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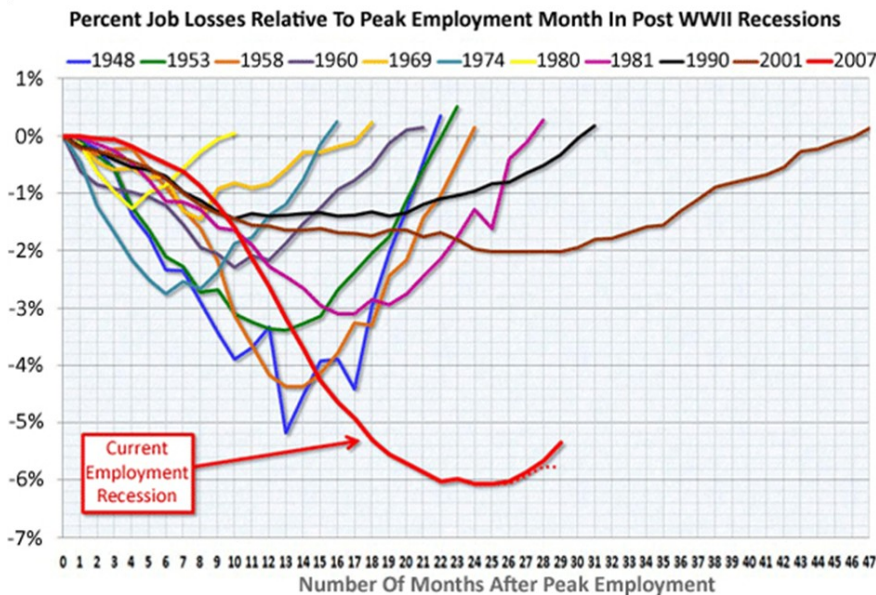


*"Gregory Packaging is truly grateful for all your help in our job search. We have received an overwhelming response for several positions that we have. I would like to take this time and thank you and Maricopa Workforce for your hospitality... Again, thank you for all your hard work."*

*Thank you, Ninamarie M. Wolfe, Administration, Gregory Packaging Inc.*

**FACTS & FIGURES**

**Job loss comparison following WWII recessions by CalculatedRisk (06/04/10)**



**PHOENIX Business Journal**

**Arizona tumbles from first to 44th for jobs**

By G. Scott Thomas with contributions by Molly Kissler, July 30, 2010

"...After leading the nation economically in 2006, Arizona now is near the rear of the pack, according to a midyear review of state employment trends by Portfolio.com and bizjournals. ...Maricopa Workforce Connections, an employee recruitment and training center with locations throughout the Valley, has seen the monthly number of visitors to its facility double in the past three years, from 6,000 in June 2007 to 12,000 June 2010. Assistant Director Patrick Burkhart said it isn't just the visitors that have increased, but also the number among them who have been laid off. 'Before the recession hit in 2008, we were seeing maybe one or two visitors a month who had been laid off,' he said. 'in 2008, we saw that number jump into the hundreds and sometimes thousands. We have seen a slight decrease in the number of layoff visitors this year, and our job placement amount has also increased,' he said. 'Still, we believe it will take another two or even three years for the economy to fully recover.'" This entire article is available online by clicking [here](#).

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**NEWS & MEDIA****Turnout at Glendale Cabela's a sign of tight job market**By Cecilia Chan, *The Arizona Republic*, July 20, 2010

"The employment recovery is proceeding at a very slow pace," said Patrick Burkhart, assistant director for human services of the workforce-development division at Maricopa Workforce Connections. "Our analysis is that in the short term we are seeing growth in light manufacturing, seeing growth in transportation and logistics and some growth opportunities in solar and green in the next six to 12 months." "...Those in the Baby Boomer generation, born between 1946 and 1964, or short on education, are finding it especially hard to compete in the tight labor market, Burkhart said. Workforce Connections, he said, offers services specifically for that age group to accentuate their experience to be as competitive as possible. Burkhart advised people to turn to community resources. "...Job seeking is no longer a potluck," he said. "It takes skills and strategy assistance." Read this article in its entirety [online](#).

**THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC****Additional media highlights:**

Justin Jones, MWC Training Specialist, was featured in another KPNX/Channel 12 News segment "How booted government workers can jump back into the private sector." Click [here](#) to view the segment.



Channel 3 News report on UI extensions, aired during its July 20, 2010, 5 and 6 p.m., includes comments from MWC job seeking customers and was filmed at the West Valley Career Center.

**PARTNER ITEMS**

**Million Jobs for America** launched in April 2010 to demonstrate how businesses are helping Americans get back to work, to help corporations and small businesses strengthen relationships with community and non-profit organizations, and to help hiring managers identify top talent while earning government-sponsored hiring tax credits.

The project aims to distribute one million job notices through an extensive network of community-based organizations and will strive to, in part, reduce the dependency of Americans who receive state and local welfare benefits and, thus, the costs to government agencies. The one million jobs will be distributed via MAXOutreach which currently distributes jobs directly to a network of over 87,000 community-based organizations that help jobseekers across the country. MAXOutreach is operated by MAXIMUS Tax Credit and Employer Services, a division of MAXIMUS, Inc. a MWC/PWC community partner.

**EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES**

**WVCC mini job fair (7/14/10)** — Gregory Packaging and Corestaff/Shutterstock, participated in a very successful on-site recruitment at MWC's West Valley Career Center. Both companies offered positions in the manufacturing environment (machine operators, production associates and maintenance mechanics.)



Initially Gregory Packaging were going to do onsite interviews but were overwhelmed by the number of applicants that showed up the day of the event! MWC Business Services supplied qualified jobseekers applications to complete a week prior to the event resulting in more than 50 additional applicants. Corestaff/Shutterstock conducted orientations; resulting in 72 new applicants — **ALL** 72 were called in for interviews!

**MWC Specialized on-site recruitment** — MWC's Gilbert Career Center hosted an on-site recruitment for Home Depot on Thursday, July 22. This recruitment, coordinated for Home Depot, was unique in that it was specific for bi-lingual job seekers, Center computers in the main reception area of MWC's Gilbert facility were used by Home Depot staff to instruct job seekers on how to apply on-line, and was attended by more than 200 qualified east valley job seekers.

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