

Careers

Table: Best Cities For Jobs

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RANK	LAST YEAR'S RANK	GEOGRAPHY	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME RANK	UNEMPLOYMENT RANK	INCOME GROWTH RANK	COST OF LIVING RANK	JOB GROWTH RANK	TOTAL SCORE
1	7	Raleigh-Cary, NC	30	13	12	45	10	110
2	2	Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	34	16	2	64	5	121
3	8	Jacksonville, FL	40	15	6	49	13	123
4	4	Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	57	6	3	57	4	127
5	1	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	14	4	19	86	15	138
6	12	Salt Lake City, UT	19	33	32	38	17	139
7	15	Honolulu, HI	13	1	23	87	16	140
8	3	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	46	18	1	74	1	140
9	25	Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach-Deerfield Beach, FL	48	8	10	84	7	157
10	10	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	50	10	37	26	37	160
11	5	Bethesda-Gaithersburg-Frederick, MD	3	2	25	92	40	162
12	26	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	64	3	16	76	3	162
13	29	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	75	9	13	60	9	166
14	6	Richmond, VA	44	5	52	41	26	168
15	28	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	32	17	54	12	55	170
16	37	West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Boynton Beach, FL	43	22	14	89	8	176
17	23	Little Rock-North Little Rock, AR	61	40	36	10	30	177
18	24	Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro, TN	63	28	29	40	18	178
19	13	Santa Ana-Anaheim-Irvine, CA	9	7	41	98	25	180
20	41	Tucson, AZ	79	32	9	51	14	185
21	9	Oklahoma City, OK	89	20	15	14	49	187
22	42	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	25	41	45	46	31	188
23	51	Austin-Round Rock, TX	74	34	17	44	20	189
24	21	Albuquerque, NM	86	43	20	22	23	194
25	14	Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Roseville, CA	31	44	21	77	21	194
26	11	Camden, NJ	11	36	55	66	28	196
27	17	Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	18	19	49	65	45	196
28	27	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	22	12	63	55	51	203
29	20	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	55	56	7	80	6	204
30	35	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	39	11	59	29	67	205
31	16	San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	20	27	35	94	34	210
32	33	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	100	97	4	8	2	211

33	19	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	7	42	31	93	42	215
34	80	Seattle-Bellevue-Everett, WA	26	45	40	75	29	215
35	48	Tulsa, OK	93	30	24	11	59	217
36	32	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	41	55	33	47	44	220
37	31	Knoxville, TN	95	23	43	27	32	220
38	36	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ	28	29	39	67	57	220
39	22	Baltimore-Towson, MD	27	31	46	68	52	224
40	30	Edison, NJ	4	25	51	90	54	224
41	18	Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	60	38	62	16	50	226
42	39	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	35	46	58	52	39	230
43	81	Baton Rouge, LA	97	77	5	32	19	230
44	40	San Antonio, TX	92	54	18	34	36	234
45	34	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	65	80	8	48	35	236
46	44	Birmingham-Hoover, AL	96	14	28	42	58	238
47	38	Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	69	58	30	43	41	241
48	46	Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI	17	50	57	72	46	242
49	55	Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX	56	67	22	56	43	244
50	63	Columbia, SC	78	83	34	37	24	256
51	56	Miami-Miami Beach-Kendall, FL	77	35	27	83	38	260
52	68	Syracuse, NY	66	51	71	4	69	261
53	47	Nassau-Suffolk, NY	2	24	78	95	64	263
54	52	Bakersfield, CA	80	99	11	62	12	264
55	64	Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	23	49	56	69	72	269
56	57	Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	54	66	84	15	53	272
57	75	Wichita, KS	59	76	44	5	88	272
58	50	Philadelphia, PA	24	53	67	59	73	276
59	58	Rochester, NY	42	47	93	2	92	276
60	83	Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	49	88	61	53	27	278
61	74	Akron, OH	62	84	88	17	33	284
62	62	Cambridge-Newton-Framingham, MA	5	21	77	88	95	286
63	70	Kansas City, MO-KS	58	75	60	31	62	286
64	45	Denver-Aurora, CO	38	61	66	63	60	288
65	54	Columbus, OH	51	60	91	18	70	290
66	69	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	10	26	81	96	80	293
67	67	Oakland-Fremont-Hayward, CA	12	52	65	97	71	297
68	91	Greenville, SC	88	85	48	30	47	298
69	59	El Paso, TX	99	95	26	23	56	299
70	43	Tacoma, WA	52	89	97	50	11	299

71	49	Newark-Union, NJ-PA	6	39	82	91	82	300
72	65	Worcester, MA	21	65	69	71	77	303
73	78	Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	71	69	80	1	84	305
74	72	New Haven-Milford, CT	33	59	64	73	78	307
75	96	New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY-NJ	36	72	53	79	68	308
76	71	Pittsburgh, PA	73	64	85	9	79	310
77	53	Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	45	70	73	61	63	312
78	61	Stockton, CA	76	96	38	82	22	314
79	76	Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	82	71	79	19	65	316
80	82	Memphis, TN-MS-AR	91	86	50	28	61	316
81	77	St. Louis, MO-IL	70	73	83	21	74	321
82	93	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL	37	81	72	58	75	323
83	66	Boston-Quincy, MA	15	48	87	85	90	325
84	89	Gary, IN	83	82	70	24	66	325
85	73	Springfield, MA	47	62	90	39	89	327
86	87	San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, CA	8	37	89	99	96	329
87	79	Essex County, MA	16	68	74	78	94	330
88	85	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA	53	74	47	81	76	331
89	84	Greensboro-High Point, NC	81	63	75	36	85	340
90	60	Fresno, CA	85	100	42	70	48	345
91	95	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	1	79	68	100	98	346
92	94	Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	67	78	94	20	91	350
93	90	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	68	92	86	25	81	352
94	86	Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	87	57	92	33	83	352
95	88	Dayton, OH	72	87	99	6	97	361
96	97	Toledo, OH	84	93	95	7	86	365
97	92	Warren-Troy-Farmington Hills, MI	29	91	98	54	93	365
98	98	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	94	94	96	3	87	374
99	99	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	98	90	76	35	100	399
100	100	Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI	90	98	100	13	99	400