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# AI jobs are booming, and they're growing quickest in 5 low-cost states where you could live an amazing lifestyle

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**These 5 states saw a 93% increase in AI-related job postings from 2018 to the start of 2020.**

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**At the start of 2020, more than 90% of AI-related jobs were in California, Washington, New York, and Massachusetts. The number of new AI job postings in these 4 states, on the other hand, only increased by 35% from 2018 to 2020.**

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The number of new jobs in AI keeps growing, and the most growth isn't coming in Silicon Valley.

A new ZipRecruiter report reveals that jobs related to AI increased by 93% from 2018 to 2020 in Colorado, Utah, Virginia, Arizona, and Texas.

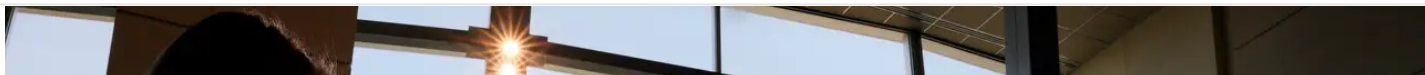
ZipRecruiter estimates that California's notoriously [high income taxes](#) and [cost of living](#) might be pushing people — and AI jobs — to lower-cost states. California lost 691,000 residents and New York lost 458,014 in 2018, according to Census data.

The vast majority of jobs in AI — more than 90% — were in California, Washington, New York, and Massachusetts, in that order, but the overall growth in the space was just 35% from 2018 to 2020.

Here are the 5 states that are seeing the largest increase in AI jobs heading into 2020:

**1. Colorado has the third-highest concentration of college graduates among**

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**FILE PHOTO: A job seeker talks to a recruiter from UC Health at the Colorado Hospital Association job fair in Denver** Reuters

**AI-related jobs per 100 ZipRecruiter postings: 4.8**

**Share of population over 25 and with a bachelor's degree: 40%**

**Rate of job growth from 2017 to 2019: 6.9%**

**Net migration per 1,000 residents: 7.6**

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**2. Utah had the fastest job growth of any state between 2018 to 2020.**



George Frey/Reuters

**AI-related jobs per 100 ZipRecruiter postings: 5.2**

**Share of population over 25 and with a bachelor's degree: 32.4**

**Rate of job growth from 2017 to 2019: 10.1%**

**Net migration per 1,000 residents: 5.08**

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**related AI jobs.**



**Hotels along Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach, Virginia.** John Greim/LightRocket / Getty

**AI-related jobs per 100 ZipRecruiter postings: 6.2**

**Share of population over 25 and with a bachelor's degree: 38.1%**

**Rate of job growth from 2017 to 2019: 2.9%**

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#### 4. Texas is rapidly increasing the number of drone-related AI jobs.



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**AI-related jobs per 100 ZipRecruiter postings: 4.7**

**Share of population over 25 and with a bachelor's degree: 28.9%**

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**Net migration per 1.000 residents: 2.88**



**5. Arizona had the third-fastest job growth from 2018 to 2020 among all states.**



**A Waymo Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid self-driving vehicle is parked and displayed during a demonstration in Chandler, Arizona** Reuters

**AI-related jobs per 100 ZipRecruiter postings: 4.3**

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**Net migration per 1,000 residents: 11.6**

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