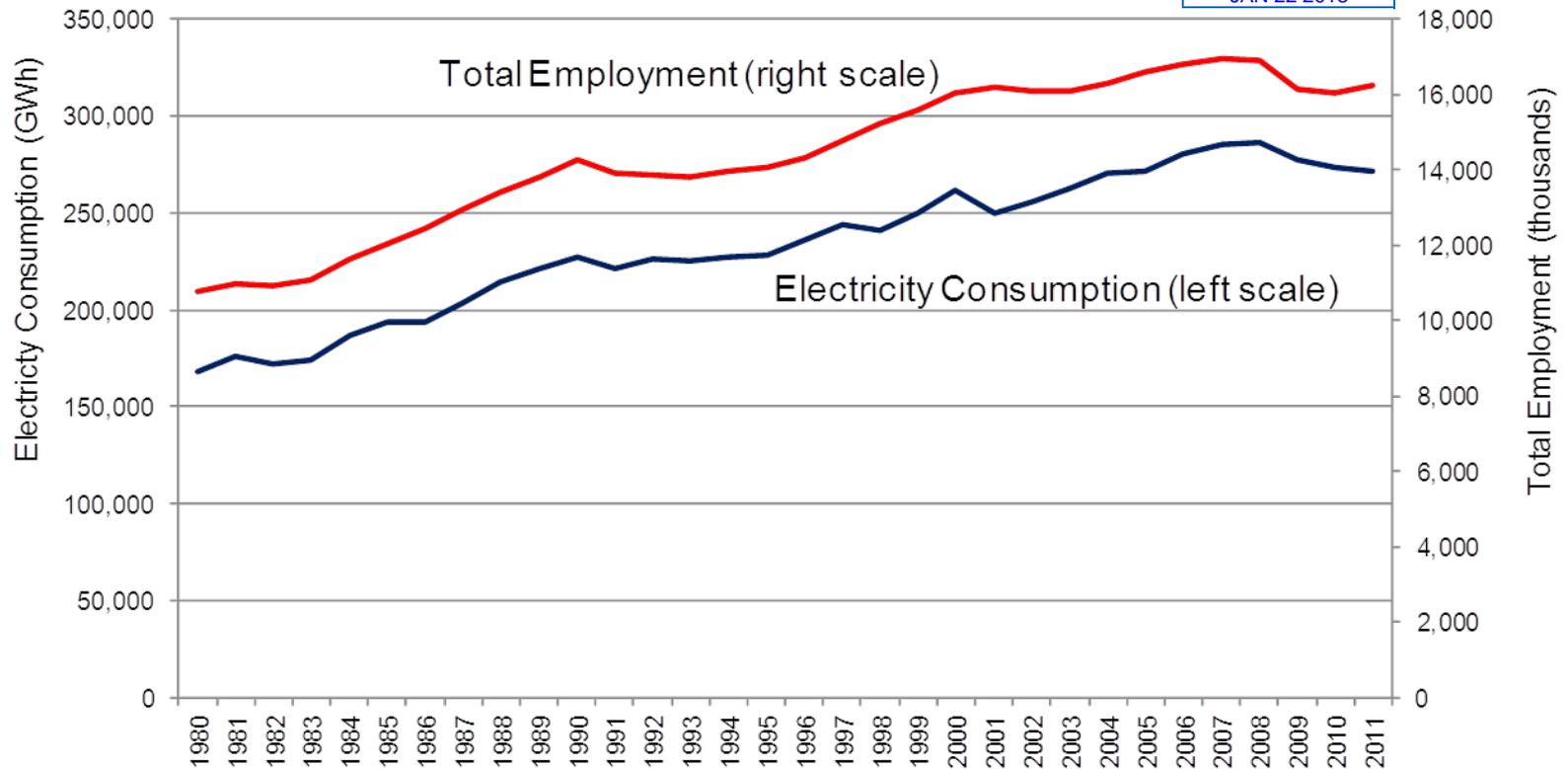




Statewide Electricity Consumption and Total Employment

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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			