

ECONOMIC PATTERNS

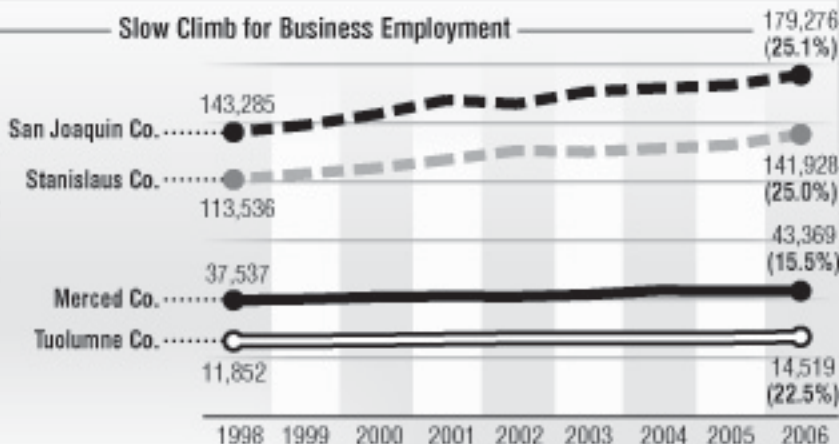
Businesses and Payroll Increases

Here are the number of business establishments and the size of their payroll in 2006 and the percent increase for both since 1998:

	Business Establishments		Total Payroll	
	2006	% increase from 1998	2006	% increase from 1998
Stanislaus Co.	9,126	13.7%	\$4.83 billion	64.6%
Merced Co.	3,155	8.9%	\$1.34 billion	61.3%
San Joaquin Co.	11,440	16.4%	\$6.19 billion	63.6%
Tuolumne Co.	1,600	13.9%	\$430.1 million	72.3%
California	878,128	13.5%	\$633.8 billion	55.9%
United States	7,601,160	9.5%	\$4.79 trillion	44.8%

Slow Climb for Business Employment

Chart shows the number of people employed by businesses in each county on March 12 of each year, not counting those who are self-employed. Also shows the percentage increase of employees from 1998 to 2006.



	2006	% change '98-'06
California	13,834,264	15.0%
United States	119,917,165	10.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
County Business Patterns data