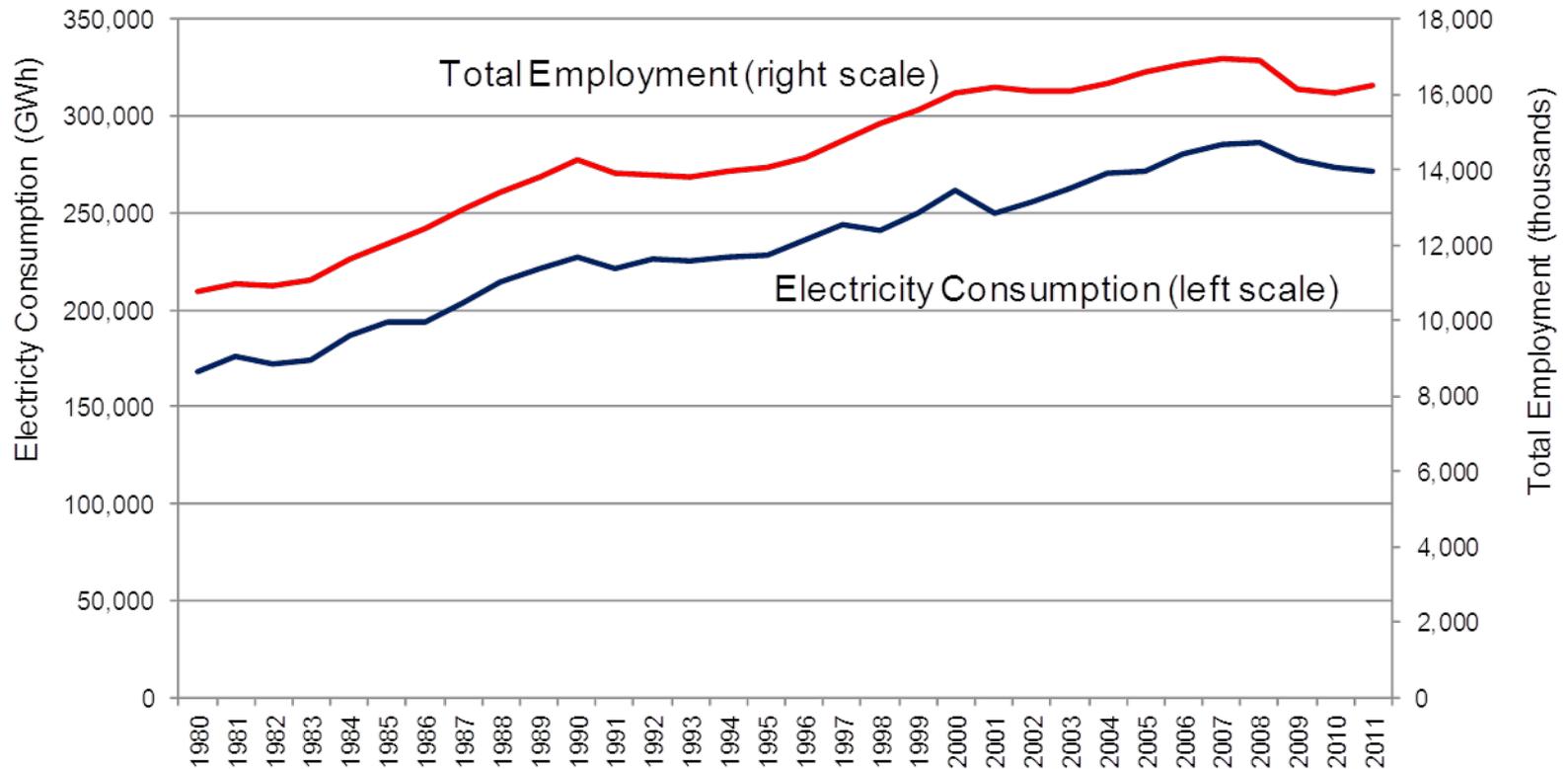




# Statewide Electricity Consumption and Total Employment





# California Economy

- Unemployment below 10 percent
- Consumer spending and high tech services are driving payroll gains
- Housing recovery appears to be underway
  - Construction employment still down 40 percent vs. pre-recession
- Recovery is uneven within the state



## Unemployment Rates by County, 2012

| Counties with Lowest Rates | Unemployment Rate, December 2012 | Counties with Highest Rates | Unemployment Rate, December 2012 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Marin                      | 5.5                              | Fresno                      | 14.9                             |
| San Mateo                  | 6.0                              | Plumas                      | 14.9                             |
| San Francisco              | 6.5                              | Stanislaus                  | 15.0                             |
| Orange                     | 6.8                              | Trinity                     | 15.1                             |
| San Luis Obispo            | 7.3                              | Lake                        | 15.1                             |
| Santa Clara                | 7.5                              | Tulare                      | 15.7                             |
| Santa Barbara              | 7.6                              | Yuba                        | 15.8                             |
| Sonoma                     | 7.7                              | Siskiyou                    | 15.9                             |
| Napa                       | 7.9                              | Merced                      | 17.2                             |
| San Diego                  | 8.1                              | Sutter                      | 17.6                             |
| Contra Costa               | 8.2                              | Colusa                      | 23.7                             |
| Alameda                    | 8.2                              | Imperial                    | 25.5                             |
| Source: EDD                |                                  |                             |                                  |