EMPLOYMENT AT VC-BACKED COMPANIES GROWS MUCH FASTER THAN JOBS AT NON-VC-BACKED COMPANIES.

8x GROWTH

Employment at VC-backed companies grew at roughly eight times the pace of employment at non-VC-backed companies.

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH AT VC-BACKED COMPANIES IS RESILIENT WITH STRONG POSITIVE GROWTH RATES OBSERVED REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE ECONOMY IS IN THE BUSINESS CYCLE.

Even after the 2007-2008 financial crisis and during the Great Recession

VC-BACKED EMPLOYMENT GROWTH

+4% vs

TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR

-4% Employment Growth from 1990 to 2020

VC-BACKED GROWTH

960% vs

40% TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR

Annualized Growth Rate of Employment from 1990 to 2020

VC-BACKED COMPANIES

8.2% vs

1.1% TOTAL PRIVATE SECTOR

VC-backed jobs are distributed broadly across the entire U.S.

62.5% of VC-backed jobs are located in states besides California, Massachusetts, and New York, despite these states receiving less than 30% of total annual VC investment in the U.S.

REPORT:

Employment Dynamics at VC-Backed Companies in the United States: 1990 to 2020

To read the report, visit us at: https://nvca.org/employment-dynamics/