

San Francisco Economic and Fiscal Update January 2016

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Structure of San Francisco's Economy



Economic Growth Leads to Growth in the City's Tax Revenues

Growth in These Sectors	Leads to Growth in These Revenues
Overall Employment, Wages, and Revenues	Payroll and Gross Receipts Taxes (\$612M); Utility User Tax (\$99M)
Visitors and Hotel Room Rates	Hotel Tax (\$400M), Sales Tax (\$240M)
Population and Per Capita Income	Sales Tax, Parking Tax (\$87M)
Housing and Commercial Real Estate Prices	Property (\$1.6B) and Transfer Taxes (\$340M)

Through March, San Francisco Employment Has Reached Record Highs: Job Growth Has Consistently Outpaced the Bay Area Since 2004



San Francisco Total Employment, March 2005-2015,

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Source: BLS

BLS Data for the City Through March Indicates Continued Employment Growth in Every Sector, Led by Professional Services & Information



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Source: BLS

Resident Labor Force and Unemployment Rate Have Levelled Off, Signaling Full Employment in the City, and Increased In-Commuting



Source: EDD

The Latest Regional Data (Including San Mateo County) Through October Shows the Largest Tech Sector Growing at Over 15% Per Year



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Source: EDD

Tech's Role in Driving the Economy: NASDAQ Has Closely Tracked the City's Business Tax Base, and Predicted Downturns



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Source: BLS, Yahoo! Finance

Things to Consider: Three Factors Affecting Continued Growth

- The U.S. Economy Risk is relatively low for 2016, but global factors are a concern.
 - Blue Chip GDP forecasts for 2016 range from 2.2 2.9%.
 - U.S. unemployment now 5.0% wages now rising nationally at a 2.3% rate with virtually no inflation.
 - 211,000 jobs added in November Fed has begun raising interest rates.
 - China, impact of a rising dollar are potential risks that may slow interest rate movement.
- Local Tech Sector Risk is Rising.
 - Unprofitable companies employ many if not most tech employees.
 - A weakening investment climate could slow and eventually reverse the pace of hiring.
- Local Infrastructure Constraints Will lead to a levelling-off even without a downturn in the tech sector or the broader economy.