

SIERRA COUNTY ECONOMIC FORECAST

Sierra County is located on the California-Nevada state border. The county is the second smallest in the state in terms of population. One indication of its size is that there is only one traffic signal in Sierra County. The county has a population of 3,495 people and 780 wage and salary jobs. The per capita income in Sierra County is \$26,907, and the average salary per worker is \$40,388.

In 2006, total wage and salary employment in Sierra County increased by 12 jobs, representing an increase of 1.7 percent. The unemployment rate declined to 7.6 percent in 2006.

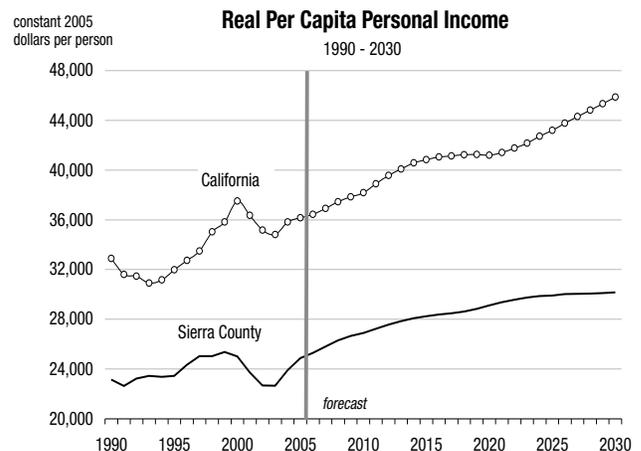
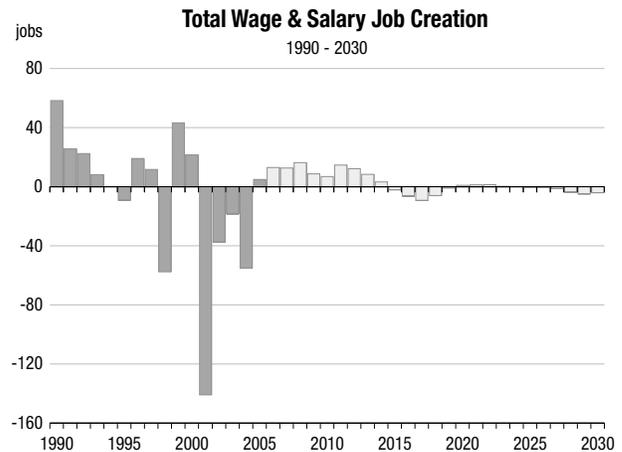
The goods producing sector gained 5 jobs last year, bringing total jobs in that sector to 127. The public sector, which represents 55 percent of total employment in the county, added 7 jobs last year. There was no change in the overall employment in level in the services sector, which accounts for nearly 28 percent of total employment in the county.

During 2006, the population declined in Sierra County at a rate of 0.2 percent. A total of 3 net migrants entered the county last year. The only incorporated city in the county is Loyalton, which shrunk 0.3 percent between January 2006 and January 2007. The city has a total of 878 residents, representing 25 percent of the county total.

Employment growth is expected to remain positive over the forecast period, but no more than 25 jobs are expected to be created in a single year over the next several years.

FORECAST HIGHLIGHTS

- Total wage and salary job growth is forecast to increase to 2.9 percent in 2007. Over the next five years job growth is expected to average 1.8 percent per year.
- Average salaries adjusted for inflation are currently well below the California state average, and will remain so over the forecast period. Inflation adjusted salaries are expected to increase an average of 0.8 percent per year over the next 5 years.
- Between 2007 and 2011, the public sector is forecast to create most of the new jobs. That sector is forecast to create 38 jobs over the next five years. The services sector is forecast to create 25 jobs and the goods producing sector 10 jobs over that same time period.
- Population growth is expected to be 0.5 percent in 2007. Annual growth in the 2007 to 2011 period will be modest, averaging 0.5 percent per year.

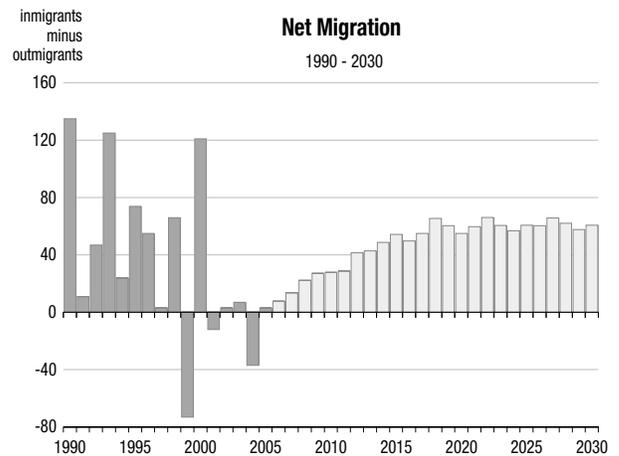
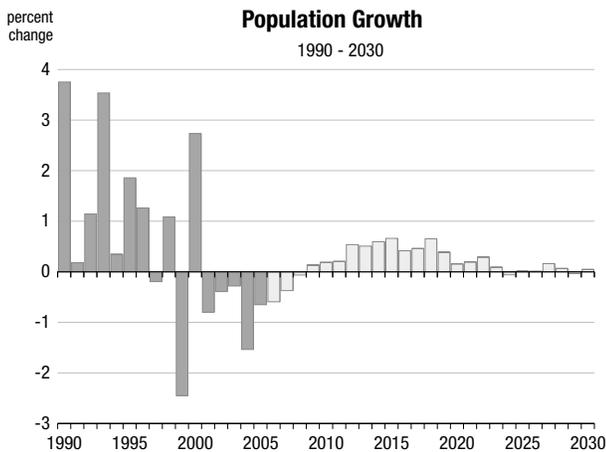


- Net migration is forecast at 16 persons entering the county in 2007. Over the next five years net migration will average approximately 15 net migrants per year.
- Real per capita income is forecast to rise 2.4 percent in 2007. Over the next five years, the growth in real per capita income will average approximately 1.5 percent per year.
- Total taxable sales, adjusted for inflation, are forecast to increase a scant 0.6 percent in 2007. Over the next five years real taxable sales are forecast to increase marginally, at an average rate of 0.6 percent per year.
- Industrial production is forecast to increase 5.5 percent in 2007. Over the next five years the growth rate of industrial production averages 6.0 percent per year. Total crop production, adjusted for inflation, increases by an average of 0.8 percent per year over the next five years.

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1997-2006 History, 2007-2030 Forecast

	Population (people)	Net Migration (people)	Registered Vehicles (thousands)	Households (number)	New Homes Permitted (homes)	Total Taxable Sales (millions)	Personal Income (millions)	Real Per Capita Income (dollars)	Inflation Rate (% change in CPI)	Real Farm Crop Value (millions)	Real Industrial Production (millions)	Unemploy- ment Rate (percent)
1997	3,598	3	4.2	1,394	9	\$15.5	\$71.2	\$25,864	3.4	7.0	20.7	10.7
1998	3,637	66	4.3	1,401	10	\$17.6	\$74.3	\$25,858	3.2	7.0	19.1	11.9
1999	3,548	-73	4.5	1,407	14	\$20.0	\$76.5	\$26,195	4.2	6.9	20.7	9.4
2000	3,632	108	4.7	1,520	19	\$20.0	\$81.0	\$25,927	4.5	7.3	24.6	6.0
2001	3,613	-2	4.9	1,526	18	\$20.5	\$80.3	\$24,517	5.4	7.6	14.7	7.6
2002	3,600	4	5.2	1,532	17	\$26.1	\$77.7	\$23,429	1.6	4.8	12.3	8.8
2003	3,591	8	5.2	1,544	20	\$20.8	\$79.4	\$23,570	1.8	6.1	11.4	9.5
2004	3,521	-59	5.4	1,562	18	\$22.9	\$84.6	\$25,312	1.2	6.6	10.8	9.8
2005	3,489	-19	5.5	1,568	14	\$25.6	\$88.3	\$26,133	2.0	6.7	13.1	8.4
2006	3,495	3	5.5	1,574	17	\$28.3	\$94.0	\$26,907	3.3	6.9	13.9	7.6
2007	3,514	16	5.5	1,570	18	\$29.3	\$99.7	\$27,564	2.9	7.0	14.6	7.6
2008	3,533	18	5.6	1,572	18	\$30.1	\$103.8	\$27,997	2.0	7.1	15.6	7.8
2009	3,551	16	5.7	1,576	19	\$30.9	\$107.9	\$28,378	2.0	7.1	16.5	7.9
2010	3,568	13	5.8	1,581	19	\$31.9	\$112.1	\$28,615	2.5	7.2	17.3	7.9
2011	3,585	13	5.8	1,586	19	\$32.8	\$116.8	\$28,987	2.4	7.2	18.6	7.9
2012	3,605	15	6.0	1,592	20	\$33.6	\$121.4	\$29,309	2.2	7.2	19.5	8.0
2013	3,624	13	6.1	1,597	20	\$34.5	\$125.9	\$29,539	2.3	7.2	20.2	8.1
2014	3,642	12	6.2	1,602	20	\$35.4	\$130.5	\$29,768	2.3	7.2	20.7	8.1
2015	3,658	11	6.3	1,608	21	\$36.3	\$135.1	\$29,913	2.6	7.2	21.0	8.2
2016	3,673	11	6.5	1,613	21	\$37.3	\$140.0	\$30,080	2.7	7.2	22.1	8.2
2017	3,690	13	6.6	1,619	21	\$38.3	\$144.8	\$30,165	2.7	7.2	22.8	8.2
2018	3,705	12	6.8	1,624	21	\$39.3	\$149.6	\$30,270	2.5	7.2	23.8	8.2
2019	3,721	14	7.0	1,630	21	\$40.4	\$154.3	\$30,319	2.5	7.2	24.6	8.2
2020	3,737	13	7.1	1,635	21	\$41.4	\$158.6	\$30,292	2.5	7.2	24.7	8.2
2021	3,751	12	7.2	1,641	20	\$42.4	\$163.2	\$30,306	2.4	7.2	24.8	8.2
2022	3,765	12	7.2	1,646	20	\$43.5	\$167.9	\$30,301	2.5	7.2	24.8	8.2
2023	3,779	12	7.3	1,652	20	\$44.6	\$172.5	\$30,274	2.5	7.2	25.0	8.3
2024	3,792	12	7.4	1,657	20	\$45.6	\$176.7	\$30,206	2.3	7.2	25.3	8.3
2025	3,805	11	7.4	1,662	20	\$46.7	\$180.8	\$30,085	2.4	7.2	25.6	8.3
2026	3,817	10	7.5	1,668	20	\$47.8	\$185.6	\$30,068	2.4	7.2	25.9	8.3
2027	3,828	10	7.5	1,673	20	\$49.0	\$190.4	\$30,005	2.5	7.2	26.2	8.3
2028	3,840	10	7.5	1,679	20	\$50.3	\$195.8	\$29,970	2.7	7.2	26.8	8.4
2029	3,850	9	7.5	1,684	20	\$51.7	\$201.3	\$29,941	2.7	7.2	27.4	8.4
2030	3,858	8	7.4	1,689	20	\$53.0	\$206.8	\$29,920	2.6	7.2	27.9	8.4

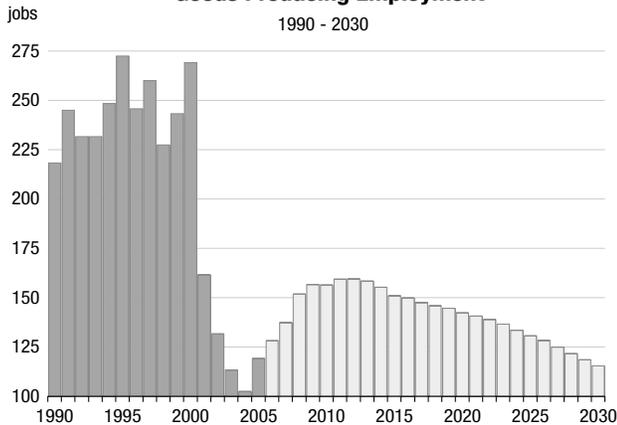


Sierra County Employment Forecast

1997-2006 History, 2007-2030 Forecast

	Total Wage & Salary	Farm	Goods Producing	Services	Government
	-----employment (number of jobs)-----				
1997	1,003	0	260	275	468
1998	946	0	228	279	439
1999	989	10	243	295	441
2000	1,011	0	269	295	447
2001	870	0	162	245	463
2002	833	5	132	233	463
2003	814	10	113	236	455
2004	759	10	103	218	429
2005	768	10	122	217	419
2006	780	11	127	217	426
2007	803	11	128	229	434
2008	813	11	129	233	439
2009	825	11	131	236	446
2010	836	11	132	239	453
2011	854	11	137	242	464
2012	871	11	138	246	476
2013	887	11	138	249	488
2014	903	11	136	252	503
2015	919	11	133	255	519
2016	942	11	135	258	537
2017	965	11	135	261	558
2018	990	11	136	264	578
2019	1,013	11	136	267	599
2020	1,028	11	131	270	616
2021	1,042	11	128	272	631
2022	1,054	11	125	275	643
2023	1,065	11	124	277	653
2024	1,073	11	123	280	660
2025	1,081	11	122	282	665
2026	1,086	11	121	284	669
2027	1,092	11	121	286	674
2028	1,097	11	121	288	675
2029	1,097	11	122	290	673
2030	1,092	11	122	292	666

Goods Producing Employment



Services Employment

