Taste the Possibilities: Adding Value to Your Ag Business

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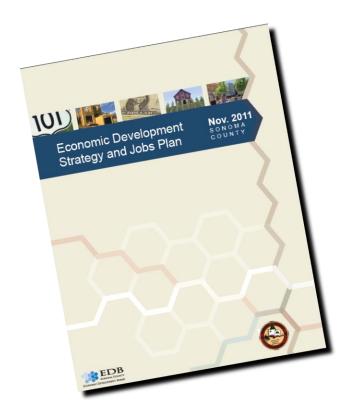


What We Do

- Disseminate information on the County's business climate
- Host regular economic development conferences and events
- Provide direct services to help local businesses to grow







Business Assistance Resources



Food Industry Toolkit



Food Industry Toolkit

Contains:

- Business formation
- Licensing
- Zoning
- Tax Requirements
- Hiring employees

Food Industry Toolkit

Contains:

- Producing and selling product
- Food processing
 - Cottage
 - Kitchen rental
 - Co-packers
 - Commercial facility

Business Assistance Resources

NEW - Microloan Connect Project

- *\$5,000 \$50,000*
- 8 New micro-businesses served
- Average loan: \$18,500
- 17 jobs created or retained through microlending

Customized Business Tools

Industry Trends

Customized Demographics

Real Estate Site Location

Marketing Lists



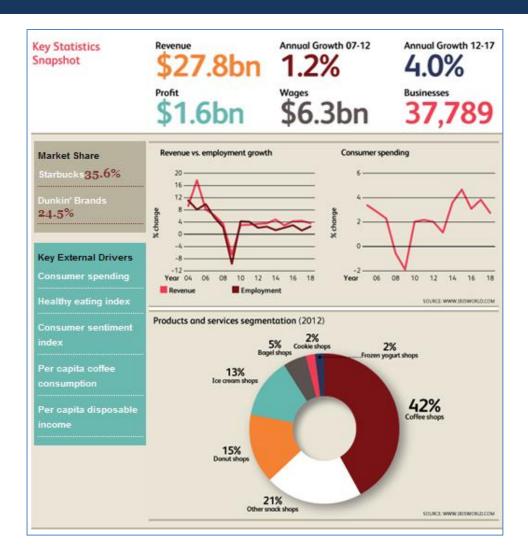




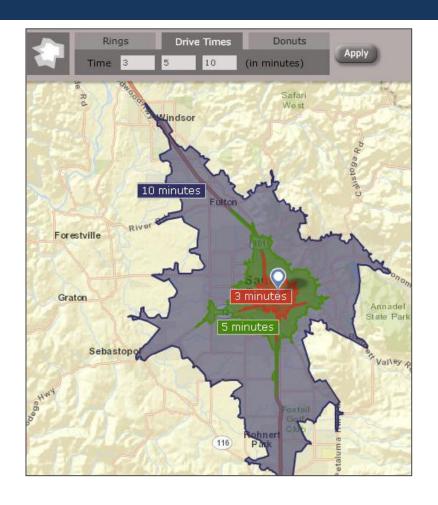


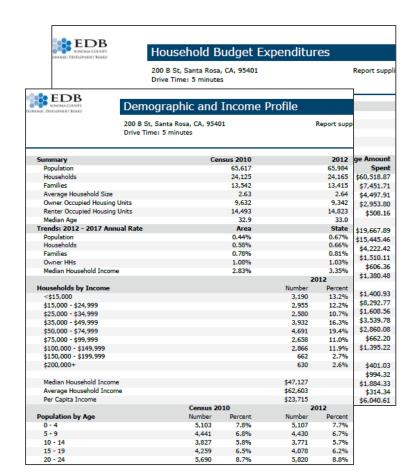
Business Tools – Industry Reports





Business Tools - Demographics





Business Retention and Expansion

- Build relationships with local businesses;
- Help them stay and grow in Sonoma County;
- Assess and address their needs and concerns; and
- Connect them with vital resources.





New PG&E program convinces Graton company to stay Texas, Nevada and Oregon are among the states that tried to lure PRESSDEMOCRAT.COM

Business Retention and Expansion

Workforce training incentives:

- California ETP
- On the Job Training Incentives from Job Link

And other incentives:









Other Programs and Resources



Expanded breakout sessions, tasting sessions....

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Thank You!!!

