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Phoenix area holds onto top spot for job growth

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The Phoenix area again reigns as No. 1 among large metro areas for the largest job growth as of November.

The region saw a 4.9 percent gain in jobs from November 2005 to November 2006, a gain of 90,700 positions, according to current issue of "Blue Chip Job Growth Update."

In metropolitan markets with fewer than 1 million workers, the New Orleans region again ranked first, posting a 10.2 percent gain representing 41,400 jobs.

Wyoming moved into the No. 1 position among states for November-to-November growth with 4.9 percent increase, or 12,800 jobs. Michigan remained in last place, with a 0.6 percent decrease, 27,100 jobs.

Overall, the U.S. economy grew by 1.79 million nonagricultural jobs in November 2006 over November 2005, a 1.3 percent increase.

The Blue Chip Job Growth Update is prepared at L. William Seidman Research Institute in the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. For more: wpcarey.asu.edu/seid/eoc/pubs/JGU.cfm

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