

Forbes Business 2002 Best Places To Do Business Metropolitan Ranking
200 Largest MSAs

2002 Rank	2001 Rank	City	Wages & Salaries Growth (I = 1995)		Wages & Salaries Growth (I = 1999)		Job Growth (I = 1996)		Job Growth (I = 2000)		Job Momentum (I = 2000)		High-Tech GDP (I = 1996)		Relative HT GDP Growth (I = 1996)		Relative HT GDP Growth (I = 2000)		# of HT GDP LQs Over		Weighted Rank Index (w/CAR)		Weighted Rank Index (w/CAR)		2001 Rank w/CAR	Overall Index	Population (I = 2000)
			2000 Value	2001 Rank	2000 Value	2001 Rank	2000 Value	2001 Rank	2000 Value	2001 Rank	Feb. 2002	Rank	2001 Value	2002 Rank	2001 Value	2002 Rank	2001 Value	2002 Rank	2001 Value	2002 Rank	2001 Value	2002 Rank	2001 Value	2002 Rank			
1	8	San Diego, CA	SAN	111.39	20	103.21	20	109.83	16	101.98	34	5.04	16	1.46	30	131.63	18	100.07	10	1	163	323	255	2	100.00	2820.84	
2	1	San Jose, CA	SJ	111.80	17	103.21	20	109.83	16	101.98	34	5.04	16	1.46	30	131.63	18	100.07	10	1	163	323	255	2	100.00	1033.9	
3	14	Las Vegas, NV-AZ	LAS	127.42	1	100.39	55	118.99	1	103.22	7	7.82	5	0.48	154	104.45	74	103.47	46	2	90	251	246	12	138.67	1381.09	
4	18	Ventura, CA	VEN	104.00	76	104.88	10	106.57	36	101.51	56	3.27	50	1.76	18	162.58	5	106.57	25	6	14	256.5	206.5	7	141.71	745.06	
5	25	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	MCA	117.02	5	101.37	41	115.57	3	102.81	17	3.55	42	0.41	181	118.18	32	107.63	15	1	163	303.5	261.5	15	167.68	534.91	
6	7	Besse City, ID	BRI	114.29	6	106.68	7	121.21	8	101.79	41	1.53	91	0.49	8	141.05	13	98.19	213	2	90	316.5	301.5	9	170.84	407.84	
7	21	San Luis Obispo-Atascadero, CA	SLO	110.54	20	100.24	57	111.42	9	102.67	22	0.81	123	0.86	77	142.85	11	105.67	25	3	59	322	199	5	177.90	236.95	
8	10	Oakland, CA	OAK	105.69	56	103.35	19	104.51	54	101.01	73	2.07	77	1.68	19	131.48	19	103.25	48	10	1	322.5	245.5	11	178.18	2348.72	
9	59	Brownsville-Harlingen-San Benito, TX	BRH	108.41	36	100.39	54	107.43	23	102.73	20	2.44	68	1.03	28	272.48	8	127.51	21	1	163	323	255	13	329.13	329.13	
10	12	Orange County, CA	ORA	109.95	28	100.62	49	103.84	23	101.77	43	2.46	67	1.31	35	104.86	73	97.90	140	9	4	336	269	16	185.64	2760.95	
11	27	Reverse-San Bernardino, CA	RIV	116.11	7	101.18	43	115.88	2	103.76	2	4.82	24	0.41	178	101.08	81	96.99	171	2	90	338	314	20	186.74	3200.59	
12	33	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL	WES	113.05	14	104.19	13	111.01	10	103.11	8	-0.39	186	0.96	60	125.44	27	103.33	47	2	90	343	157	1	189.50	1049.42	
13	14	Bozale-Langmont, CO	BLD	114.41	9	113.46	3	114.56	9	103.04	10	-0.70	195	2.89	4	108.30	57	95.06	216	9	4	361.5	165.5	3	199.72	273.11	
14	5	Dallas, TX	DAL	113.77	12	103.19	21	108.62	21	100.36	114	1.07	105	1.88	16	114.30	43	98.85	105	5	19	364.5	259.5	14	201.38	3280.31	
15	39	Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA	VAL	110.69	24	103.62	16	110.94	11	102.54	24	4.02	35	0.30	223	130.22	23	105.38	26	0	243	427	405	26	203.04	506.68	
16	48	Lubbock, TX	LAD	113.91	11	101.31	42	111.22	9	101.54	55	5.97	10	0.31	226	130.58	22	119.84	3	0	243	371	361	28	204.97	153.18	
17	9	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	PHO	115.22	8	103.00	23	109.96	15	100.72	89	-0.53	189	1.66	20	111.73	51	103.10	50	5	19	384	205	6	217.68	3013.70	
18	11	Sacramento, CA	SAC	110.74	23	102.64	27	109.47	16	-0.02	174	1.15	48	0.07	142	115.48	62	98.02	137	4	35	398	224	8	219.89	1585.43	
19	2	Austin-Marco, TX	AUS	118.02	4	102.97	25	112.96	5	100.08	137	0.43	139	1.94	15	108.10	58	98.68	125	8	7	412.5	273.5	17	227.90	1146.05	
20	13	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	RAL	111.46	19	102.99	24	105.77	46	100.34	115	1.43	96	2.11	12	112.26	79	96.70	162	8	7	422.5	328.5	24	233.43	1105.54	
21	44	Houston, TX	HOU	106.92	44	102.07	31	105.65	46	101.46	58	1.04	106	0.87	75	107.34	65	103.04	51	2	90	425.5	319.5	22	235.08	4010.97	
22	45	Reno, NV	REN	106.11	54	99.54	73	103.40	73	101.88	47	4.98	21	0.52	139	107.65	61	105.06	29	2	90	427	405	36	236.19	319.82	
23	55	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR	FAY	106.87	47	100.64	48	107.04	35	103.61	3	8.34	4	0.26	243	100.15	85	108.30	13	0	243	429	428	40	237.02	285.02	
24	24	Stockton-Lodi, CA	STO	106.45	52	99.45	62	106.45	52	102.84	15	5.01	17	0.32	226	105.61	62	104.37	16	1	90	457	440	37	245.44	563.18	
25	17	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	TAM	111.57	18	100.78	46	109.23	18	101.60	52	-1.15	144	0.90	67	114.14	44	103.89	37	3	59	457.5	237.5	10	252.76	1279.11	
26	20	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	FTW	110.39	26	100.20	58	106.36	37	100.37	112	0.42	141	1.21	42	117.00	38	102.91	54	4	35	458.5	317.5	21	253.31	2629.17	
27	123	Lubbock, TX	LUB	101.13	113	100.19	59	101.65	67	102.24	29	7.47	68	1.64	110	91.87	119	104.78	31	2	90	479	479	39	264.64	227.89	
28	24	Washington, DC-MD-VA-WV	WAS	104.38	70	102.51	28	104.15	60	100.95	76	0.10	154	1.64	22	106.65	66	101.99	65	4	35	482	328	25	266.30	4740.00	
29	26	Colorado Springs, CO	COO	109.65	30	101.98	32	107.07	34	101.24	63	-0.51	187	1.85	17	100.16	84	97.12	166	8	7	483	296	19	268.85	499.99	
30	34	Fort Lauderdale, FL	FOT	105.22	61	101.73	35	104.54	53	102.77	18	0.74	120	0.74	92	85.26	154	101.74	67	2	90	488.5	368.5	29	269.89	1535.47	
31	60	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Lompoc, CA	SAT	102.83	89	100.81	22	103.68	90	100.68	90	6.87	8	0.89	0	101.87	216	98.31	22	11	163	485.5	368.5	30	275.11	301.07	
32	38	Naples, FL	NAP	113.29	13	106.22	8	110.57	13	103.22	6	0.88	94	0.19	273	96.85	94	100.93	82	0	243	500	386	32	276.24	207.03	
33	80	Houma, LA	HMT	109.18	32	99.66	68	104.88	50	102.51	25	4.92	22	0.19	271	82.79	171	109.13	9	1	163	504	482	59	278.45	194.59	
34	50	Albuquerque, NM	ALB	109.71	40	99.55	74	99.55	74	101.87	80	3.39	45	3.09	2	112.10	50	107.15	17	5	19	514	469	34	263.68	237.82	
35	28	Orlando, FL	ORL	116.11	6	101.04	44	110.01	14	99.93	149	0.44	138	0.85	78	90.99	124	96.84	110	4	35	534.5	386.5	53	298.78	1535.00	
36	34	San Antonio, TX	SAZ	105.16	62	99.30	78	103.70	66	101.04	72	-0.59	191	1.24	38	130.74	21	109.55	7	3	59	531.5	293.5	17	293.65	1564.95	
37	52	Fort Myers-Cape Coral, FL	FOM	104.94	66	101.89	33	108.67	20	104.55	1	-2.43	258	0.52	138	103.90	76	103.50	43	2	90	551.5	293.5	18	304.70	400.54	
38	69	Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	SCW	101.16	112	102.24	24	109.24	62	101.72	44	0.61	122	1.21	41	87.30	145	97.29	160	6	35	432.5	345.5	25	306.36	245.20	
39	37	Sarasota-Bradenton, FL	SAR	118.03	3	103.48	18	110.66	12	103.08	9	-2.05	247	0.42	175	88.74	139	97.26	161	2	90	571.5	324.5	23	315.75	550.08	
40	56	Modesto, CA	MOD	106.53	50	98.67	112	105.87	43	103.38	5	5.43	14	0.25	249	103.19	78	97.84	141	0	243	579.5	565.5	69	320.17	436.79	
41	53	Chico-Paradee, CA	CHO	104.00	63	99.24	80	101.42	69	101.42	69	0.61	124	0.61	124	88.73	30	101.75	17	5	19	453.5	305.5	30	304.59	1552.22	
42	41	Kansas City, MO-KS	KAN	103.84	78	99.30	79	101.32	103	100.23	125	3.25	51	1.40	32	113.23	46	97.38	155	2	90	597.5	548.5	68	330.11	1755.90	
43	70	Dutchess County, NY	DUT	100.50	129	97.85	149	101.81	40	101.81	40	2.34	71	2.44	7	115.51	39	98.03	136	3	59	607.5	366.5	66	335.64	268.24	
44	94	Jacksonville, FL	JAC	106.72	49	100.48	52	104.00	63	101.12	67	1.55	90	0.47	158	83.98	161	104.46	92	1	163	608	518	64	335.91	1036.39	
45	35	Boston, MA	BOS	109.89	119	101.89	11	104.83	10	101.89	11	-0.66	193	1.45	31	104.59	70	99.75	107	10	1	617.5	424.5	107	341.16	3270.20	
46	40	Middlesex-Somerset-Hantsdon, NJ	MSH	104.15	73	101.67	37	105.02	49	101.28	62	-0.69	194	2.04	13	116.05	157	94.12	230	7	11	620.5	426.5	62	342.82	1106.53	
47	125	Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL	MEL	101.53	106	102.23	29	103.02	79	100.97	74	-1.91	242	2.19	11	91.55	121	102.94	52	6	14	629	293	34	347.51	470.36	
48	128	Anchorage, AK	ANC	100.97	117	96.76	210	103.09	77	102.31	27	5.71	12	0.55	130	107.35	64	99.21	215	2	90	642.5	630.5	80	354.97	271.81	
49	21	Fort Collins-Louisville, CO	FOC	110.11	23	102.63	12	110.11	23	101.65	49	-2.81	263	1.05	65	84.20	284	105.29	284	3	59	656.5	385.5	5	362.71	236.85	
50	72	Monmouth-Ocean, NJ	MNO	100.75	124	100.60	50	102.24	87	101.85	39	-1.80	236														

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96	157	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	95.36	229	99.55	72	98.06	165	100.47	104	0.41	142	0.71	95	87.19	146	97.59	147	3	59	935.5	793.5	116	516.85	869.47
97	97	Springfield, MA	96.49	169	99.64	68	99.00	166	100.64	104	0.51	142	0.51	84.74	53	24	90.25	24	0	243	942.5	910.5	149	910.5	303.33
98	108	Spokane, WA	97.50	188	101.81	34	98.72	152	100.81	82	-0.56	190	0.69	99	87.73	142	91.34	264	2	90	943.5	753.5	130	521.27	409.74
99	136	Longview-Marshall, TX	97.79	180	96.99	195	99.01	148	100.13	133	1.01	107	0.49	146	114.77	42	105.26	28	1	163	952.5	845.5	132	528.24	209.49
100	118	Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA	97.58	186	98.82	101	97.76	175	100.19	130	0.92	112	1.15	47	80.33	184	93.73	244	3	59	971	859	138	538.46	932.99
101	137	Norfolk-Virginia Beach, VA-NC	99.21	144	99.21	144	99.26	141	100.16	132	2.24	72	0.49	102	90.05	131	97.67	144	0	243	975	975	147	975	1562.64
102	116	Tacoma, WA	97.55	185	99.83	65	99.75	130	100.64	177	0.67	165	0.41	182	83.48	163	91.43	263	1	163	977.5	912.5	153	540.06	688.81
103	75	Eugene-Springfield, OR	97.98	174	96.62	220	96.67	196	98.54	252	3.64	41	1.20	43	179.43	2	101.74	148	2	90	984.5	943.5	165	543.92	314.90
104	156	Marion, CA	96.12	154	97.92	154	99.12	145	100.46	106	0.61	126	0.22	153	131.96	17	97.35	156	1	163	958.5	858.5	137	548.71	200.76
105	106	Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson, SC	99.44	147	97.82	155	99.71	131	98.78	235	2.93	56	0.59	119	76.88	208	97.64	145	3	59	989.5	933.5	161	546.69	929.57
106	112	Greensboro-Winston Salem, NC	99.17	175	97.16	187	97.98	169	97.29	280	2.38	70	1.00	59	131.40	20	99.91	104	4	35	990	920	155	546.96	1179.38
107	142	Knoxville, TN	96.15	209	98.08	136	99.02	146	101.08	69	0.55	133	0.56	127	74.04	222	95.29	212	4	35	991	858	136	547.51	672.09
108	169	Corpus Christi, TX	97.64	184	97.74	159	96.46	201	100.27	122	4.00	37	0.38	194	77.32	203	100.25	96	2	90	994.5	907.5	169	549.45	387.10
109	85	Lincoln, NE	100.26	133	97.84	150	98.63	155	100.43	107	-3.00	272	1.35	33	92.74	114	95.64	207	5	19	1003.5	731.5	105	554.42	237.66
110	107	Baton Rouge, LA	104.10	74	96.43	231	100.71	114	99.63	178	1.23	99	0.43	172	78.28	195	100.02	103	1	163	1012.5	913.5	154	559.39	578.95
111	140	Fayetteville, NC	103.62	79	97.39	177	102.92	63	100.33	117	0.95	111	0.14	202	85.32	253	95.57	209	0	243	1012.5	901.5	149	559.39	283.65
112	90	Clarksville-Hopkinsville, TN-KY	98.46	165	99.22	85	98.64	154	100.06	140	1.89	81	0.19	269	95.14	98	97.08	167	0	243	1013.5	932.5	160	559.94	201.35
113	78	Richmond-Petersburg, VA	100.57	127	98.91	99	100.00	123	100.31	120	-0.88	199	0.60	118	83.14	167	93.37	247	1	163	1015.5	916.5	121	561.05	961.42
114	65	Cedar Rapids, IA	100.98	115	98.72	109	101.00	109	97.32	279	-5.54	294	3.08	3	106.64	69	97.96	138	4	35	1028.5	734.5	105	568.23	194.89
115	129	Wichita, KS	99.83	139	94.81	262	98.51	156	100.41	110	-4.30	284	2.62	81	106.55	97	103.95	34	5	19	1035	751	109	571.82	548.71
116	122	Philadelphia, PA-NJ	97.25	192	99.04	94	98.15	163	100.04	143	-1.58	235	1.04	56	79.88	185	97.23	163	6	14	1036	801	120	572.38	4949.87
117	98	Ocala, FL	104.81	67	97.60	188	103.53	69	102.02	32	-0.88	203	0.19	274	50.84	291	90.50	274	1	163	1040	837	130	574.59	245.98
118	105	Jackson, MS	96.92	198	96.31	237	97.46	179	100.26	123	0.17	151	0.84	80	103.92	75	102.23	61	2	90	1041	890	146	575.14	432.65
119	81	Lexington, KY	103.62	80	98.52	162	103.62	80	100.52	143	0.49	149	0.68	96	88.36	246	96.66	246	0	243	1046	966	147	582.62	456.62
120	83	Louisville, KY-IN	100.98	116	97.70	164	98.28	159	98.33	259	1.49	93	0.45	163	112.72	47	101.63	74	0	243	1054.5	961.5	170	582.60	1005.85
121	146	Killeen-Temple, TX	101.83	105	97.57	171	99.41	139	99.64	176	2.72	60	0.23	269	48.20	292	99.02	118	1	163	1067	1007	181	589.50	296.32
122	103	Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR	96.98	204	96.89	204	95.67	217	98.22	205	1.64	87	1.03	57	86.94	92	100.39	93	3	59	1068.5	988.5	177	594.20	559.08
123	74	Grand Rapids-Muskegon-Holland, MI	102.81	91	97.72	162	99.50	136	98.64	245	0.08	157	0.55	134	82.82	170	95.54	210	3	59	1077.5	920.5	156	595.30	1052.09
124	66	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	99.30	148	98.02	142	98.82	150	99.56	183	-4.06	282	0.42	176	144.44	10	117.77	5	1	163	1082	800	119	597.79	348.10
125	89	Lynchburg, VA	95.24	224	97.05	193	94.98	232	96.79	288	5.64	13	1.10	51	109.00	54	99.80	106	3	59	1085	1072	202	599.45	208.83
126	127	Jessey City, MO	97.93	176	100.65	6	97.76	176	99.06	148	-3.23	253	0.49	149	79.60	187	98.60	187	1	163	1094	1094	229	604.42	452.62
127	177	Atlantic-Cape May, NJ	100.29	125	96.67	214	97.58	178	100.81	81	2.79	58	0.37	198	83.99	160	94.99	217	1	163	1095	1037	190	604.97	337.64
128	144	Charleston, WV	97.69	183	96.45	229	96.52	198	99.14	213	3.44	44	0.65	108	86.47	148	98.99	120	2	90	1100	1056	196	607.73	251.20
129	128	Birmingham, AL	97.26	193	97.26	193	97.26	193	97.26	193	0.80	161	0.80	161	99.29	202	99.29	202	1	163	1105	1105	219	610.51	915.08
130	84	Waco, TX	97.17	194	94.85	281	98.17	162	99.89	228	2.01	79	0.70	97	112.26	49	101.09	80	1	163	1121.5	1042.5	191	619.61	204.24
131	95	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	98.34	167	97.34	179	96.88	188	99.20	206	-0.52	188	0.96	62	91.24	122	97.04	169	4	35	1122	934	162	619.89	1627.51
132	113	Pittsburgh, PA	95.10	236	97.10	189	96.83	192	100.19	129	-1.25	225	0.84	79	91.98	117	101.47	75	4	35	1124	899	148	620.99	231.34
133	131	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	102.87	87	98.76	107	102.87	105	99.83	260	-3.83	289	0.22	284	83.33	178	98.81	123	0	243	1143	883	143	631.49	457.35
134	153	Newburgh, NY-PA	100.31	131	98.80	104	101.35	102	100.91	70	-5.76	295	0.33	214	75.29	214	89.89	276	1	163	1144.5	849.5	139	632.32	375.56
135	121	Daytona Beach, FL	98.66	181	99.77	67	98.25	160	100.20	128	-4.67	289	0.38	197	77.23	205	98.52	127	1	163	1151	862	134	635.91	474.71
136	191	El Paso, TX	97.24	185	97.24	185	97.24	185	97.24	185	0.80	161	0.80	161	99.72	183	103.82	38	1	163	1153	1023	193	637.92	701.91
137	120	Brownston, WA	96.86	197	97.80	157	100.52	119	101.70	46	-1.09	217	0.39	188	69.10	241	87.38	288	0	243	1156	839	164	638.67	236.56
138	147	Binghamton, NY	95.70	219	97.44	174	97.64	177	99.80	163	0.30	147	1.52	26	69.03	243	92.42	253	4	35	1158.5	1011.5	183	640.06	247.46
139	155	Ranokoa, VA	95.27	233	98.14	131	94.05	246	99.39	192	-0.32	182	0.79	83	105.10	72	103.93	36	1	163	1161	979	176	641.44	227.74
140	115	Chattanooga, TN-GA	96.59	203	98.12	131	96.77	194	99.42	169	1.17	102	0.24	294	92.20	116	101.71	73	0						

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2002 Rank	2001 Rank	City	State	Wages & Salaries Growth (I = 1995)		Wages & Salaries Growth (I = 1999)		Job Growth (I = 1996)		Job Growth (I = 2000)		Job Momentum (CAR)		High-Tech GDP LQ		Relative HT GDP Growth (I = 1996)		Relative HT GDP Growth (I = 2000)		# of HT GDP LQs Over 1		Weighted Rank Index (w/CAR)	Weighted Rank Index (w/CAR)	2001 Rank w/CAR	Overall Index	Population (th) 2000	
				2000 Value	Rank	2000 Value	Rank	2001 Value	Rank	2001 Value	Rank	Feb. 2002	Rank	2001 Value	Rank	2001 Value	Rank	2001 Value	Rank	2001 Value	Rank						2001 Value
192	174	Racine	WI	RAC	92.92	271	92.08	298	92.43	273	98.30	260	-1.68	237	0.23	256	86.05	151	103.14	49	2	90	1612	1375	265	890.61	185.78
193	170	Augusta-Aiken	GA, SC	AUG	94.40	243	96.64	219	94.20	243	98.13	266	-2.14	249	0.35	206	64.93	261	97.35	158	1	163	1614	1365	252	891.71	460.83
194	200	Galveston-Texas City	TX	GAL	88.96	291	95.25	267	90.91	286	99.32	197	0.24	149	0.24	255	67.16	252	95.90	201	1	163	1625.5	1476.5	285	898.07	248.47
195	158	Fort Wayne	IN	FOW	93.56	257	95.25	269	92.23	275	96.62	290	-0.86	198	0.74	91	74.53	218	88.82	282	2	90	1629.5	1431.5	280	900.28	484.32
196	180	Rockford	IL	ROC	92.81	272	94.58	286	92.37	274	97.11	285	1.07	104	0.36	202	58.21	274	92.41	254	2	90	1631	1527	289	901.10	358.64
197	183	Johnstown	PA	JOH	90.14	286	94.17	292	91.16	290	98.95	230	-3.43	278	0.47	156	84.77	156	100.64	88	1	163	1647.5	1389.5	284	910.22	233.79
198	193	Lake Charles	LA	LAK	98.53	164	93.62	296	94.33	241	98.89	229	-3.03	273	0.21	267	63.80	265	96.15	195	1	163	1648	1375	266	910.50	180.61
199	198	Youngstown-Warren	OH	YOU	89.78	289	93.66	295	89.80	288	96.56	291	0.43	140	0.19	270	57.68	275	94.13	229	1	163	1771.5	1631.5	295	978.73	589.24
200	199	Gary	IN	GAR	93.34	260	94.26	289	91.07	282	97.48	277	-7.89	298	0.16	280	68.99	244	94.82	218	0	243	1696.5	1600.5	293	1048.90	628.38