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PREFACE

On November 29, 2005 Governor Schwarzenegger established the California Economic Development Partnership, an Interagency Cabinet Team, to coordinate all of the State government economic development activities. The publication of *The California Facts* in April, 2006, was one of a variety of initiatives completed by the California Economic Development Partnership. (Another notable initiative is the *California Business Portal* at www.calbusiness.ca.gov/.) The objective of *The California Facts* is to provide, primarily, an economic and demographic snapshot of California's 58 counties as well as a comprehensive Statewide snapshot.

The California Facts, July 2009 provides an updated version using the base year, 2000 and comparing the most recent information in 2006 and 2007. (The original publication used the base year 2000 and compared information in 2004 and 2005.) Unfortunately, this time period will not capture the extraordinary economic changes we are currently experiencing. The next update will be much anticipated.



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