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Palmdale Among Places with Fastest Decreasing Gender Pay Gaps *NerdWallet considers pay gap change between 2007 and 2012*

PALMDALE – NerdWallet, a consumer advocacy website, recently conducted a study to find the places with the fastest decreasing gender pay gaps – and Palmdale is in the top 10.

In his 2014 State of the Union Address, President Obama spoke about the nation's gender pay gap, calling it "an embarrassment." But there are some places where the gap is improving; to find those areas where the gender pay gap is decreasing the fastest, NerdWallet compared the following:

- 2007 male income as a percentage of 2007 female income
- 2012 male income as a percentage of 2012 female income

Palmdale has the ninth fastest decreasing gender pay gap in the nation. The 2007 median male income in Palmdale was 152.69% of the female median income. By 2012, that figure had decreased by 25.62% to 127.08%. The 2012 median male and female incomes in Palmdale were \$45,951 and \$36,160, respectively.

"Palmdale is a very open, inclusive and diversified place," said Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford. "Equality and fairness are part of our core values as both an organization and as a community."

"Palmdale's gender pay gap has been decreasing quickly compared to the rest of the nation," said NerdWallet analyst Sreekar Jasthi. "There is still progress to be made, but the city is moving in the right direction."

Other places with rapidly decreasing gender pay gaps include Corona, Calif; Beaumont, Texas; and Murfreesboro, Tenn. Read the full study [online](#).

For more information about NerdWallet, visit www.nerdwallet.com.

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About NerdWallet

NerdWallet is a consumer-friendly financial literacy website that helps consumers make better financial decisions and save money on CD rates, checking accounts, credit cards and more. NerdWallet has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Reuters*.

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