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## **U.S. Department of Commerce: New Mexico Leads the Nation in Export-Related Job Growth**

*Diversifying Manufacturing Sector Translates to New Jobs for NM Workers*

**Santa Fe, NM** — The U.S. Department of Commerce announced today in a report that New Mexico leads the nation in export-related job growth at 107 percent, well ahead of the next-closest state, Louisiana, at 66 percent.

"This is very encouraging news for New Mexico's workers," Governor Susana Martinez said. "We still have work to do, but this shows that our efforts to diversify our economy and grow the private sector are helping create more jobs for our families."

[The Albuquerque Journal reported](#) that in the last five years, local jobs supported directly and indirectly by state exports to other countries grew from about 8,000 in 2009 to 16,500 in 2014. This comes on the heels of other recently announced data from the U.S. Department of Commerce that shows New Mexico doubled exports to Mexico in just the last year alone, and set yet another all-time high in total exports for 2014 at more than \$4 billion. This data shows that more New Mexico businesses are exporting more products to more places than ever before.

"Our economic policies and relationships with counterparts in other countries are making a difference," said New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "Without a competitive business climate and a welcoming environment for international trade, we would not have seen this kind of growth."

More information on this latest U.S. Department of Commerce report is [available online here](#) from the *Albuquerque Journal*.

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