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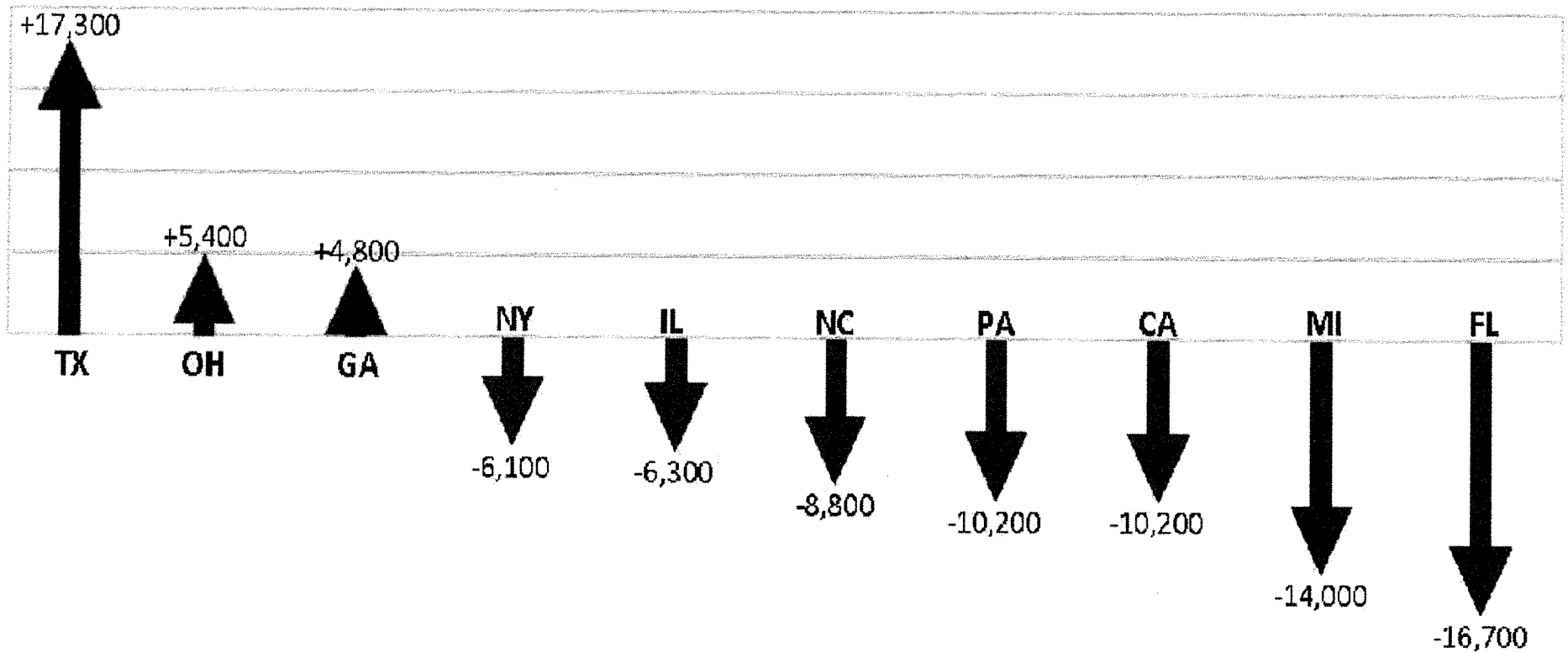
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# State to State Comparison

January 2010

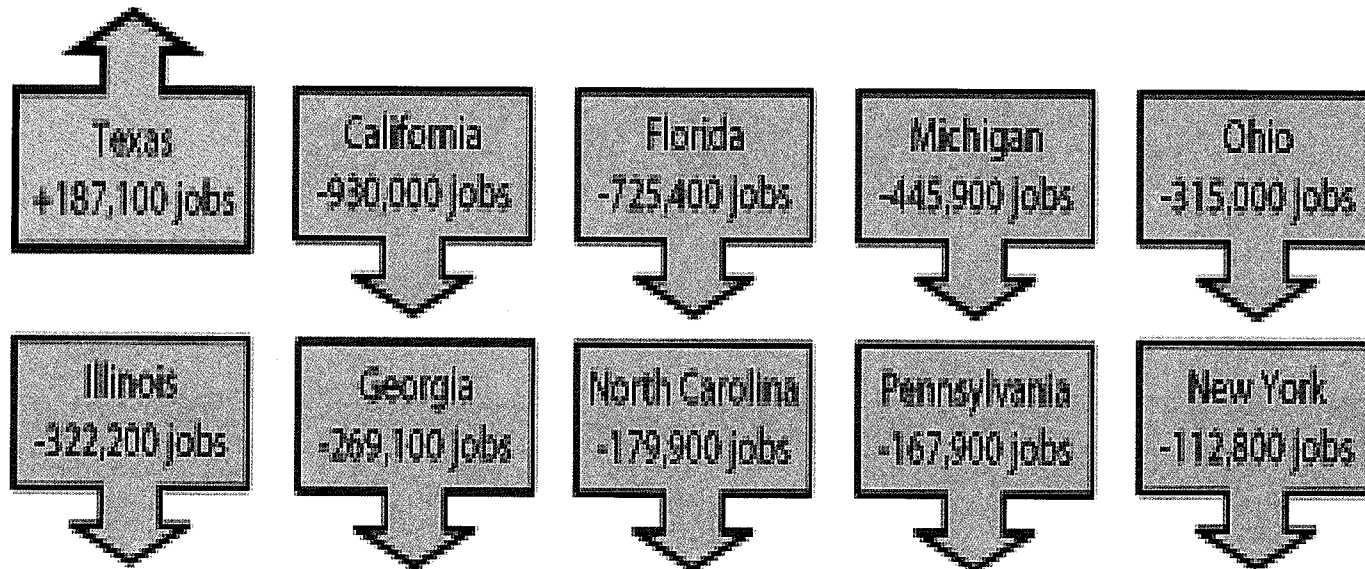
# Job Creation

*In November 2009, Texas recorded the largest over-the-month increase in employment of any state in the country for the second month in a row. Job changes in the top 10 largest states:*



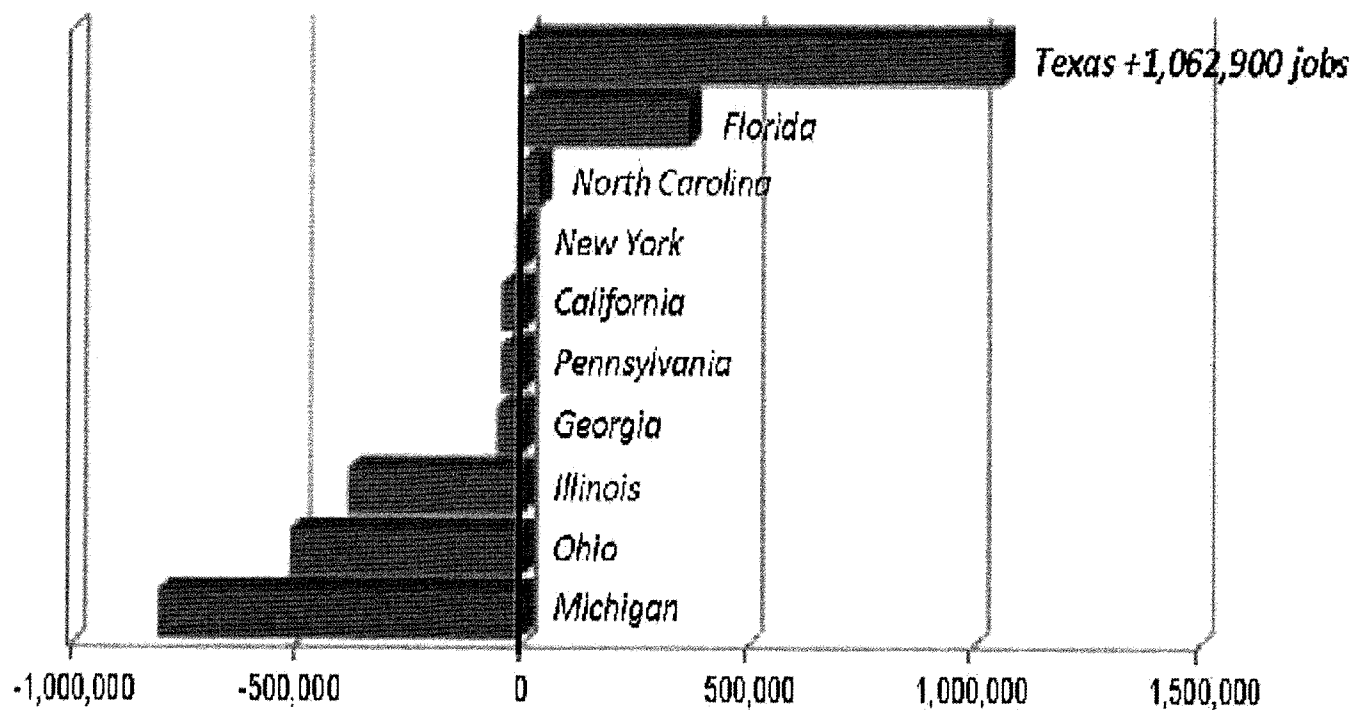
## Weathering the Recession...

Texas is the only top 10 state that has more jobs today than before the recession three years ago (Nov. 2006-Nov. 2009).



## ...And Avoiding a Lost Decade

Most of the 10 largest states are approaching the end of the decade with fewer jobs than when it began. Texas, however, experienced a decade of growth, adding more than a million new jobs since Jan. 2000.



Source: US BLS

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## Nation wide construction employment as of November '09

- 5.9 million
- Construction employment in Texas as of November '09
- 554,500 (Decrease of 16% from previous year)
- Construction employment in the D/FW metro area
- 179,100 (Decrease of only 6% from previous year)



**Since the year 2000 the population of Texas  
has grown at a rate of 1,100 per day.**

In the 12 month period ending July 1, 2009, Texas gained 143,000 more residents moving into Texas from other states than it lost moving out of Texas to other states making Texas the biggest draw for the fourth year in a row.

## Accommodating that growth requires construction.

- \$1.2 Billion Parkland Hospital expansion
- \$800 Million UT Southwest Medical Center
- \$1.3 Billion DISD bond program
- \$90 Million UNT
- \$2.3 Billion expansion of DFW and Love Field Airports
- \$500 Million Dallas Convention Center/Hotel

## **Growth in Construction Employment**

Texas Workforce Commission projects through the year 2016 an 18.5% increase in construction employment.

That growth number will be in the skilled trades.  
(Does not include construction management, executive, administrative, etc)