

# The Telecommunications Economy: Job Creation

Telecommunications is the central nervous system of the American economy. It has revolutionized virtually every aspect of our lives and every industry, from education and health care to banking and finance. Between 1995 and 2004, advances in telecommunications and information technology were responsible for as much as 75% of U.S. labor productivity gains. To remain competitive in the world, the United States must have the most advanced telecommunications technologies and services.

This fact sheet is part of an educational campaign which describes how the use and availability of advanced telecommunications technologies and services impact the U.S. economy and the nation's ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Over a five-year period, modernizing the nation's telecommunications laws has the potential to create more than 212,000 jobs in the telecommunications industry.

STATE	EXISTING TELECOM JOBS	ESTIMATE OF ADDITIONAL TELECOM JOBS
California	121,400	23,360
Texas	100,800	19,396
Florida	69,000	13,277
New York	62,000	11,930
Georgia	54,800	10,545
Illinois	44,200	8,505
New Jersey	43,500	8,370
Pennsylvania	41,600	8,005
Virginia	37,200	7,158
Colorado	34,600	6,658
Ohio	33,400	6,427
Kansas	28,500	5,484
Washington	27,500	5,292
Missouri	25,200	4,849
North Carolina	24,500	4,714
Massachusetts	24,100	4,637
Michigan	23,600	4,541
Maryland	20,200	3,887
Arizona	19,700	3,791
Wisconsin	18,575	3,574
Tennessee	16,700	3,213
Alabama	16,200	3,117
Minnesota	15,400	2,963
Indiana	15,000	2,886
Oklahoma	14,700	2,829
Connecticut	14,200	2,732

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Louisiana	13,100	2,521
Iowa	12,595	2,424
South Carolina	12,400	2,386
Kentucky	10,300	1,982
Oregon	9,400	1,809
District of Columbia	9,231	1,776
Arkansas	8,800	1,693
Nebraska	8,035	1,546
Mississippi	8,000	1,539
New Mexico	7,700	1,482
Nevada	7,200	1,385
West Virginia	5,400	1,039
Utah	5,300	1,020
New Hampshire	4,485	863
Maine	4,186	805
Rhode Island	4,111	791
Alaska	4,100	789
Hawaii	4,000	770
Idaho	3,200	616
North Dakota	2,878	554
Montana	2,840	547
Delaware	2,766	532
South Dakota	2,541	489
Vermont	2,429	467
Wyoming	1,570	302

Securing America's position as a global leader in telecommunications is key to sustaining real economic growth, creating jobs, improving our standard of living, and maintaining our competitive position in the world.

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