

Fresno ranks high in job growth

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The Fresno metropolitan area added 11,470 nonfarm jobs from January to September. Fresno ranked 15th in job growth so far this year out of nearly 360 metro areas across the U.S., according to a new analysis by the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University.

The [analysis](#) showed many cities and states still recovering slowly from the loss of jobs during the recession.

Some were rebounding faster than others, however. Fresno, for example, added 11,470 nonfarm jobs from January to September for an increase of 3.78 percent over the same period last year.

That includes 2,930 new jobs in education and health services, 2,640 in transportation and utilities, 1,310 in government, 1,430 in retail, 1,060 in construction and 870 in leisure and hospitality.

Quite a bit farther down the list, Visalia-Porterville ranked 201 for job growth out of all metros listed.

Adding 1,300 nonfarm jobs in the last nine months, the area experienced a 1.15 percent growth in jobs so far in the year over 2013.

The Hanford-Corcoran area ranked 247 on the list, adding just 240 jobs in the year for a change of 0.67 percent over last year.

At No. 273 on the list, the Madera-Chowchilla metro area added 160 jobs in the year for a 0.44 percent change from the year before.

Holding the top spot on the list was Ocean City, New Jersey increasing 5.52 percent from last year with 2,320 nonfarm jobs added so far in 2014.

New York City had the most jobs added so far in the year with 124,740 new nonfarm jobs for an increase of 1.44 percent over the year before.

California ranked No. 9 out of all U.S. states for job growth, adding 337,430 new nonfarm jobs so far this year for a 2.24 percent change from 2013.

Adding 20,040 jobs so far this year, North Dakota has held the top spot among states every year since 2009, largely thanks to oil and gas production.

The United States has added about 2.43 million jobs so far this year, a 1.79 percent increase from the year before when 2.26 million nonfarm jobs joined the economy.

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