

Silicon Valley



Silicon Valley is the only
place on Earth not trying
to figure out how to
become Silicon Valley.

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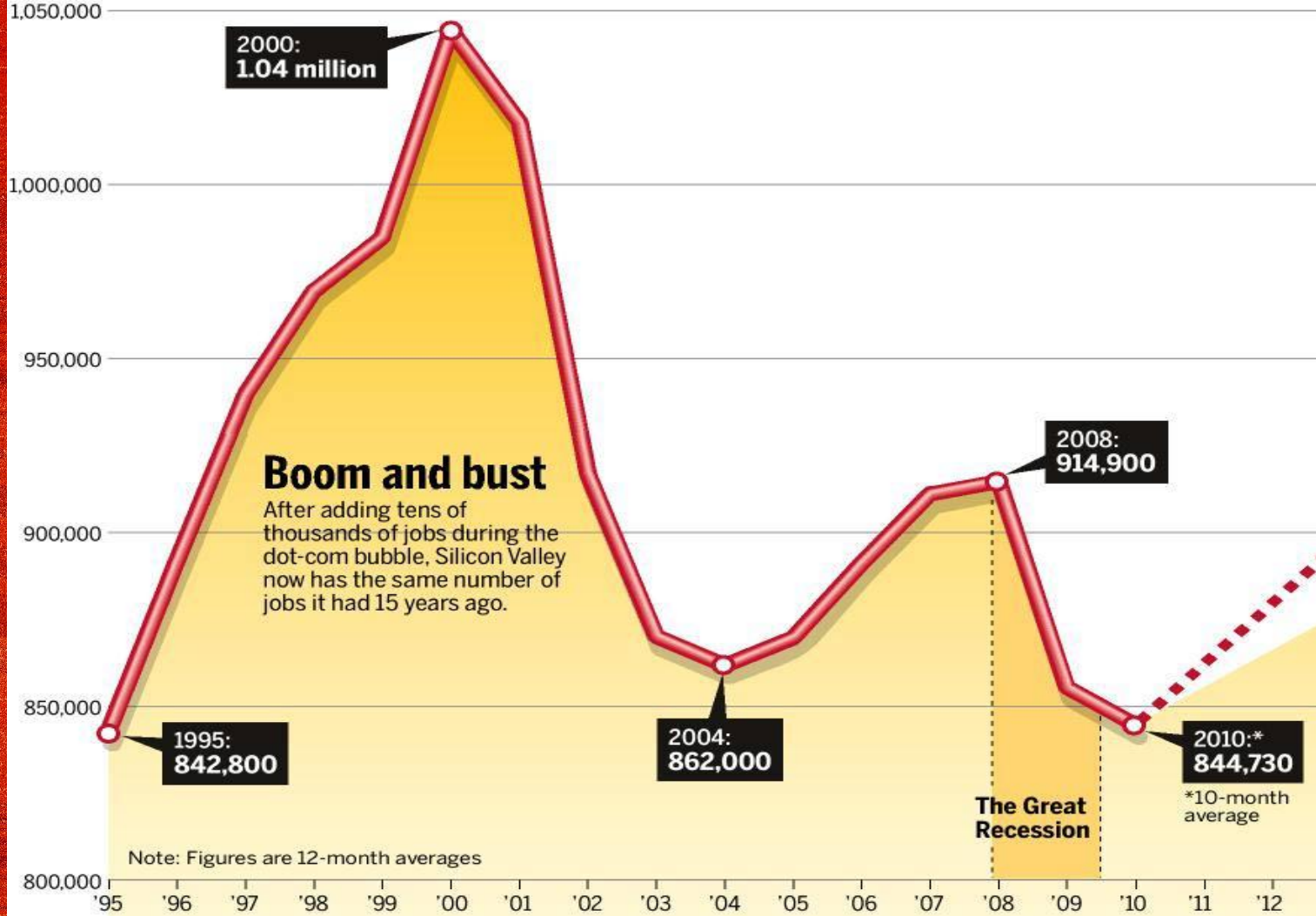
Silicon Valley is a nickname for the southern portion of the San Francisco Bay Area, which is located in part of the U.S. state of California known as Northern California. It is home to many of the world's largest high-tech corporations, as well as thousands of startup companies.

What does Silicon Valley mean geographically?

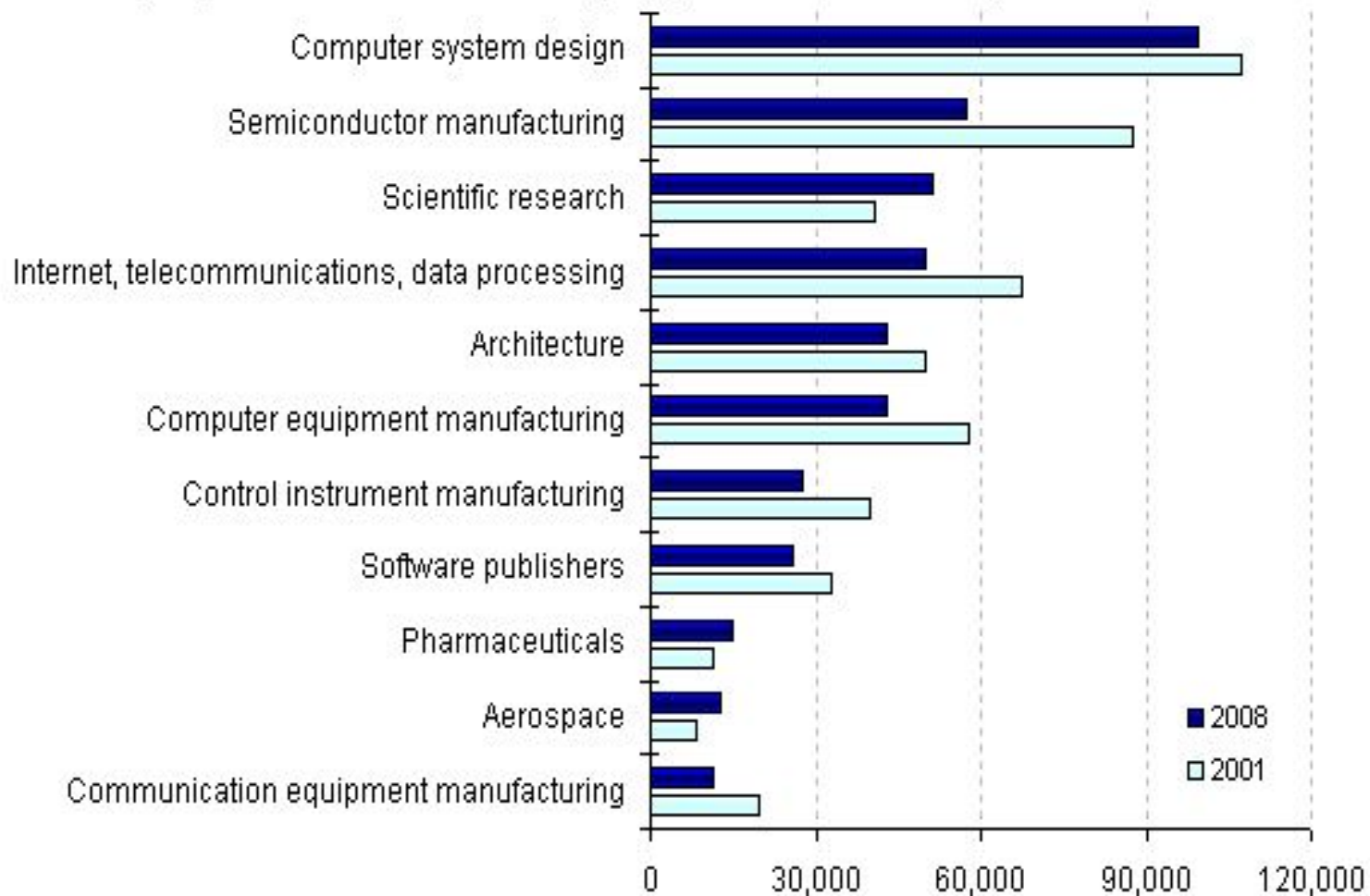
Silicon Valley is an area that "located on the San Francisco, California, peninsula, radiates outward from Stanford University. It is contained by the San Francisco Bay on the east, the Santa Cruz Mountains on the west, and the Coast Range to the southeast. At the turn of the century, when fruit orchards predominated, the area was known as the Valley of Heart's Delight" - as Carolyn E. Tajnai, former Director (1988 - 1997) of Stanford Computer Forum begins one of her online-manuscripts that described Silicon Valley history.

Silicon Valley jobs

Over the past 15 years, Silicon Valley has created some of the world's most successful companies and best-paid workers, while shedding the jobs and industries it no longer needs. As 2011 begins, the drama of job creation and destruction continues ... the number of jobs in the valley today is about the same as in 1995, the year Yahoo was founded and three years before Google was born. Over the same period, the population has grown by 20 percent. And, amid the Great Recession, the number of people here who are unemployed -- hovering around 100,000 for a year and a half -- is the highest since the state began keeping comparable records in 1990. (San Jose Mercury News, January 1, 2011)



Employment in Silicon Valley high-tech industries, 2001 and 2008





The First building of Silicon Valley
First Varian Associates building, Stanford Industrial Park,
Palo Alto, California, 1953.









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Art galleries and museums

Silicon Valley's first internationally-known art gallery, Pace Art and Technology Gallery in Menlo Park, opened on February 6, 2016. In 1928, the Allied Arts Guild was formed in Menlo Park and is a complex of artist studios, shops, restaurant, and gardens.



Identify your
newest friend



The microprocessor and
the first personal computer
in 1981 were made in a
microprocessor in 1981
and the first personal computer chip

"I think that we can say that the microprocessor
is about 10 years behind the most complex
computers made. So if we think of the complex
computer systems today, they will be in
single-chip form one decade from now."



Appearances in media

- A View to a Kill — 1985 James Bond movie
- Triumph of the Nerds: The Rise of Accidental Empires — 1996 documentary
- Pirates of Silicon Valley — 1999 movie
- The Social Network — 2010 movie
- Startups Silicon Valley – reality TV series, debuted 2012 on Bravo (U.S. TV network)
- Betas – TV series, debuted 2013 on Amazon Video
- Jobs (film) — 2013 movie
- The Internship — 2013 film about working at Google
- Silicon Valley (TV series) — 2014 American sitcom from HBO