

# Complete Results: 2009 Best-Performing Large Cities

2009 rank	2008 rank	Metropolitan area	5-yr job growth 2003-2007		1-yr job growth 2007-2008		5-yr wages/salaries growth 2002-2007		1-yr wages/salaries growth 2006-2007		Job growth (Mar 08-Mar 09)		5-yr relative HT GDP growth 2003-2007		1-yr relative HT GDP growth 2007-2008		High-Tech GDP LQ 2008		# of HT GDP LQs over 1 2008		Population 2008 (thousands)	Overall index**	
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1	4	Austin-Round Rock, TX MSA	112.92	6	103.04	4	109.66	19	103.08	5	0.32%	4	112.86	20	102.41	11	1.56	14	10	23	1,653	100.00	
2	13	Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX MSA	108.23	18	104.15	1	117.43	4	101.62	28	1.81%	1	139.23	6	98.91	73	0.85	75	6	18	379	232.98	
3	3	Salt Lake City, UT MSA	109.51	10	101.14	44	107.77	29	103.73	2	-2.58%	96	102.18	48	100.87	5	1.00	56	11	14	1,116	337.32	
4	7	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX MSA	118.13	1	103.60	3	116.02	7	102.82	8	-0.01%	6	182.19	6	96.75	133	0.45	174	3	148	727	350.33	
5	16	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX MSA	108.55	16	102.70	7	108.92	21	102.91	7	-0.69%	23	97.22	70	99.18	68	0.57	89	3	148	5,728	362.57	
6	21	Durham, NC MSA	106.70	28	102.15	13	102.87	68	101.39	33	-1.75%	54	96.91	72	101.72	20	2.18	4	9	34	490	363.07	
7	9	Olympia, WA MSA	107.64	23	102.13	14	103.33	23	102.66	11	-0.39%	16	119.21	21	101.38	25	0.18	14	4	125	245	363.55	
8	5	Huntsville, AL MSA	107.75	20	102.33	9	106.79	37	100.56	62	-2.19%	6	102.16	55	102.16	6	2.08	6	8	47	396	364.60	
9	14	Lafayette, LA MSA	107.68	22	101.73	23	111.22	16	102.72	10	-0.37%	14	114.00	19	97.86	104	0.84	122	4	125	259	374.44	
10	2	Raleigh-Cary, NC MSA	113.09	5	101.30	33	108.06	28	102.61	12	-3.96%	128	98.68	62	100.71	37	1.45	20	12	10	1,089	376.31	
11	15	San Antonio, TX MSA	107.71	21	102.67	8	107.68	30	102.16	20	-0.19%	10	94.09	95	96.62	138	0.88	69	6	78	2,031	386.93	
12	29	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX MD	106.32	30	101.92	10	103.68	58	102.39	16	-0.38%	15	95.92	79	96.87	131	1.10	45	9	34	2,074	390.86	
13	23	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX MD	106.25	32	102.01	17	103.57	60	102.56	13	-1.72%	53	103.18	41	100.23	148	1.49	17	11	14	4,226	396.07	
14	37	El Paso, TX MSA	103.46	53	102.80	6	103.18	65	102.35	17	-0.78%	24	94.70	90	96.22	45	0.67	113	4	125	742	487.99	
15	45	Wichita, KS MSA	104.19	46	102.33	9	98.76	117	100.18	76	-0.58%	20	104.06	38	99.33	65	2.01	7	7	57	604	489.00	
16	88	Corpus Christi, TX MSA	104.18	47	103.77	2	104.16	54	101.27	36	-1.36%	41	109.27	29	100.93	31	0.56	143	3	148	415	493.68	
17	17	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA MD	105.95	33	101.84	27	101.65	79	102.75	9	-3.34%	126	97.28	69	100.14	48	2.18	4	8	47	2,559	498.05	
18	40	Baton Rouge, LA MSA	105.09	39	101.01	50	108.10	27	103.99	4	0.45%	3	102.94	42	97.12	125	0.47	170	42	3	148	774	508.96
19	72	Tulsa, OK MSA	105.47	36	102.07	16	100.12	97	100.19	75	0.23%	11	108.58	30	100.78	32	0.71	100	5	106	916	512.89	
20	20	Greeley, CO MSA	108.82	14	101.82	20	105.42	47	101.64	27	-1.57%	48	102.61	44	98.77	78	0.51	122	3	148	250	516.27	
21	8	Tacoma, WA MD	107.27	25	100.24	89	111.87	14	101.77	25	-2.27%	77	133.99	9	100.21	46	0.64	162	5	106	786	516.27	
22	48	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA	103.81	50	101.45	30	97.41	127	100.67	56	-1.16%	36	97.50	68	100.55	41	1.40	24	10	23	293	524.59	
23	54	Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR MSA	102.10	75	101.02	49	102.09	76	101.66	26	-1.35%	40	106.08	33	97.91	102	1.12	43	7	57	675	533.26	
24	67	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA MSA	103.29	58	101.31	31	104.63	49	102.34	18	-0.98%	28	134.58	8	95.19	169	0.63	127	5	106	390	540.07	
25	41	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV MD	103.42	55	101.16	43	105.56	45	99.77	97	-0.89%	27	93.31	104	98.23	92	1.47	19	9	34	4,182	544.34	
26	50	Oklahoma City, OK MSA	103.14	61	101.63	28	103.88	55	100.15	81	-0.24%	12	104.03	39	98.91	73	0.65	120	6	78	1,206	544.74	
27	57	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO MSA	108.47	17	100.26	87	111.11	17	99.56	4	-1.12%	33	144.68	4	103.97	4	0.54	154	4	125	444	566.45	
28	1	Provo-Orem, UT MSA	114.96	2	99.44	140	114.74	9	104.17	1	-3.85%	145	95.63	83	101.37	26	1.26	36	6	78	541	568.15	
29	56	Lubbock, TX MSA	101.04	81	101.04	81	98.96	114	100.52	60	0.38%	11	111.66	21	101.80	195	1.28	31	6	78	271	570.77	
30	10	Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville, SC MSA	108.08	19	101.26	38	107.64	31	100.84	47	-3.05%	116	111.34	22	97.01	129	0.69	106	6	78	645	581.54	
31	52	Fayetteville, NC MSA	105.69	34	101.81	22	111.76	15	102.44	15	-1.86%	58	92.40	109	97.85	105	0.42	180	2	173	356	592.95	
32	18	Ogden-Clearfield, UT MSA	106.31	31	99.88	115	106.35	41	103.18	3	-2.71%	102	115	96.48	81	103.26	6	0.70	105	6	78	531	593.70
33	43	Peoria, IL MSA	104.20	45	101.46	29	106.79	37	99.63	106	-1.00%	31	101.65	49	98.16	95	0.55	148	5	106	372	620.95	
34	6	Wilmington, NC MSA	113.99	4	99.99	105	114.39	11	102.05	22	-4.32%	160	142.68	5	98.32	88	0.72	98	4	125	347	639.47	
35	49	Amarillo, TX MSA	102.85	64	101.71	24	104.29	51	102.03	23	-0.55%	19	96.44	75	93.79	179	0.50	164	3	148	244	643.82	
36	12	Bakersfield, CA MSA	109.08	13	100.20	94	108.21	26	100.28	72	-1.34%	39	98.64	86	98.64	83	0.49	166	5	106	800	645.13	
37	28	Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA MSA	100.15	38	100.44	76	101.76	78	100.36	69	-4.23%	154	139.05	7	100.03	50	1.84	9	9	34	2,207	647.49	
38	85	New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY-NJ MD	100.28	93	101.29	35	105.67	44	103.07	6	-2.17%	70	89.93	133	99.00	71	0.66	116	4	125	11,897	653.47	
39	24	Savannah, GA MSA	110.37	7	99.08	156	109.32	20	101.04	37	-2.05%	63	110.20	26	97.64	112	0.74	93	3	148	334	656.58	
40	33	Anchorage, AK MSA	102.75	62	102.09	15	102.75	62	100.15	81	0.38%	103	93.42	103	93.42	103	0.52	103	5	106	365	658.43	
41	35	Spokane, WA MSA	104.73	41	100.75	63	104.21	52	101.47	31	-2.87%	111	99.16	59	98.87	75	0.68	107	4	125	463	663.49	
42	31	Albuquerque, NM MSA	103.38	56	100.40	78	102.24	73	99.54	113	-2.48%	89	93.69	98	101.16	28	1.95	8	11	14	846	672.33	
43	100	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA MSA	98.77	125	100.00	104	102.12	75	100.37	68	-1.78%	55	102.29	46	100.34	43	1.41	22	11	14	405	681.50	
44	95	Boulder, CO MSA	102.59	68	101.85	19	97.20	130	100.35	70	-2.96%	112	96.21	78	97.94	101	2.75	3	15	3	293	684.00	
45	139	Cambridge-Newton-Framingham, MA MD	96.64	163	100.93	56	96.12	142	100.83	48	-0.44%	18	91.58	115	102.20	13	2.84	1	18	1	1,482	684.96	
46	62	Trenton-Ewing, NJ MSA	100.79	87	101.19	42	100.85	93	99.38	119	-2.27%	76	107.18	31	99.30	67	1.26	36	9	34	365	697.32	
47	26	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC MSA	106.69	29	100.50	68	106.47	40	101.29	35	-6.04%	189	106.98	32	100.77	33	0.68	107	4	125	1,702	708.54	
48	149	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT MSA	98.91	120	101.27	36	98.88	115	100.92	39	-1.99%	60	102.37	37	99.03	64	0.93	64	5	106	1,191	712.08	
49	93	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT MSA	98.42	129	100.96	54	103.13	66	100.92	39	-2.67%	99	99.77	56	98.63	84	0.99	59	7	57	895	716.40	
50	34	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA MSA	99.75	105	100.84	61	100.84	61	94.80	161	-0.87%	146	94.80	89	101.80	195	2.83	2	15	3	1,819	733.12	
51	123	Bethesda-Frederick-Gaithersburg, MD MD	98.51	127	100.19	95	102.36	69	99.02	140	-0.05%	8	95.67	82	100.03	103	0.68	107	9	34	1,176	741.12	
52	77	Kansas City, MO-KANS MSA	100.82	86	100.96	54	97.19	131	100.67	56	-1.41%	42	93.10	106	95.59	163	1.35	27	7	57	2,002	758.43	
53	25	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA MSA	105.23	37	101.10	46	104.17	53	99.91	90	-1.48%	43	94.89	88	94.87	172	0.55	148	3	148	556	759.53	
54	134	Utica-Rome, NY MSA	95.49	175	100.33	81	96.23	140	101.62	28	-0.67%	22	104.30	37	97.32	118	1.04	52	15	3	294	766.79	
55	44	Denver-Aurora, CO MSA	102.47	71	101.22	41	98.83	116	100.78	53	-3.75%	141	93.12	105	96.71	136	1.63	12	12	10	2,507	770.02	
56	36	Columbia, SC MSA	102.73	66	100.43	77	103.04	67	100.57	61	-1.53%	45	105.19	36	96.70	137	0.53	156	3	148	728	770.37	
57	86	Cedar Rapids, IA MSA	102.70	67	101.66	26	98.98	113	100.17	78	-0.79%	25	87.43	150	92.76	189	0.82	82	6	78	255	775.83	
58	66	Salem, OR MSA	103.78	51	100.87	60	102.32	71	100.48	63	-4.37%	161	105.38	34	101.82	18							

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94	176	Norwich-New London, CT MSA	95.81	173	100.29	85	94.84	164	100.92	39	-2.67%	101	101.58	50	99.31	66	1.34	29	5	106	265	956.80	
95	108	Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI MD	99.32	112	100.45	74	96.59	138	99.59	108	-2.29%	78	85.35	160	99.57	57	1.27	33	5	106	877	956.99	
96	130	Philadelphia, PA MD	99.82	146	100.64	66	98.57	119	98.52	95	-1.23%	81	79.54	180	98.24	91	1.12	43	7	57	3,892	963.18	
97	146	Lincoln, NE MSA	99.94	100	101.01	50	95.45	152	99.16	131	-1.16%	35	80.70	178	99.37	62	0.67	113	5	106	295	969.72	
98	22	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN MSA	103.27	59	100.02	102	106.23	42	99.83	94	-3.83%	144	87.64	149	94.88	171	0.65	120	6	78	1,551	972.92	
99	11	Orlando-Kissimmee, FL MSA	110.22	8	98.91	162	112.57	13	98.78	146	-5.59%	184	98.90	61	93.14	187	0.83	80	7	57	2,055	981.23	
100	94	Honolulu, HI MSA	100.24	72	99.82	116	105.90	43	100.27	73	-2.37%	82	91.78	113	92.51	193	0.47	170	2	173	905	986.91	
101	111	Colorado Springs, CO MSA	100.53	90	99.68	129	99.31	107	100.18	76	-3.76%	142	78.92	181	97.34	117	1.73	11	10	23	618	987.76	
102	38	Montgomery, AL MSA	102.29	73	100.33	61	99.75	103	99.27	127	-2.67%	100	97.69	67	96.79	132	0.61	129	4	125	366	987.87	
103	53	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA MSA	105.54	35	96.62	192	114.60	10	99.33	123	-6.30%	190	111.07	24	98.30	140	0.59	135	6	78	4,116	991.97	
104	30	Ocala, FL MSA	108.61	15	96.85	191	118.09	3	99.26	168	-4.97%	177	149.64	3	92.76	189	0.85	75	7	57	330	996.16	
105	129	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ MSA	100.26	96	100.31	84	98.35	122	99.67	102	-2.44%	85	83.69	167	96.59	140	0.74	93	7	57	808	997.60	
106	59	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA MSA	102.93	63	99.34	143	99.16	110	99.98	87	-4.97%	176	93.60	99	98.47	85	1.08	49	8	47	5,376	1,000.56	
107	75	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV MSA	114.23	3	99.04	157	123.86	1	100.46	66	-5.21%	178	95.18	85	93.17	186	0.37	192	2	173	1,866	1,004.39	
108	135	Columbus, OH MSA	98.03	136	100.24	89	94.35	171	99.07	137	-1.56%	47	94.45	93	100.72	36	0.79	84	6	78	1,773	1,009.56	
109	136	Pittsburgh, PA MSA	96.13	171	100.67	64	94.41	168	100.07	85	-1.80%	56	90.29	128	96.04	151	0.87	71	10	23	2,351	1,016.13	
110	124	Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA MSA	97.96	139	100.47	72	95.19	157	99.28	125	-2.78%	95	110.46	25	95.92	154	0.78	55	10	23	531	1,017.94	
111	171	Peabody, MA MD	95.20	180	99.54	136	95.35	155	100.83	48	-2.78%	106	79.69	179	101.89	17	1.83	10	13	8	736	1,018.99	
112	166	Columbus, GA-AL MSA	95.51	174	99.96	109	98.44	120	99.66	103	-1.15%	34	87.89	148	93.90	178	1.27	33	9	34	288	1,023.01	
113	154	Jackson, MS MSA	98.87	121	100.04	101	101.14	91	99.57	109	-1.49%	44	83.76	165	99.45	61	0.56	143	2	173	537	1,024.36	
114	27	Boise City-Nampa, ID MSA	109.59	9	98.46	166	108.27	25	98.29	166	-6.80%	192	83.99	163	102.46	10	1.01	55	3	148	600	1,037.71	
115	47	Fresno, CA MSA	101.66	78	99.27	147	101.51	80	99.72	99	-3.45%	131	105.38	34	97.78	106	0.42	180	4	125	909	1,053.40	
116	104	Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL MSA	99.47	109	97.45	187	107.19	36	97.15	185	-5.43%	181	100.59	53	99.82	54	1.50	16	13	8	537	1,063.29	
117	58	Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA MSA	98.87	121	98.06	179	103.39	63	99.81	96	-5.24%	179	97.83	65	98.70	60	0.95	62	8	47	2,110	1,064.78	
118	102	Richmond, VA MSA	101.35	79	99.59	135	101.33	86	99.68	101	-3.61%	136	91.75	114	95.22	168	0.71	100	6	78	1,226	1,066.57	
119	60	Knoxville, TN MSA	100.33	91	99.93	111	101.30	87	99.50	115	-3.39%	129	78.36	183	97.05	127	0.68	107	7	57	691	1,070.68	
120	19	Myrtle Beach-North Myrtle Beach-Conway, SC MSA	99.08	11	99.28	145	111.02	18	98.61	153	-7.08%	195	101.22	52	97.49	113	0.40	184	3	148	257	1,072.66	
121	109	Camden, NJ MD	97.93	141	99.74	125	99.95	99	99.01	141	-4.21%	153	95.51	84	100.77	33	0.88	69	8	47	1,251	1,079.52	
122	106	Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA MD	98.59	126	98.40	170	104.80	48	98.52	155	-4.71%	170	92.62	107	98.68	81	1.28	31	16	2	3,011	1,085.15	
123	137	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI MSA	98.19	132	99.78	122	97.03	133	100.48	63	-3.28%	123	87.96	145	96.17	149	0.93	64	7	57	3,230	1,085.60	
124	64	Visalia-Porterville, CA MSA	104.65	42	100.22	91	103.69	57	98.60	154	-3.07%	117	88.56	147	95.65	161	0.23	200	3	148	426	1,091.42	
125	81	Indianapolis-Carmel, IN MSA	100.31	92	100.28	86	96.12	142	98.22	170	-3.00%	114	83.52	168	98.07	96	1.20	40	7	57	1,715	1,091.43	
126	168	Roanoke, VA MSA	97.58	146	99.68	129	95.20	156	99.07	137	-1.69%	50	90.27	129	99.53	59	0.73	95	7	57	298	1,096.41	
127	182	Springfield, MA MSA	95.29	178	99.72	126	94.14	172	100.83	48	-2.79%	107	98.02	64	100.57	40	0.59	135	6	78	688	1,098.62	
128	152	St. Louis, MO-IL MSA	97.54	149	100.45	74	93.66	177	98.76	148	-2.47%	87	93.78	97	96.27	147	1.00	56	9	34	2,841	1,115.95	
129	115	Tallahassee, FL MSA	101.28	80	99.24	148	98.04	123	98.39	161	-2.53%	93	98.11	63	95.54	164	0.71	100	5	106	357	1,142.64	
130	79	San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA MSA	99.54	108	99.42	141	101.27	90	99.85	93	-3.17%	120	91.11	118	93.99	177	0.56	143	5	106	265	1,145.59	
131	61	Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL MD	103.84	49	98.10	178	107.35	32	97.25	184	-4.37%	162	91.43	116	92.73	191	0.77	89	8	47	1,78	1,148.56	
132	161	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA MSA	97.37	153	99.99	105	93.93	174	99.14	132	-2.75%	104	101.34	51	95.25	167	0.78	85	11	14	549	1,150.18	
133	128	Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA MSA	96.62	165	101.08	47	95.36	154	98.66	150	-3.15%	119	92.34	110	95.30	166	0.77	89	10	23	305	1,153.31	
134	132	Salinas, CA MSA	95.35	177	100.26	87	99.75	103	99.66	103	-3.11%	118	99.42	58	98.26	90	0.39	167	3	148	408	1,153.55	
135	164	Reading, PA MSA	100.69	89	99.97	108	95.09	158	99.23	128	-2.97%	113	90.85	122	98.02	98	0.56	143	5	106	404	1,155.01	
136	51	Clarksville, TN-KY MSA	101.80	76	98.66	164	116.04	6	98.77	147	-4.73%	171	89.90	134	98.68	81	0.46	172	3	148	261	1,156.08	
137	98	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL MSA	107.09	26	98.42	168	108.64	22	98.86	143	-4.49%	165	94.04	96	93.28	184	0.38	169	3	148	581	1,157.07	
138	173	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN MSA	97.36	154	99.99	105	94.38	169	98.64	151	-2.59%	97	97.73	66	102.40	112	0.73	95	3	148	2,155	1,164.09	
139	126	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA MD	96.95	160	99.16	153	98.03	124	99.66	103	-3.63%	138	88.49	142	97.13	124	1.30	30	10	23	9,862	1,165.49	
140	158	Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME MSA	97.27	156	100.21	92	97.21	129	98.97	142	-2.18%	71	91.01	120	96.37	146	0.62	128	5	106	514	1,168.10	
141	39	Jacksonville, FL MSA	104.36	43	98.40	170	108.45	24	98.44	158	-4.03%	149	86.31	155	90.85	199	0.60	130	4	125	1,313	1,179.41	
142	163	Newark-Union, NJ-PA MD	94.82	182	100.12	98	95.05	159	99.14	132	-2.52%	92	77.54	185	97.16	122	1.18	41	10	23	2,121	1,180.57	
143	133	Reno-Sparks, NV MSA	101.80	76	96.27	195	107.35	32	100.31	71	-7.57%	197	93.47	102	97.49	113	0.46	172	2	173	415	1,183.13	
144	177	Charleston, WV MSA	97.87	145	101.26	38	94.81	165	98.84	144	-1.12%	32	74.05	194	91.47	197	0.57	139	4	125	304	1,183.37	
145	147	Oakland-Fremont-Hayward, CA MD	95.27	179	98.67	163	96.84	136	99.38	119	-4.17%	151	93.55	101	98.35	107	1.40	24	14	6	2,504	1,193.16	
146	112	Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV MSA	99.23	116	99.14	155	101.29	89	98.28	167	-2.81%	109	120.65	13	95.75	159	0.55	148	4	125	264	1,194.14	
147	114	Edison-New Brunswick, NJ MD	97.94	140	99.81	117	95.94	148	99.31	124	-4.30%	159	82.99	170	96.45	143	1.48	18	12	10	2,325	1,194.65	
148	160	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL MD	99.69	127	99.69	127	95.79	150	99.56	110	-3.79%	143	90.71	124	98.77	78	0.81	83	7	57	7,990	1,195.34	
149	153	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH MSA	97.43	151	99.81	117	96.07	144	99.72	99	-1.00%	30	90.15	130	95.64	162	0.38	169	2	173	284	1,206.36	
150	78	Port St. Lucie, FL MSA	96.94	27	95.29	198	116.85	5	97.29	183</													

2009 rank	2008 rank	Metropolitan area	5-yr job growth 2003-2008		1-yr job growth 2007-2008		5-yr wages/salaries growth 2002-2007		1-yr wages/salaries growth 2006-2007		Job growth (Mar 08-Mar 09)		5-yr relative HT GDP growth 2003-2008		1-yr relative HT GDP growth 2007-2008		High-Tech GDP LQ 2008		# of HT GDP LQs over 1 2008		Population 2008 (thousands)		Overall index
			2008 Value*	Rank	2008 Value*	Rank	2007 Value*	Rank	2007 Value*	Rank	Growth	Rank	2008 Value*	Rank	2008 Value*	Rank	2008 Value*	Rank	2008 Value*	Rank	2008 Value*	Rank	
178	144	Memphis, TN-MS-AR MSA	97.40	152	99.21	150	97.13	132	99.13	134	-2.20%	75	85.36	159	97.12	125	0.39	187	2	173	1,286	1,341.58	
179	117	Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL MD	101.01	82	99.01	158	101.43	83	98.47	156	-4.30%	158	86.96	153	93.59	181	0.52	158	2	173	2,398	1,347.75	
180	120	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL MSA	107.58	24	93.66	200	122.71	2	95.53	198	-9.32%	200	73.58	196	91.64	195	0.38	189	3	148	593	1,373.22	
181	183	Spartanburg, SC MSA	99.94	100	101.82	20	92.98	180	98.42	160	-4.63%	168	68.76	198	94.73	173	0.33	195	2	173	281	1,386.41	
182	178	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ MD	98.05	135	99.62	133	97.58	126	97.45	177	-4.25%	157	81.23	176	96.57	141	0.59	135	3	148	696	1,429.58	
183	189	Dayton, OH MSA	90.25	196	98.40	170	88.11	191	96.97	187	-3.46%	132	86.37	154	99.92	52	0.86	74	10	23	837	1,430.34	
184	73	Merced, CA MSA	97.93	141	98.42	168	101.39	84	98.74	149	-3.60%	135	73.63	195	97.02	128	0.32	196	0	199	246	1,440.16	
185	191	Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC MSA	91.83	190	97.88	184	88.81	189	99.11	135	-7.69%	198	121.82	12	106.81	2	0.57	139	4	125	363	1,440.91	
186	193	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH MSA	93.52	187	99.17	152	90.96	183	97.56	176	-3.67%	139	96.99	71	101.44	24	0.60	130	2	173	2,088	1,441.72	
187	170	Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA MSA	94.24	185	98.14	176	96.02	146	98.47	156	-4.53%	167	83.72	166	95.92	154	0.78	85	6	78	1,597	1,490.77	
188	186	South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI MSA	94.74	183	99.29	144	89.94	185	96.83	189	-2.79%	108	77.76	184	97.75	107	0.67	113	3	148	317	1,509.25	
189	185	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI MSA	93.34	188	98.96	161	87.46	193	97.14	186	-4.17%	150	59.99	200	98.94	72	0.85	75	4	125	324	1,550.05	
190	197	Canton-Massillon, OH MSA	92.01	189	99.61	134	86.14	196	97.89	172	-2.85%	110	85.49	158	97.88	103	0.28	198	2	173	408	1,553.45	
191	192	Ann Arbor, MI MSA	91.35	195	98.23	174	86.08	197	95.74	195	-4.23%	155	74.48	193	98.00	99	0.98	60	6	78	347	1,573.94	
192	187	Atlantic City, NJ MSA	94.40	184	99.28	145	94.72	166	96.36	190	-4.69%	169	76.88	186	101.91	16	0.37	192	2	173	271	1,582.33	
193	188	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA MSA	91.60	193	98.62	165	87.89	192	96.35	191	-3.98%	147	82.68	171	99.36	64	0.45	174	4	125	566	1,606.88	
194	190	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI MSA	95.09	181	99.16	153	89.61	186	97.33	181	-5.27%	180	81.53	174	98.78	77	0.53	156	2	173	777	1,628.95	
195	196	Lansing-East Lansing, MI MSA	91.58	194	99.81	117	86.45	195	96.24	193	-3.62%	137	72.63	197	96.61	139	0.45	174	1	194	454	1,652.04	
196	199	Holland-Grand Haven, MI MSA	91.81	191	98.36	173	86.91	194	96.14	194	-6.83%	193	78.92	181	107.36	1	0.56	143	2	173	260	1,661.40	
197	198	Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI MD	88.12	197	96.99	190	83.70	198	96.31	192	-7.98%	199	76.54	188	98.81	76	0.97	61	4	125	2,475	1,671.39	
198	194	Toledo, OH MSA	91.73	192	98.14	176	88.59	190	96.96	188	-5.61%	185	89.18	137	101.04	29	0.40	184	1	194	649	1,673.72	
199	200	Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI MD	85.79	199	97.19	188	83.39	199	95.55	197	-5.63%	186	75.76	190	97.16	122	0.76	92	5	106	1,950	1,703.15	
200	195	Flint, MI MSA	86.14	198	95.59	197	78.73	200	94.53	199	-4.46%	164	87.81	147	92.86	188	0.64	122	4	125	429	1,737.63	

\* "Values" are benchmarked against the national average, which is set to 100.

\*\* Index scores are benchmarked against the top performer, which is set to 100. Lower index scores indicate stronger performance.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Moody's Economy.com, Milken Institute.