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# The Economic Outlook and Orange County Taxable Sales Forecast

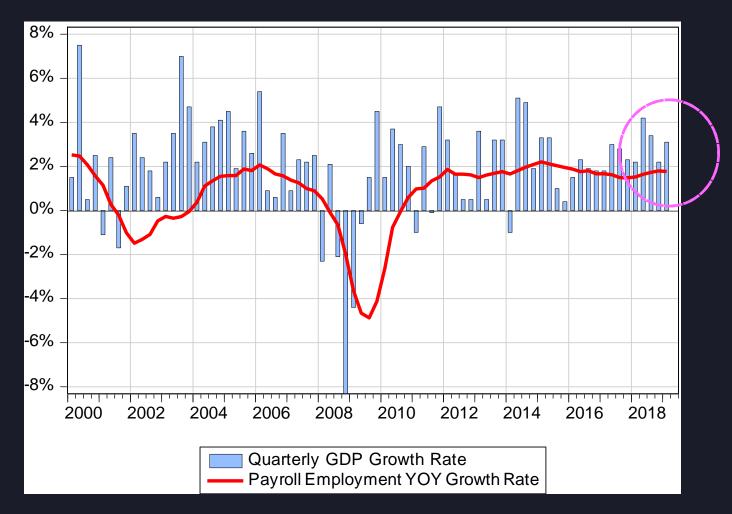
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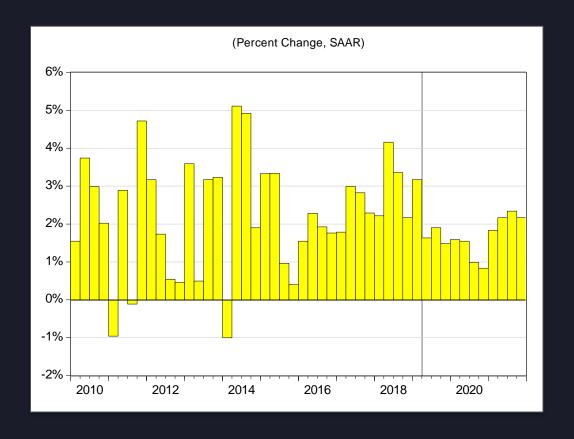


## U.S. economy is growing at 3%



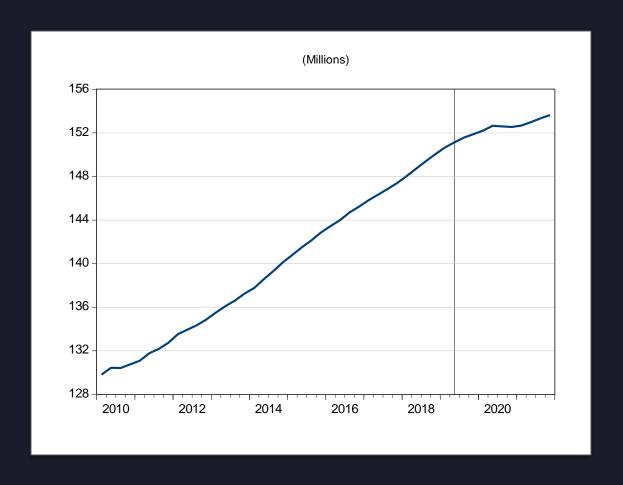


# Real GDP growth slowing - Recession risk in late 2020



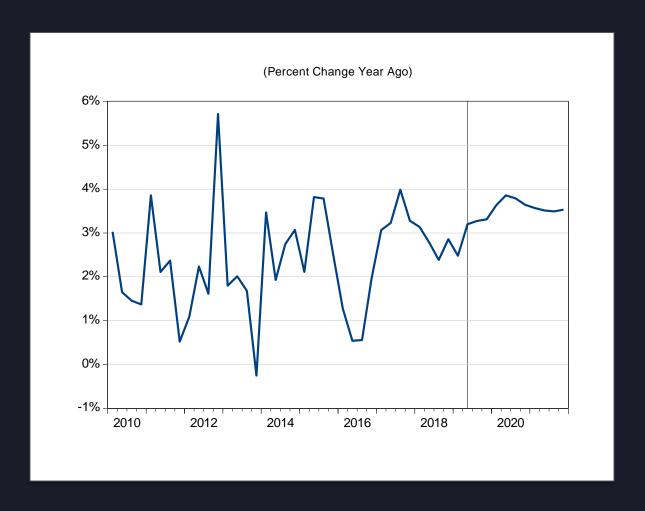


### Payroll employment growth leveling off



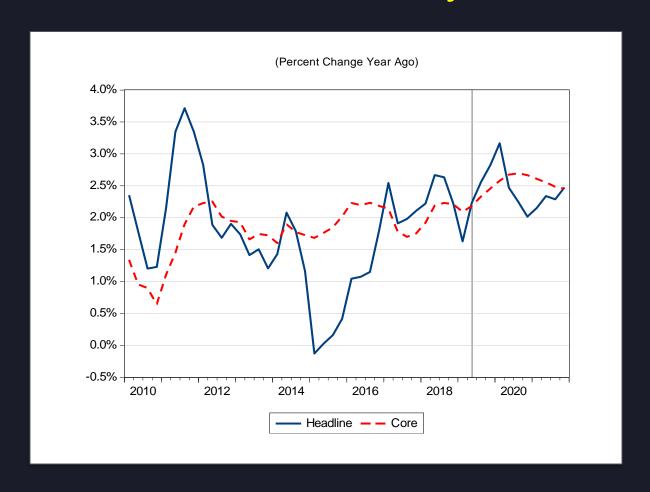


### As compensation growth approaches 4%





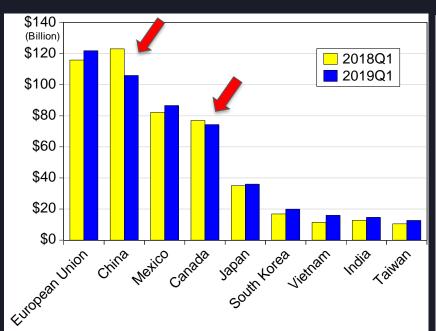
## Inflation runs modestly above 2%



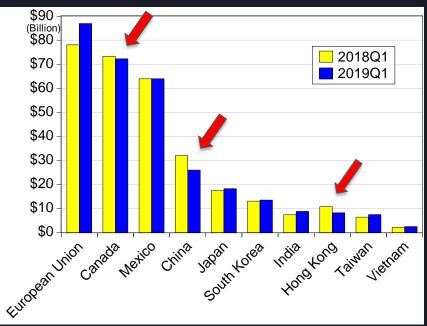


# How do trade tensions impact our imports and exports?

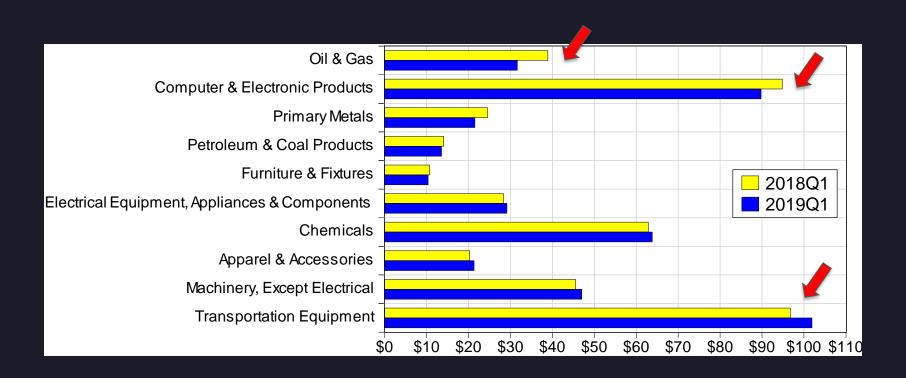
#### **U.S.** goods imports



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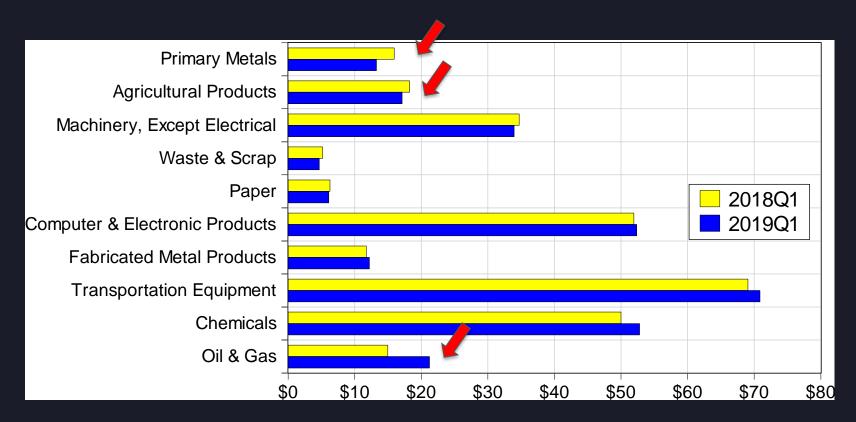


## U.S. imports: declined the most – oil & gas and computer & electronic products U.S. imports: increased the most – transportation equipment



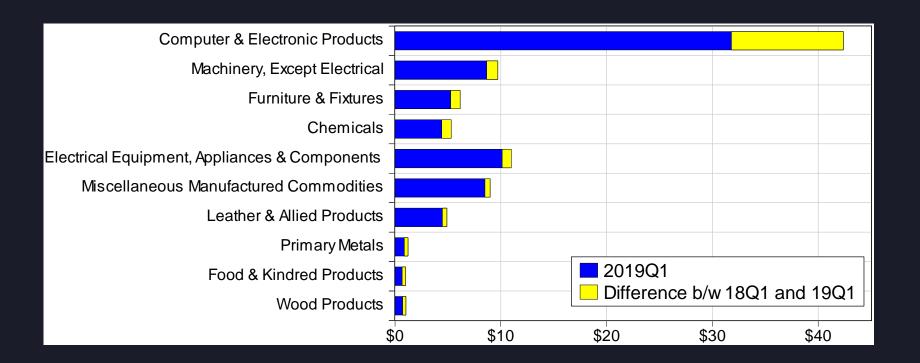


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## Top 10 imports from China in decline



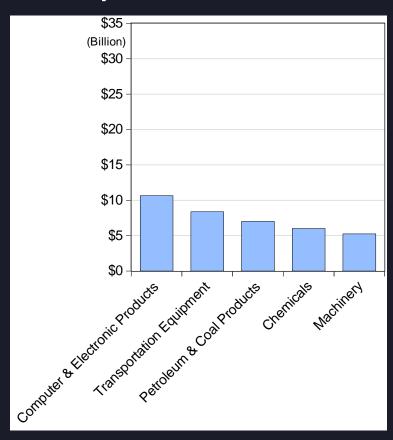


## The impact of new tariffs on Mexico

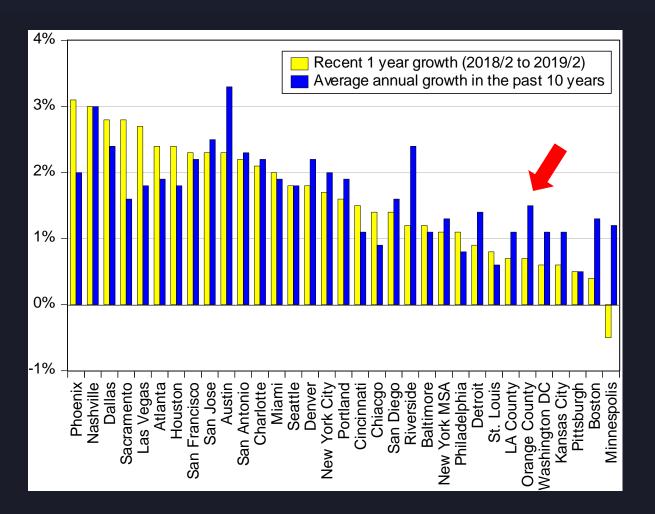
#### U.S. imports from Mexico, 19Q1

#### \$35 (Billion) \$30 \$25 \$20 \$15 \$10 \$5 Electrical Equipment & Appliances Agricultural Products Compiler & Electronic Products \$0 Transportation Equipment

#### **U.S. exports to Mexico, 19Q1**

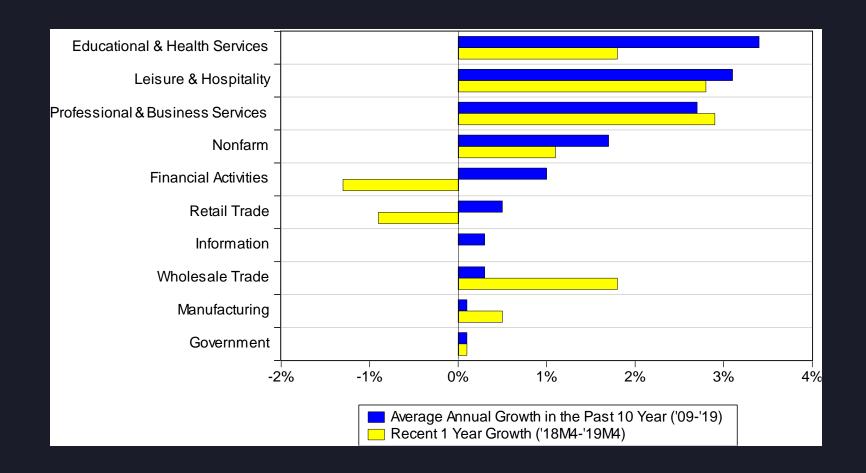


U.S. metro payroll job growth



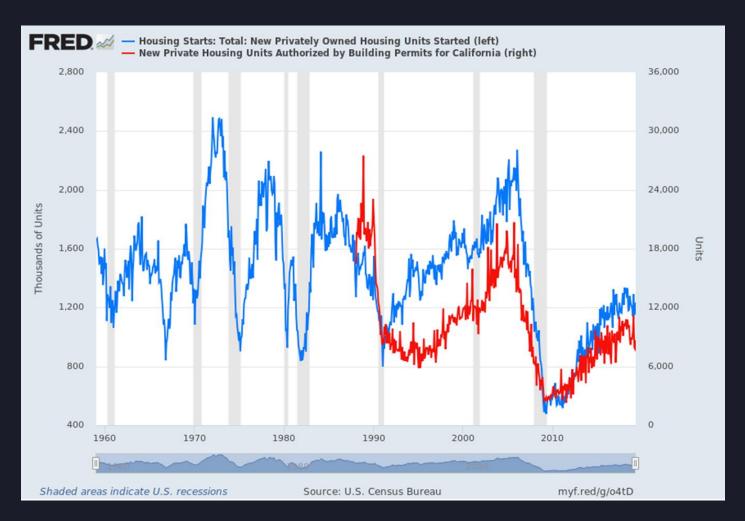


### Orange County sector payroll job growth





### Where are we in the housing cycle?



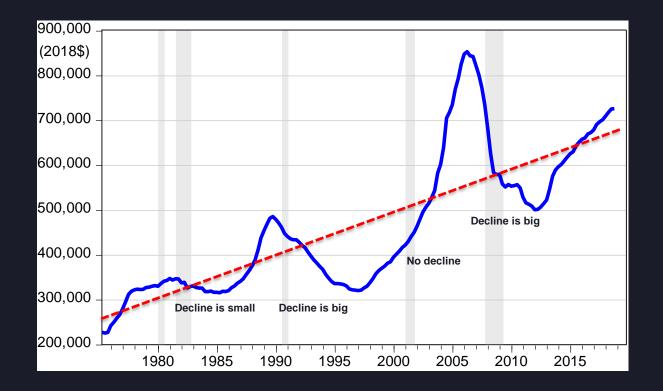


# Real housing price in Orange County and U.S. business cycle

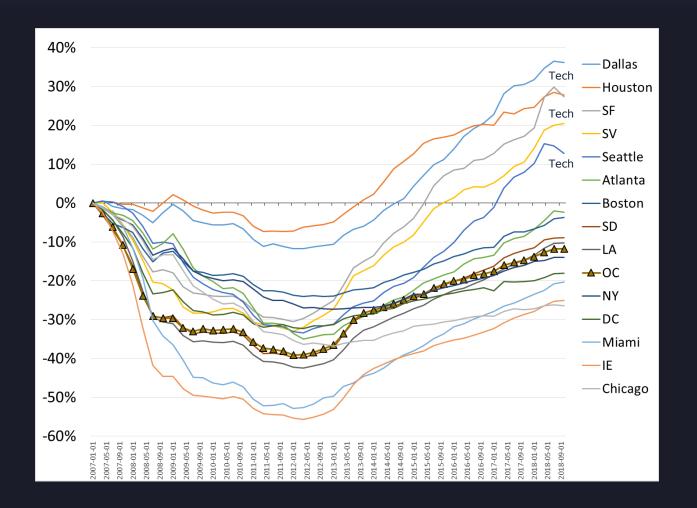
FHFA Housing Price Index, adjusted for U.S. CPI.

Use Zillow median home price in 2018Q4

Shaded area is U.S. recession

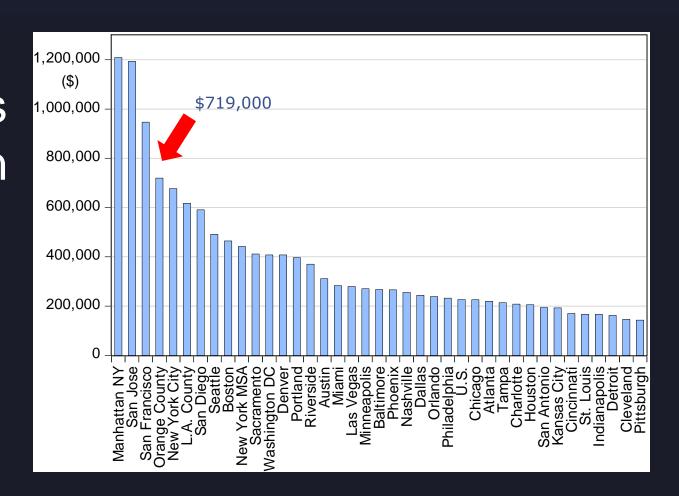


Real home prices are declining in some cities



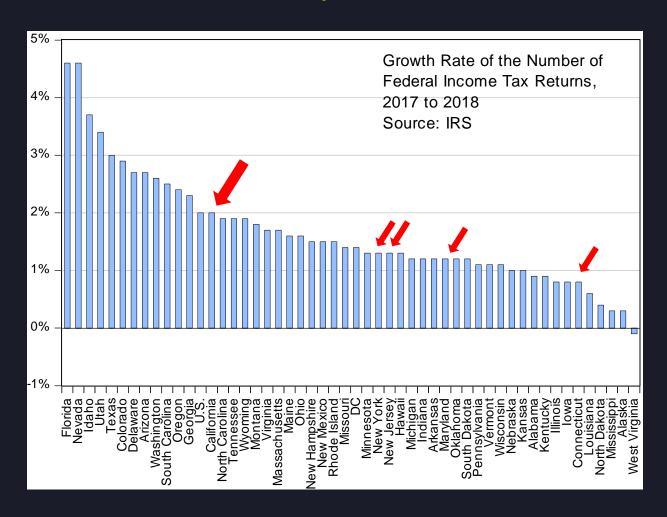
Zillow's median home value index

in April 2019



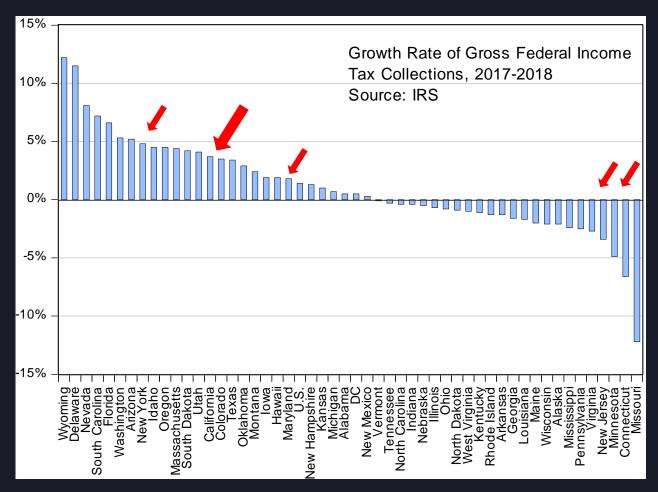


## CA's federal income tax gross receipts increased by 3.7% in 2018





## CA's number of federal income tax returns increased by 2% in 2018





## Inflation on housing and medical care is higher than that of most taxable sales goods



Consumer Price Index Year-over-year Inflation Rate



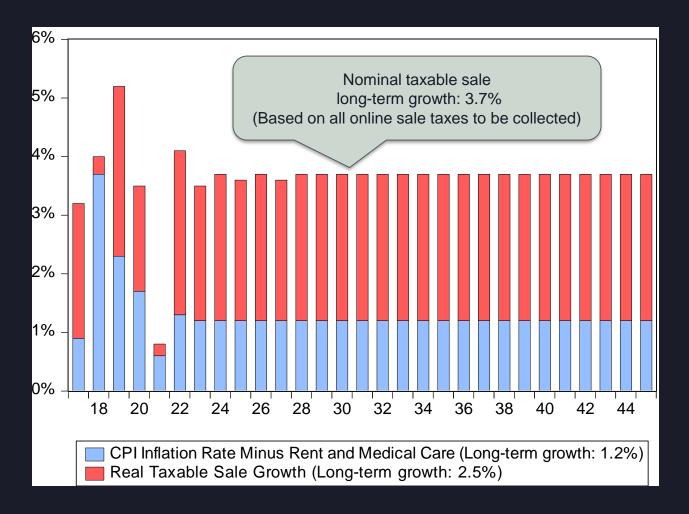


## California Forecast

	2019	2020	2021
Payroll employment	1.4%	0.8%	0.6%
Unemployment rate	4.3%	4.3%	4.4%
Real personal income	2.9%	1.9%	2.1%



## Orange County Nominal Taxable Sales Growth Forecast





#### **Conclusions**

- U.S. economic growth is slowing down.
- Housing sector is weak.
- Recession risk is rising due to trade tensions.
- With less imbalance/excess in the current expansion, the next recession should be less severe compared to Great Recession.
- U.S.- China relationship has shifted from strategic engagement to competition. China's FDI to California declined significantly.