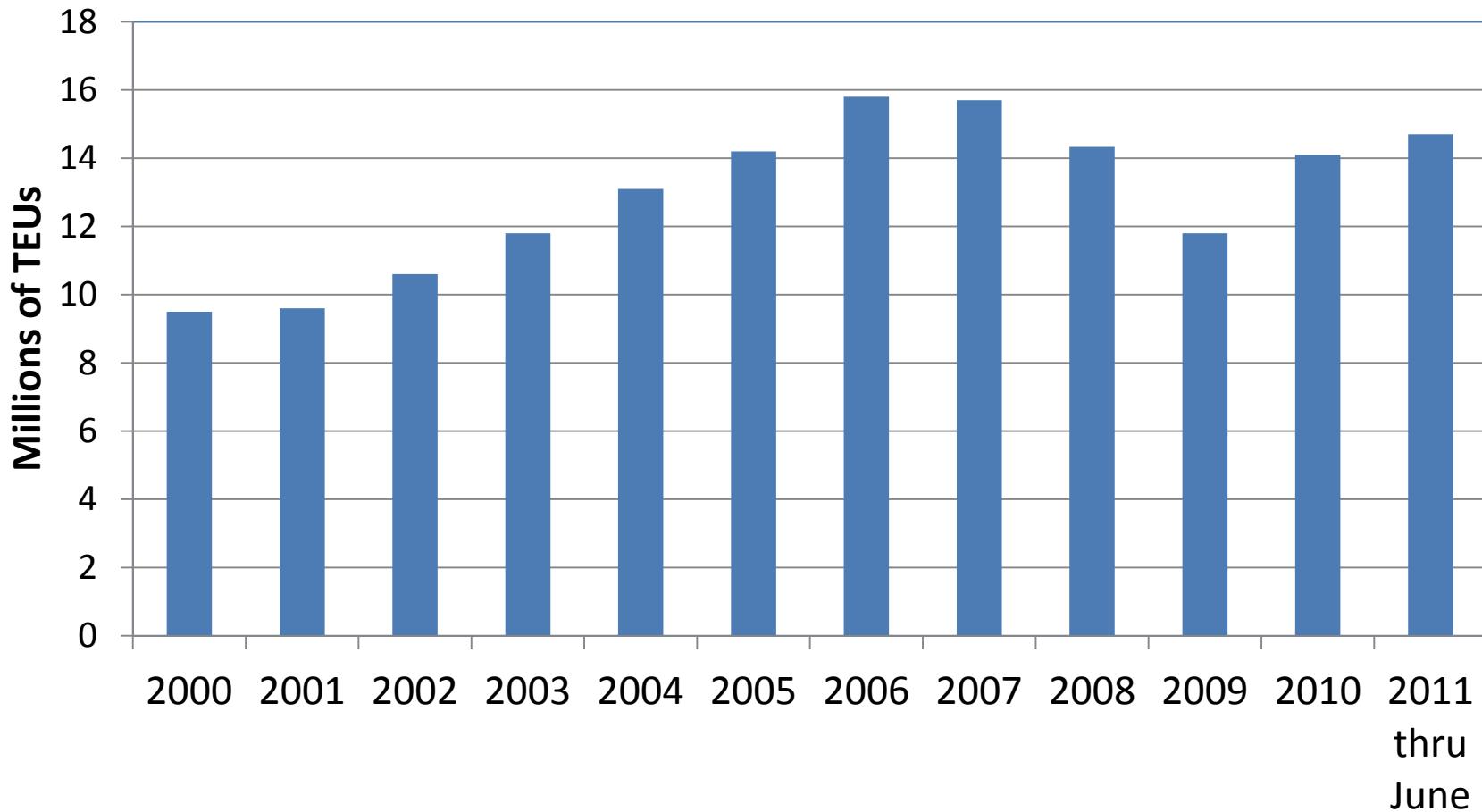
# Drivers of Growth

- Most jobs in CA serve local residents and businesses.
- But the drivers of growth are those sectors that sell goods and services to customers across the nation and around the world.
- CA drivers are technology (in many dimensions), trade, tourism and entertainment and the application of creativity to developing new products and services.

# Jobs in CA (Millions)

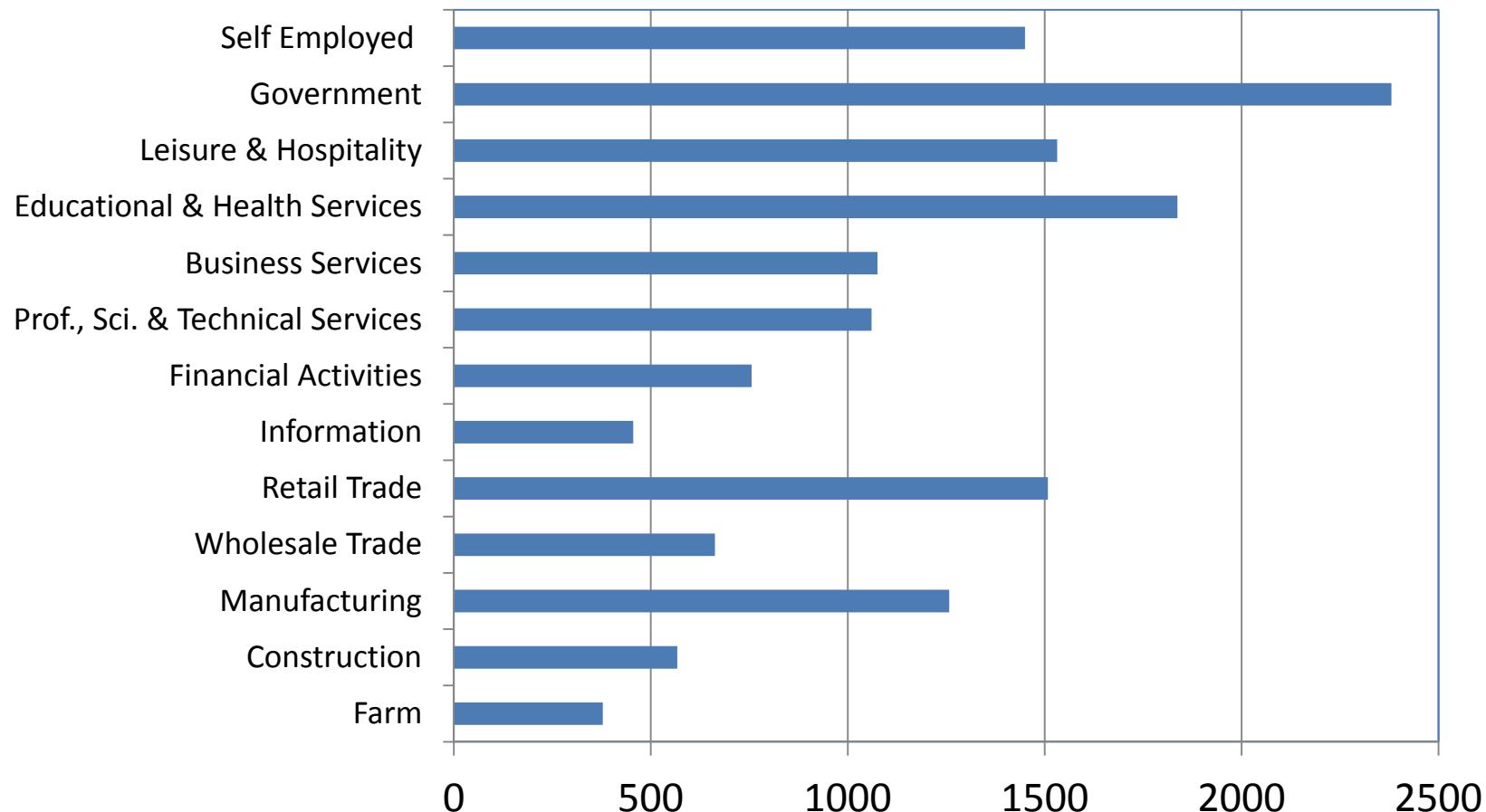


# Container Traffic in Southern California



# CA Major Sector Jobs July 2011

(Thousands)



# Additional Topics

- Age Trends
- State Budget
- Interest Rates and Inflation
- Opportunities for State Compensation Insurance Fund
- Discussion

# CA Population Growth by Age Group

