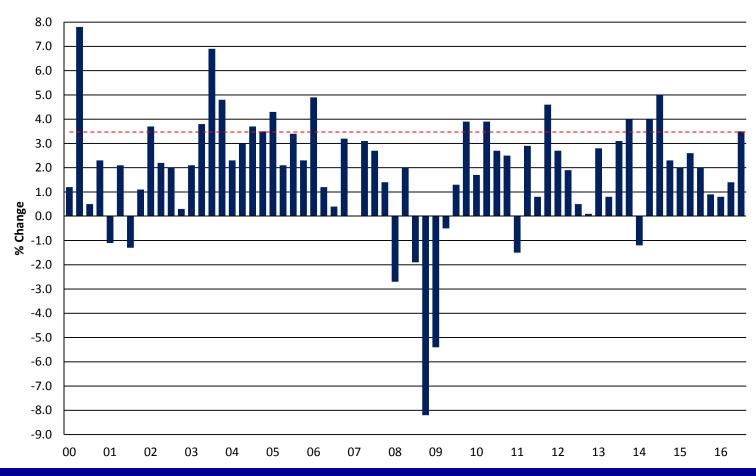
#### National Economic Outlook



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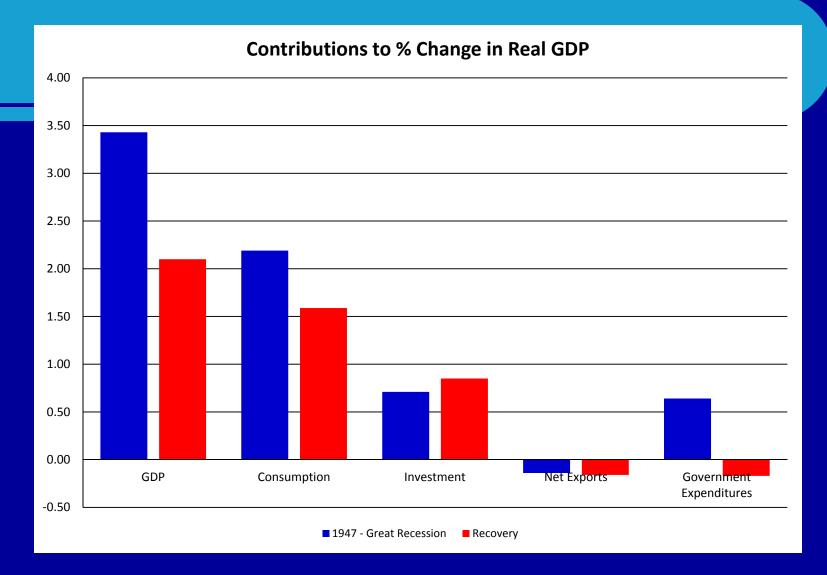
#### U.S GDP Growth Rate 2000 - Present



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, University of San Diego





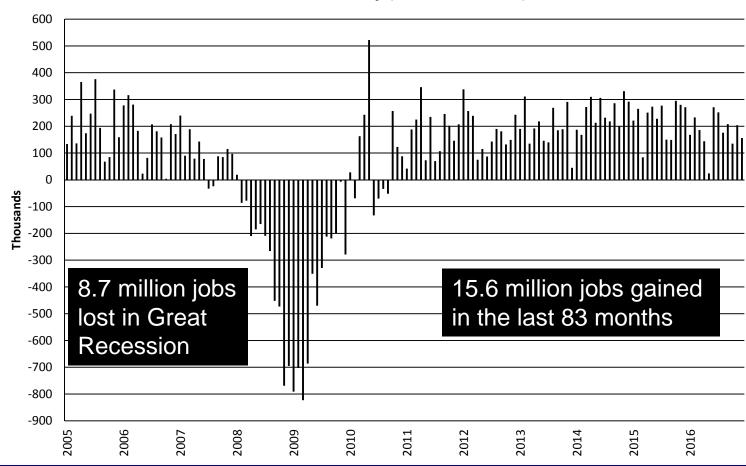


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### **Change in Employment National Economy (2005 - Present)**

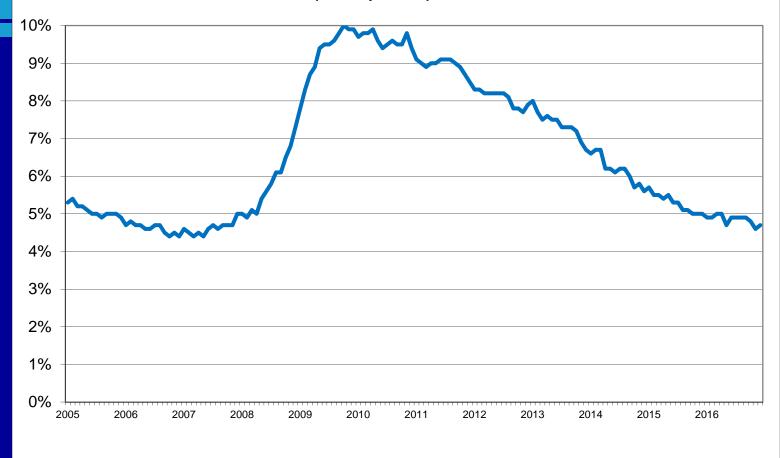


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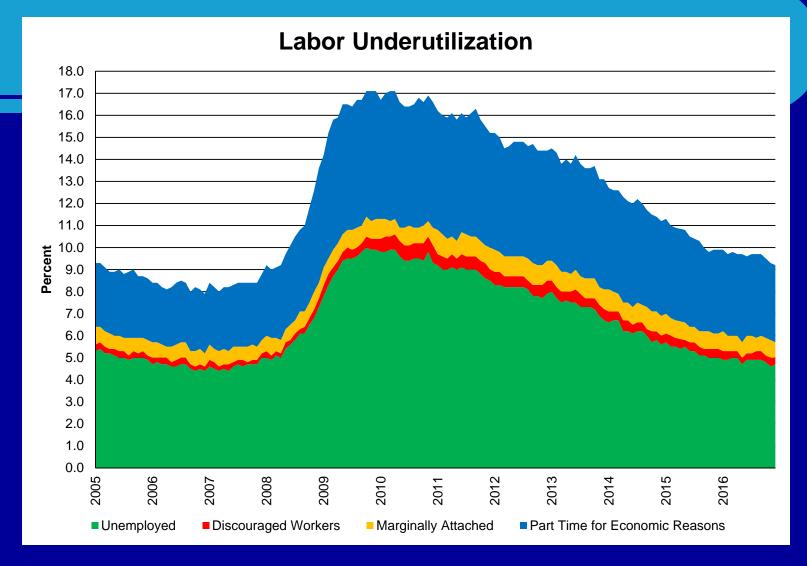




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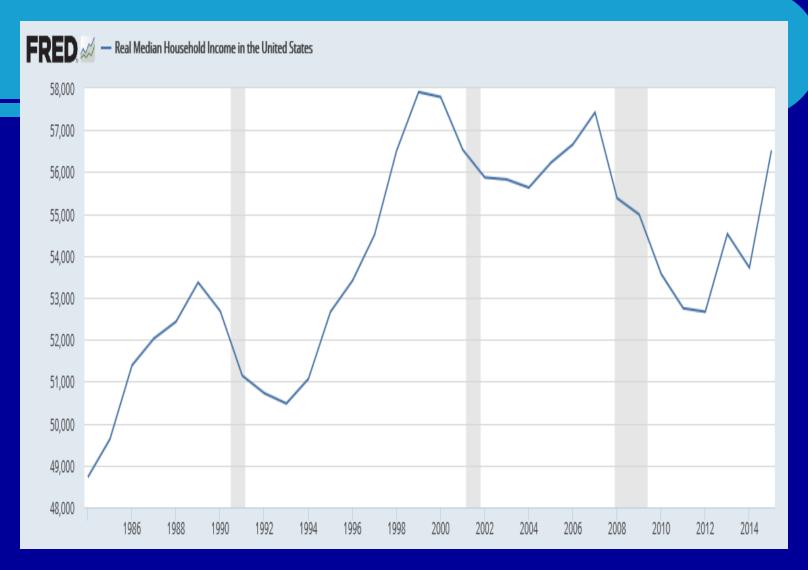


## Reasons for decline in labor force participation rate

- Retirement of Baby Boom generation
- Less participation by students
- More people leaving for disability reasons
- Affordable Care Act allows some to leave work force and still have health insurance







Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis





#### **Labor Market**

- Labor market finally beginning to tighten
  - Operations streamlined during Great Recession, more productivity from remaining workers
  - Greater use of temporary/part-time workers
- Downward pressure on middle and lower income workers
  - Technological changes
  - Globalization
  - Decline in unionization
  - Reduced real value of the minimum wage







Investment and Hiring



Consumer Spending



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#### Outlook

- Economy growing, but slowly
  - GDP growth of 2.5 percent expected for 2017
  - Probability of a recession is low, but not zero
- Unemployment rate may edge up slightly
- Fed likely to increase interest rates by 50 basis points by the end of the year





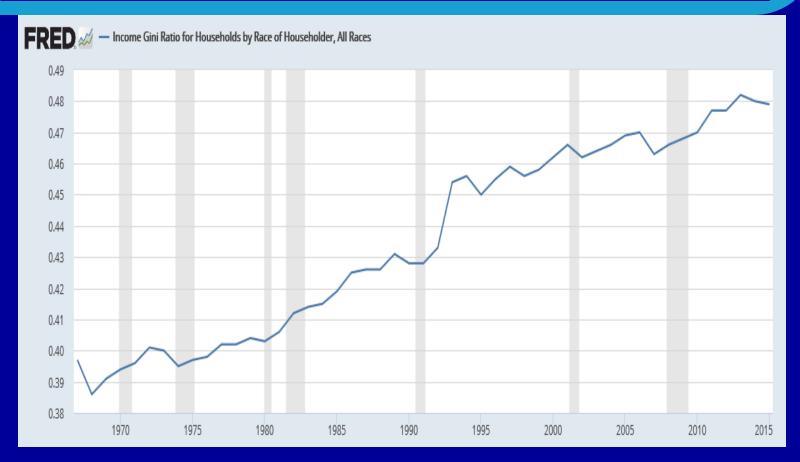
## Four Big, Long-Term Issues

- Reduced employment opportunities
  - Globalization
  - Technology Internet, automation
  - "Gig" economy
- Retirement crisis
  - Low level of savings
- STEM divide
  - Education and skills more important than ever
- Growing income inequality
  - Social unrest?





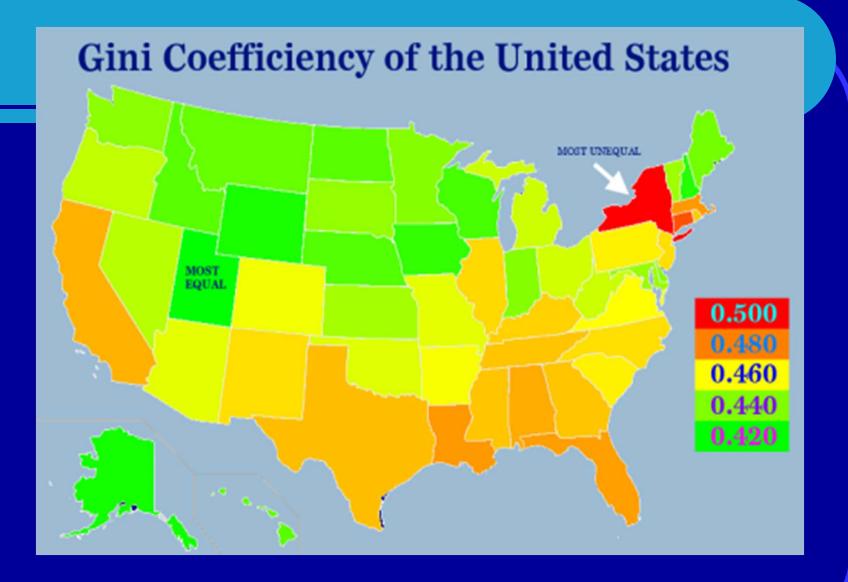
# Income inequality has increased significantly since the 1980s



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

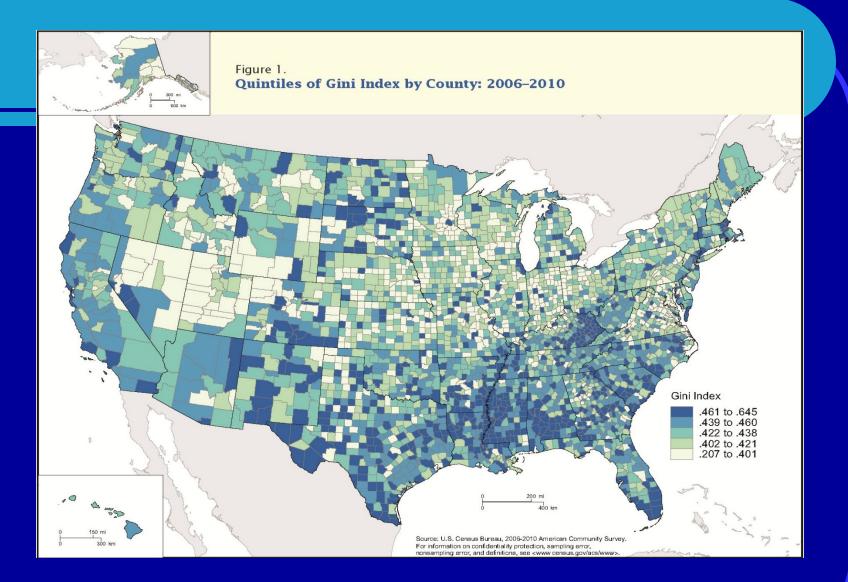
















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#### Outlook for San Diego

- Growth in the local economy slowing
  - Job growth of 30,000 expected in 2016, 25,000 in 2017
  - Unemployment rate to edge up slightly
  - Job growth in health care, administrative and waste services, leisure and hospitality, and construction
  - Low single digit gain expected in housing prices



