

Forecasting Accuracy of SCAG Regional Population and Employment Projections: Mean Absolute Percentage Errors as of 2008

	Projection Horizon			
	5 year	10 year	15 year	20 year
Population	3%	5%	9%	11%
Employment	6%	9%	13%	8%
Observations	11	9	7	5

Note: Mean Absolute Percentage Errors = (Projected - Estimated) / Estimated *100

Compound growth rate was used to interpolate the intermediate years.

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