California Number 2 in New Jobs

California saw the second highest job gains among the 50 states and the District of Columbia during the past 12 months, according to new figures from the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Between January 2010 and January 2011, California added 89,400 nonfarm jobs. This increase was greater than that found in 48 other states and the District of Columbia. It also contrasted with job losses in states often touted as having better economic climates than California: Nevada (ranked 50, with a loss of 7,800 jobs during the same 12 month period), Arizona (ranked 48, with a loss of 6,500 jobs), and New Mexico (ranked 46, with job losses of 2,800). Only Texas had more job gains than California during the same 12-month period. Pennsylvania was third, followed by Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio.

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1 All totals were seasonally adjusted.