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# Orlando among top 10 metros for job growth

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Metro Orlando ranked No.

7 on a list of the top 10 U.S. metros that are exceeding projected job growth, according to a study released Feb. 4 by **CareerBuilder** and

The study looked at which U.S. metros are exceeding industry trends the most, as well as those that are lagging behind. The report looked at the total job growth across industries for each of the 150 most populous metros from 2014 to 2015 and then compared it to what would have been expected for that region based on national job growth trends during the same time period.



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The difference between the two measurements shows how much a region is exceeding, matching or falling behind national job growth trends because of something unique to that metro's regional economy, according to CareerBuilder

Orlando added 50,384 jobs from 2014-2015, an increase of 27,395 jobs from the expected 22,989 new jobs. The region's total employment was nearly 1.16 million in 2015. Dallas topped the list of the 10 metros that grabbed the biggest share of job creation between 2014-2015.

In addition, Orlando also had the third-highest percentage of total jobs that can be traced to regional competitiveness at 2.4 percent. Provo-Orem, Utah, was No. 1 at 4.8 percent and San Jose was No. 2 at 3.7 percent.

“Twenty-seven of the top 50 metros outperformed national employment growth from 2014 to 2015, which can have a positive ripple effect on other regional areas,” said Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder and co-author of The Talent Equation, in a prepared statement. “The unique characteristics of their local economies played a large part in their growth, such as the booming tech industry in Silicon Valley or the tourism industry in Orlando. Meanwhile, jobs in the oil and gas industry took a hit, which had a major impact on the cities like Tulsa and Lafayette, which ranked at the bottom of our list. And even though major metros such as Chicago, New York and Philadelphia all added more than 30,000 new jobs from 2014 to 2015, they trailed national growth trends.”