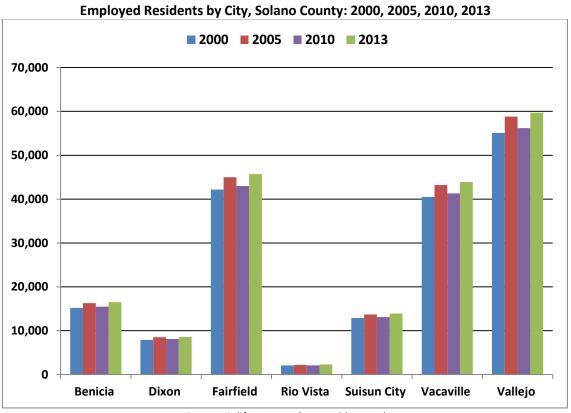
#### **Cities Overview**

Because so much of Solano County's economy happens within city limits, the 2013 Index of Economic and Community Progress adds a section to provide data on Solano County's seven incorporated cities. The Employment Development Department of California (EDD) provides labor data for the seven incorporated cities; the Department of Finance provides population projections and housing unit data for the seven cities and the unincorporated portion of Solano County. Using Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) data and EDD data combined, "gross city product" or GCP is shown as an estimate versus what is reported by BEA for Solano County overall. In the "Our Changing Community" section of this report, demographic data are provided for some simple comparisons.



Source: California EDD (www.edd.ca.gov)

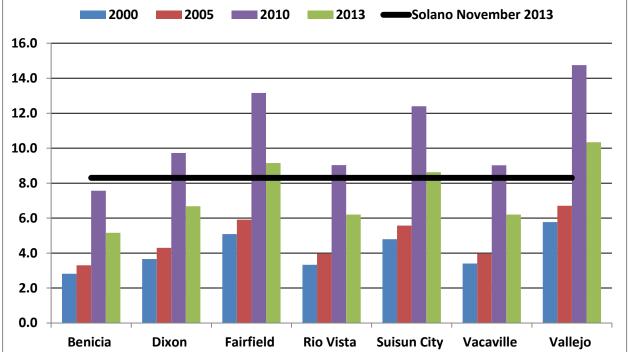
Fairfield, Vallejo and Vacaville are the obvious, larger cities in terms of employment. In terms of unemployment, many of the cities remain above the unemployment rate of Solano County overall as of December 2013. Notice in the chart on Page 39 that Vallejo, Fairfield and Suisun City have unemployment rates that are historically higher than the other cities and also higher than the December 2013 unemployment rate for Solano County overall.

**TAKEAWAY**: All cities have shown employment growth since 2010, where the larger cities have grown more quickly.

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT**: The major cities in Solano County are likely to grow employment more quickly due to more employment opportunities than the smaller cities.

### **Cities Overview (cont.)**





Sources: California EDD (www.edd.ca.gov)

**TAKEAWAY:** Some of the cities in Solano County have higher unemployment rates than the county overall, and should be seen as places where more workforce investment programs may be needed.

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT**: Versus the county average, some cities have larger unemployment rates. Vallejo has historically higher unemployment rates than the county's other cities, which signals some structural issues in Vallejo's labor markets in creating jobs for residents.

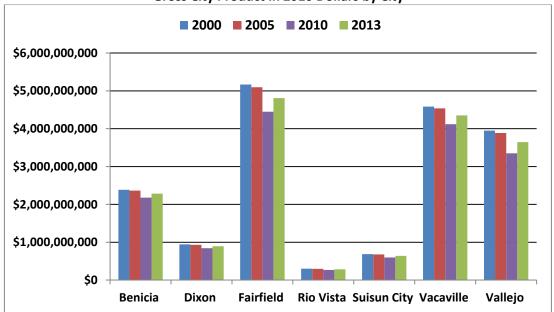
### **Gross City Product (GCP)**

The next two figures track how much each city contributes to the overall production level of Solano County. Gross City Product is the same idea as Gross Domestic Product: the total value of all final goods and services produced in the city limits in one year. The first chart provides real (inflation-adjusted) gross city product for each city in billions of 2010 dollars for 2001, 2005, 2010 and 2013. These data can be tracked by the evolution of Solano County's gross county product and the labor markets in each city that link to provide an estimate of each city's gross product level.

These data are the city-level analog of gross domestic product for Solano County. The next table is the percentage change in GCP for each city versus 2010, the year the recent recession ended. These tables show that the cities, like the county overall, have not reached pre-recession production levels yet, and that 2013 (like 2012) has been a year of growth across most cities and the county of Solano. Fairfield, Vallejo and Vacaville generate approximately 72 percent of the county GDP, proportions that have changed little since 2000.

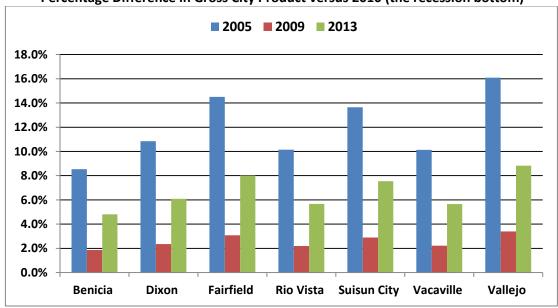
# Cities Overview (cont.)





Sources: California EDD (www.edd.ca.gov), IMPLAN (www.implan.com)

## Percentage Difference in Gross City Product versus 2010 (the recession bottom)



Sources: California EDD (www.edd.ca.gov), IMPLAN (www.implan.com)

**TAKEAWAY**: Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo are the economic engines of Solano County, but exhibit similar cycles as the smaller cities and towns since 2005 in terms of GCP growth.

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT**: Solano County's continued emergence from the recent recession is due mainly (and will continue to be due) to economic growth in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo.