



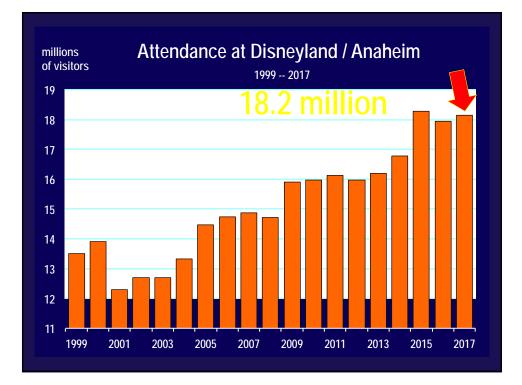
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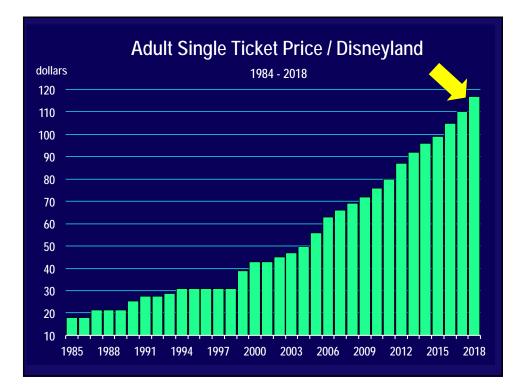
- (1) Inflation remains contained at the U.S. level
- (2) ... but is clearly moving higher regionally
- (3) And most of the increase is due to housing
- (4) There are other sectors of concern  $\sim$ 
  - Construction labor market
  - Apartment building downtown
  - Office building and office rents, L A County

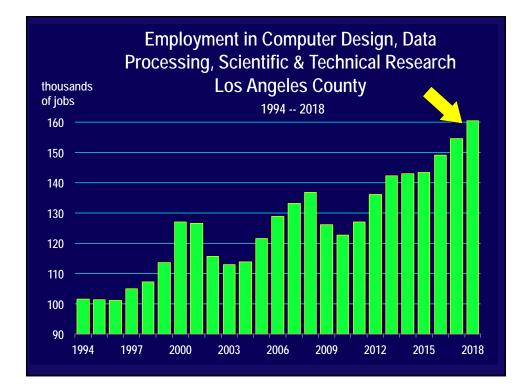
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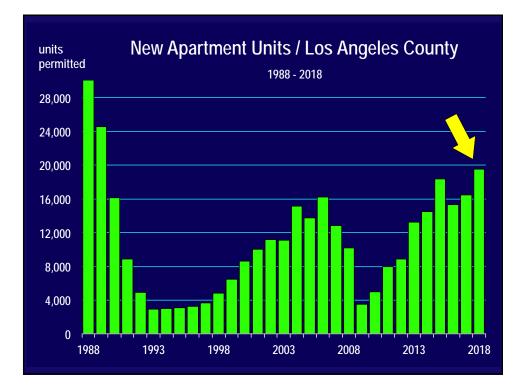
- Housing prices appear to have overheated, but for fundamental reasons
  - Lack of inventory and a fully employed economy
- At the current rate of unemployment, the overall labor market should be overheating but is not . . .
  - A fully employed economy --> higher labor costs
  - Wage inflation has been relatively moderate
  - Some industry sector wages are rising more sharply than others





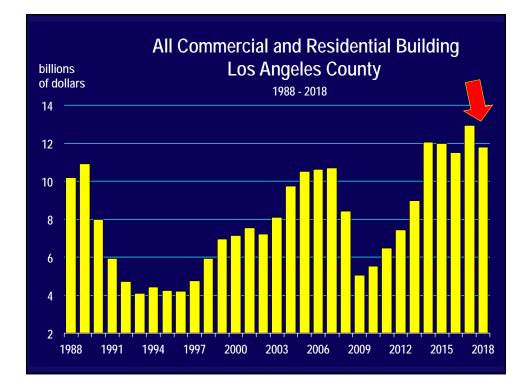














## Who Benefits ?

- Working people, working families who are middle to upper income and need housing
- Tech workers
- Construction workers in all regions
- Skilled workers
- Homeowners who are selling

- Because inventory is so scarce

## Who Loses ?

- Fixed income households
  - Face higher prices but incomes are constant
- Families wanting to go to Disneyland
- Home buyers
  - home prices are at record levels in many cities and counties
  - -- longer term mortgage rates are rising
- Residential Real Estate industry
  - Higher interest rates and higher housing prices are likely to reduce transactions

