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USA Today shows where the JOBS are now and forecast for 2011 in the USA.

<http://www.usatoday.com/money/economy/story/Jobs-Forecast-2011/34083932/1>

Texas leads the nation in JOBS.

How jobs growth forecast was done

Economic consulting firm [Moody's Analytics](#) has forecasted U.S. job growth by geographic region and by industry. This interactive was updated May 3, 2011. We will update it each month.

This graphic shows actual job growth through fourth-quarter 2010 and Moody's Analytics' forecasted job growth for first-quarter 2011 through fourth-quarter 2014. It covers every state, the [District of Columbia](#) and 384 metro areas, broken down by fourteen industry sectors. The data are seasonally adjusted.

National, state and metro data through fourth-quarter 2010 are averages of monthly data from the [Bureau of Labor Statistics'](#) Current Employment Statistics ([CES](#)) survey.

The CES survey tracks the number of people employed full and part time by industry. It excludes proprietors, self-employed people, unpaid family or volunteer workers, farmworkers and domestic workers. Government employment covers only civilian workers. Employees are counted where they work, not where they live.

The CES survey is based on a sample of businesses and government agencies and is subject to sampling and nonsampling error. As a result, precise employment rankings are not possible for all geographies and industry sectors. Industry sector estimates, especially for smaller geographies or industries, can be volatile due to smaller sample sizes.

The data for first-quarter 2011 through fourth-quarter 2014 are forecasted by Moody's Analytics. Demographic trends such as population growth, migration patterns, the age composition of populations, cost of living and business costs, and the global orientation of regional economies are key factors in its forecasts.

The forecasting model reflects the industry makeup of regions and the growth outlook for those industries. For example, the industrial Midwest takes into account the problems in the auto industry, and the relative success of the technology industry is reflected in forecasts for California's Bay Area and Boston.

Moody's Analytics' model also takes into account policy decisions made by the [Federal Reserve](#) and the specifics of government stimulus and assistance programs.