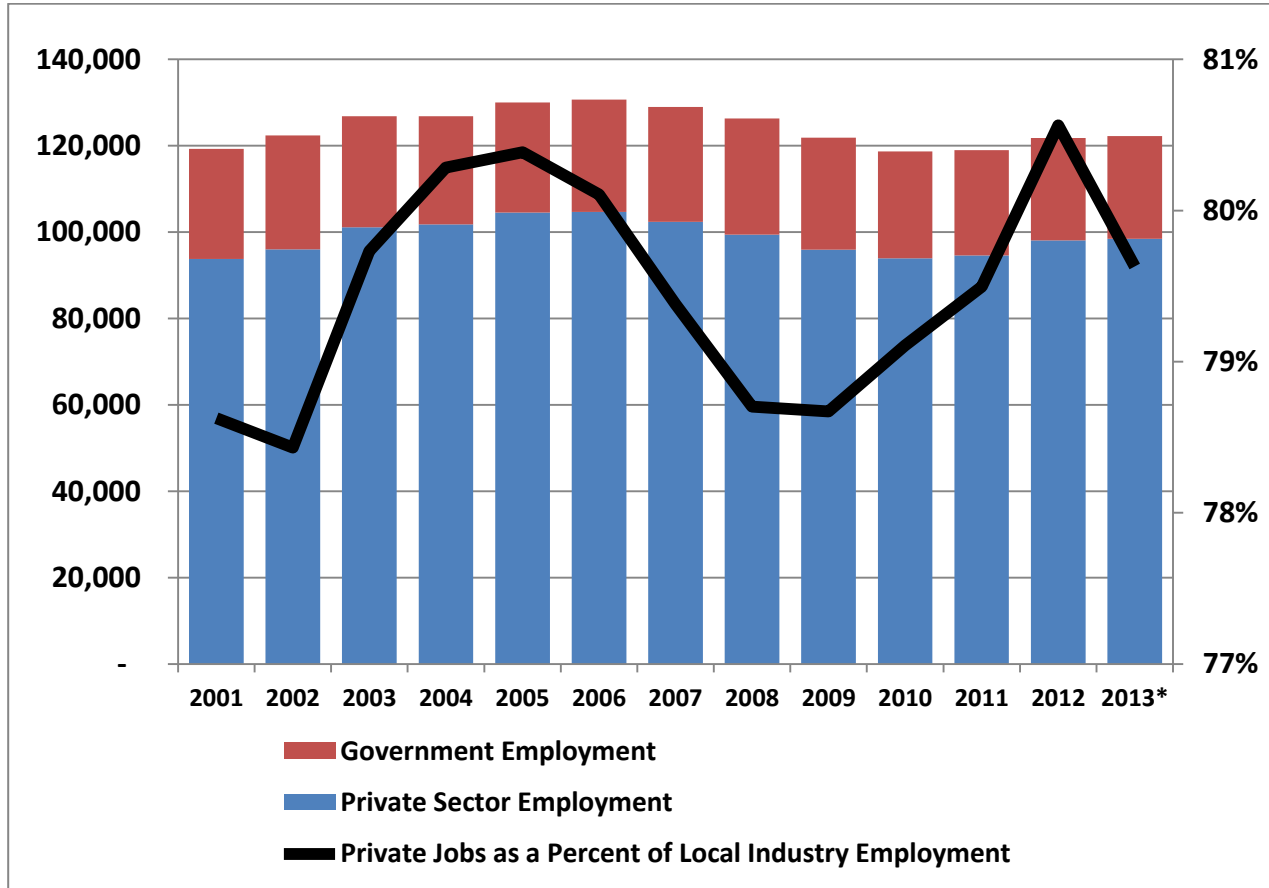


Annual Local Industry Employment (2000 – 2013), Sector Breakdown

Employment in Solano County grew in 2013 by 3,600 jobs or 3.4 percent growth. This is up from 2012 where the growth rate was only 2.9 percent growth. The private sector gains of 3,900 jobs were offset by 300 jobs lost in all areas of government. The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) provides the official estimates of Solano County’s total employment. According to these data, Solano County’s total industry employment hit a low in the recent recession as of quarter 1 of 2011; the United States and California labor markets saw their employment hit bottom in the first quarter of 2010.



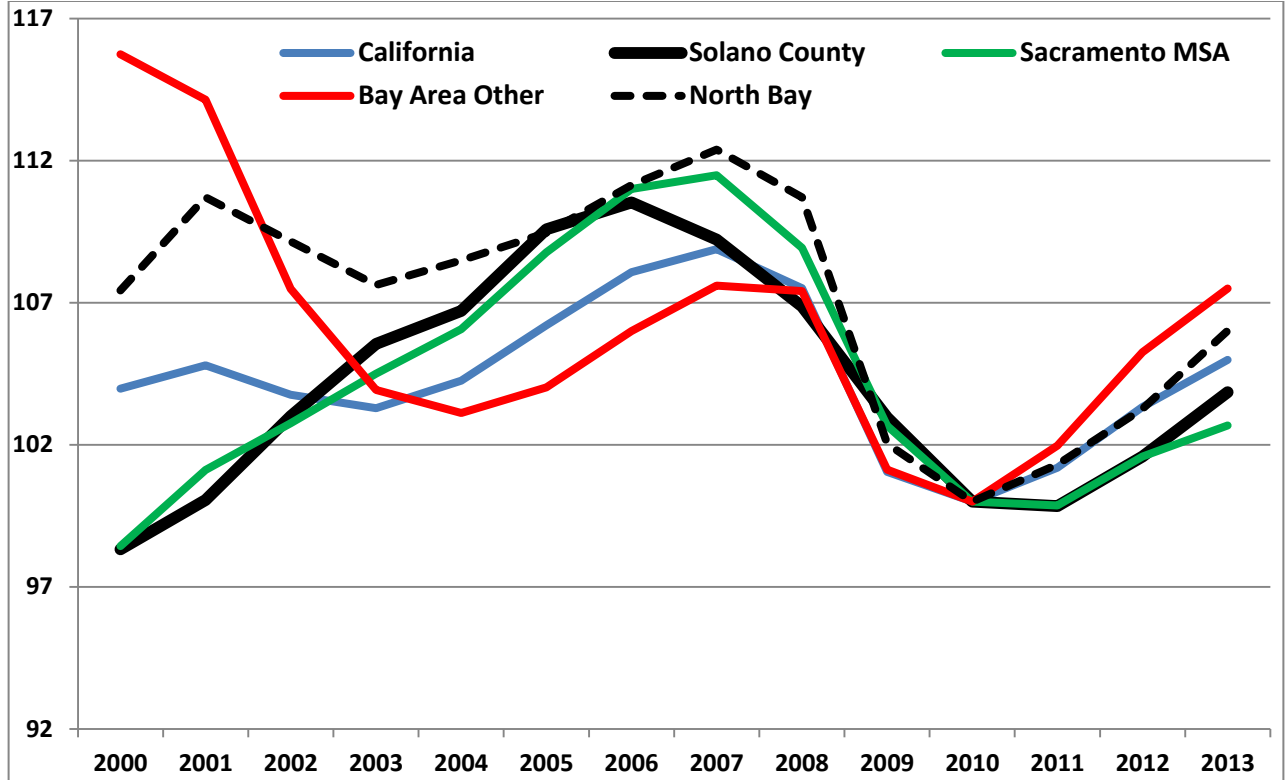
Source: California Employment Development Department (www.edd.ca.gov), *2013 is an average of Jan 2013 to Dec 2013

In 2013, local government is 62 percent of overall public-sector workers, where the state government has grown slightly in its small share of Solano County’s public-sector jobs since 2000. The number of overall, estimated workers in the public sector is only 300 less in 2013 than in 2000; government jobs were at their lowest point since 2000 in the second quarter of 2013.

TAKEAWAY: Solano County is hiring and this growth has continued since 2011 into 2013.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT: Given labor market and economic forecasts for 2014, Solano County industry employment should continue to grow.

Gain or Loss in Industry Employment, 2000-2013
Comparisons between Selected Areas, Index 2010 = 100



Source: California Employment Development Department (www.edd.ca.gov)

Change in Total Industry Employment
(Gain or Loss in Percentage Terms of Total Jobs for Solano County Employers)

Place	2005-13	2010-13	2012-13
Solano County	-5.2%	3.8%	2.2%
California	-1.1%	5.0%	1.6%
Sacramento MSA	-5.6%	2.7%	1.1%
Bay Area Other	3.4%	7.5%	2.1%
North Bay	-3.2%	6.0%	2.7%

Source: www.edd.ca.gov

Looking across the region, changes in total industry employment has been slower in Solano County than in comparable areas except for 2013, where Solano County grew at 2.2 percent. By using these combinations of areas, much of Solano’s surrounding area is covered in the analysis. The North Bay saw rapid losses in both the dot.com recession of 2001-02 and also the Great Recession of 2007-10; Napa and Sonoma hit bottom before the Solano and Sacramento MSAs did and have shown better growth since 2010 as a result.

TAKEAWAY: Solano County’s labor markets grew quickly in 2013, and may be accelerating.

WHAT IS IMPORTANT: Solano County lags the overall Bay Area in terms of labor market recovery.