

3 REASONS TO LOVE YOUR REGION

REGION 9

Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada



ECONOMIC GROWTH

Region 9 is a leader in job creation and job retention. In the third quarter of 2014, California had the largest net employment gain of any state. During the same quarter, Hawaii had the lowest rate of gross job losses as a percent of employment (4.7%) in the nation, below the U.S. rate of 5.8%.



DIVERSITY HUB

Region 9 is a diversity hub. Its 1.4 million minority-owned businesses amount to 25% of all U.S. minority owned businesses, placing it first in the United States in this category.



FUN FACT!

Region 9 is renowned for entrepreneurship, ingenuity, and innovation. Not only is it the birthplace of Apple computers, it was home to the first slot machine. Invented by Charles Fey in 1895, the gaming machines were originally sold out of his home workshop.

Sources: (1) Bureau of Labor Statistics, Business Employment Dynamics; U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Business Owners, (2) SBA Office of Advocacy, Small Business Profiles.

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