

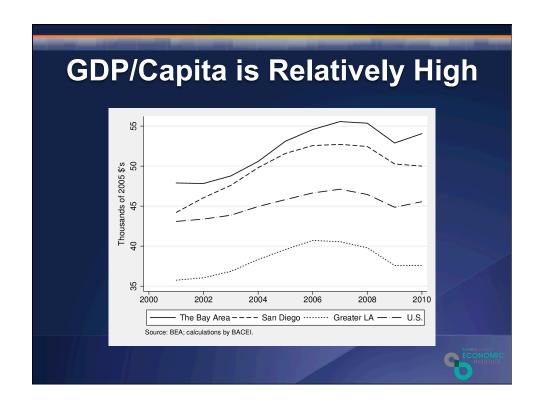
Principal Objectives

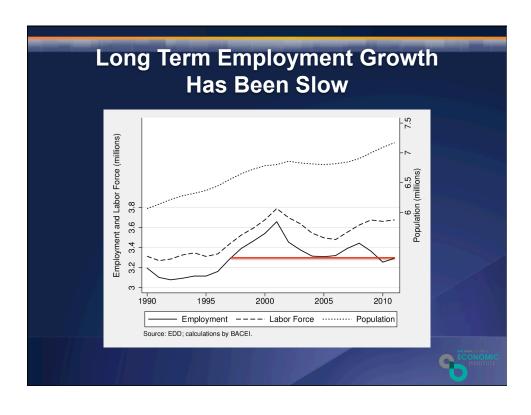
- Provide a shared foundation of economic facts
- Assess the driving forces behind the Bay Area economy
 - Competitiveness, jobs and growth
- Identify impediments to stronger growth and job creation
- Make general recommendations on economic strategy going forward

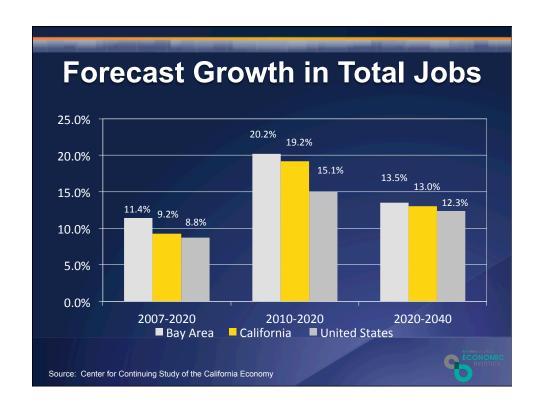


Outline Economy Findings Strengths Weaknesses General findings Observations on regional competitiveness Recommendations

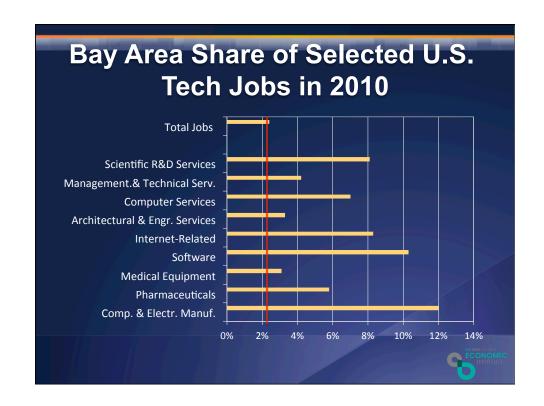








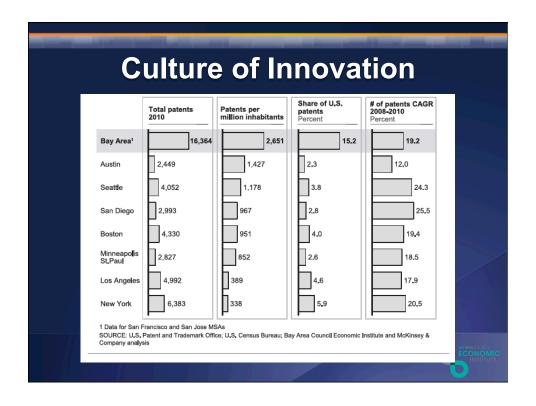






REGIONAL STRENGTHS • Quality of life • Highly educated labor force • Venture capital • Innovation culture









Business on Regulations

- Regulatory environment received mixed reviews:
 - 38% were satisfied, 24% neutral, 33% dissatisfied.
- Frustrations were voiced regarding:
 - regulatory transparency and efficiency
 - lack of consistency between regulations and requirements at the local, regional and state levels.



Labor Force

- Evidence that declining jobs in the middle class stem from lack of relevant skills
- 62% of businesses surveyed reported difficulty with meeting workforce needs
- Firms in technology report increasing difficulty in finding skilled workers

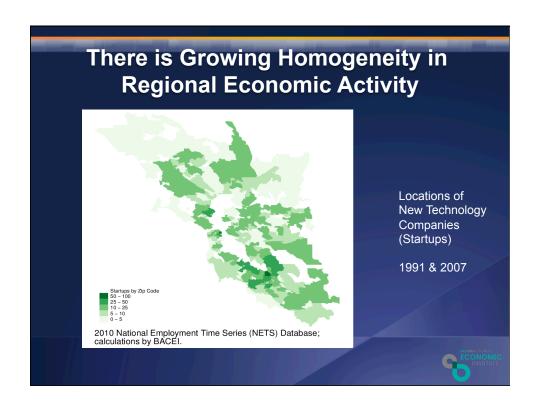


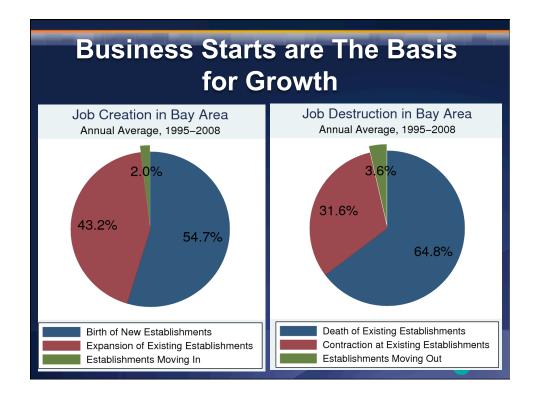
ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

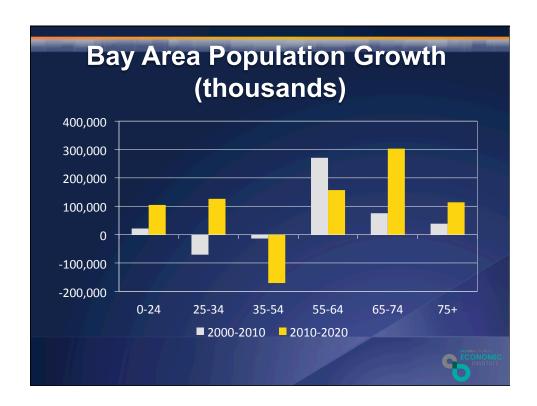
- One Bay Area
- Business starts are the basis for growth
- Challenges/opportunities going forward



Significant Commutes are Common		
County	% of Residents that Work in County	% of Employees that Live in County
Solano	36	39
Contra Costa	39	51
San Mateo	40	40
Marin	41	39
Alameda	49	47
Napa	55	52
San Francisco	60	40
Sonoma	63	71
Santa Clara	71	61
Regional Average	53	51 ECON







Opportunities and Challenges

- Baby boomers retiring many replacement jobs available
- The region competes for business but at the same time we compete for business by competing for workers and their families
 - Creating great places to work and live





Primary Factors for a Competitive Region

- 1. Access to markets
- Access to factors of production (labor/ capital)
- 3. Competitive cost of doing business
- 4. Unique sector strengths
- 5. Quality of life: CEO/Founder effect
- 1, 4, 5 represent Bay Area strengths
- 2, 3 represent Bay Area weaknesses





Areas for Attention (1)

- Identify a Public-Private Focal Point for Regional Economic Strategy
 - Create a Business Advisory Committee to the JPC
- Engage Business Earlier in Individual Agency Plans
- Harmonize Local Regulations at the Regional Level



Areas for Attention (2)

- Focus Economic Development Strategies:
 - In areas where the region is most competitive
 - On supporting firm survival and growth over attraction from other jurisdictions
- Develop a stronger region-wide focus on workforce training and development



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