

The state of job growth

What would the U.S. map look like if it was redrawn based on the pace of job creation? We did just that, taking each state's five-year growth rate and adding or subtracting from its size accordingly. The results? California is a narrow sliver clinging to Nevada; Michigan and Massachusetts barely exist.

Color key

States with the highest rates of job creation between 2001 and 2005 are red; those that lost the most jobs are blue.

