

2004 Best Performing Cities

Top 200 Metros

2003 Rank	2004 Rank		5-yr Job Growth 1998 - 2003		1-yr Job Growth 2002 - 2003		5-yr Wages & Salaries Growth 1997 - 2002		1-yr Wages & Salaries Growth 2001 - 2002		Job Growth (Apr 03 - Apr 04)		5-yr Relative HT GDP Growth 1998 - 2003		1-yr Relative HT GDP Growth 2002 - 2003		High-Tech GDP LQ		# of HT GDP LQs Over 1		MSA Population 2003 (in Thousands)	Overall Index	
			2003 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	2002 Value	Rank	2002 Value	Rank	Growth	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	
175	169	New York NY	97.72	139	99.03	161	98.48	95	94.06	198	0.48%	109	76.88	140	94.61	171	0.56	136	5	101	9418.58	604.92	
115	170	Kalamazoo-Battle Creek MI	95.62	172	99.47	138	87.65	192	101.48	45	-1.09%	184	71.09	164	89.72	196	1.03	51	6	82	459.17	605.97	
152	171	Huntington-Ashland WV-KY-OH	95.99	164	101.04	63	89.30	187	101.93	26	-0.41%	160	63.33	181	92.69	188	0.26	198	0	195	313.66	607.56	
143	172	Bitoli-Gulfport-Pascagoula MS	90.64	196	100.87	72	96.76	119	99.80	130	0.56%	104	63.14	182	96.09	148	0.30	197	0	195	368.69	608.26	
161	173	Buffalo-Niagara Falls NY	96.96	147	99.91	125	88.17	190	98.47	165	-0.39%	159	75.04	150	96.42	140	0.76	88	10	30	1159.44	613.91	
132	174	Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson SC	95.43	175	100.15	107	93.29	153	97.97	180	-0.06%	143	63.62	180	98.75	74	0.60	126	5	101	994.56	619.03	
199	175	Youngstown-Warren OH	90.17	198	99.46	140	81.80	199	99.83	128	1.06%	65	67.59	172	99.64	46	0.44	172	3	149	584.97	619.53	
192	176	Binghamton NY	95.68	171	98.18	185	88.95	188	96.06	196	0.18%	131	71.65	162	101.58	24	1.29	33	9	40	251.11	620.76	
N/A	177	New Haven CT	95.02	177	99.03	162	98.20	102	98.29	171	-1.28%	189	70.27	166	96.01	152	0.98	58	10	30	1741.02	622.61	
142	178	Columbia SC	96.57	151	98.95	164	97.31	113	100.01	119	-0.89%	178	65.04	178	99.57	47	0.49	160	1	186	558.63	626.29	
189	179	Erie PA	96.03	161	98.88	167	89.43	186	100.17	111	0.54%	105	61.71	188	95.00	164	0.53	144	7	68	279.97	627.24	
168	180	Beaumont-Port Arthur TX	94.44	180	100.06	111	87.52	193	99.44	144	-0.45%	162	89.34	75	97.39	113	0.56	135	4	126	382.63	629.04	
166	181	Roanoke VA	96.17	158	97.54	193	94.05	144	99.44	143	0.28%	125	76.78	141	92.27	190	0.95	61	4	126	236.24	633.55	
173	182	Rochester NY	96.01	163	99.98	117	85.29	197	96.31	194	-0.02%	140	67.89	171	92.97	184	1.31	31	9	40	1101.22	634.99	
N/A	183	Springfield MA	97.15	144	98.72	174	94.30	141	98.43	166	0.08%	132	78.79	122	96.76	129	0.50	159	4	126	616.29	635.96	
177	184	Yakima WA	94.48	179	99.47	139	92.82	156	100.37	99	-0.84%	175	88.56	79	93.98	178	0.38	184	3	149	226.73	646.43	
178	185	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL	93.88	186	99.64	132	88.01	191	99.25	149	-0.17%	150	76.92	138	98.48	86	0.62	121	4	126	357.97	647.00	
190	186	Detroit MI	94.30	182	98.71	175	92.05	163	98.64	163	-1.35%	191	87.92	83	97.83	103	0.94	62	5	101	4461.65	650.37	
194	187	Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria OH	93.17	190	100.20	102	90.19	180	99.45	142	-0.07%	144	62.20	186	96.10	147	0.58	130	4	126	2242.63	652.33	
188	188	Dayton-Springfield OH	92.31	194	98.83	171	86.34	195	99.78	132	-1.20%	188	71.88	161	98.07	95	0.81	78	9	40	947.03	661.81	
73	189	Tulsa OK	94.35	181	96.30	199	98.09	103	98.85	156	-1.35%	190	64.98	179	94.93	166	0.77	85	8	54	823.38	664.05	
185	190	Peoria-Pekin IL	92.97	192	98.92	165	90.20	179	98.83	157	0.00%	138	78.72	123	96.60	133	0.67	107	4	126	346.76	666.83	
191	191	Fort Wayne IN	93.41	189	96.55	177	90.30	177	101.09	59	-0.87%	176	57.67	193	91.18	193	0.65	113	5	101	512.58	668.15	
171	192	Wichita KS	93.03	191	97.74	190	90.14	181	98.24	173	-0.43%	161	72.03	160	93.01	163	2.46	7	11	24	557.53	671.74	
N/A	193	Hartford CT	95.53	173	98.56	176	95.96	128	98.07	176	-1.74%	193	60.80	192	93.36	182	0.80	81	6	82	1177.93	690.95	
200	194	Gary IN	94.21	183	101.15	56	84.30	198	98.80	158	-0.27%	154	60.82	191	92.39	189	0.22	199	0	195	640.01	703.79	
195	195	Toledo OH	93.89	185	98.27	184	89.44	185	99.41	145	-2.95%	197	83.38	103	99.36	58	0.47	166	2	170	619.68	709.67	
149	196	Canton-Massillon OH	93.43	188	97.72	191	90.02	183	99.94	122	-0.95%	182	55.99	195	100.54	36	0.33	189	1	186	407.12	724.64	
187	197	Hickory-Morgantown-Lenoir NC	90.57	197	98.04	189	89.46	184	97.85	184	-2.26%	196	79.61	121	97.89	102	0.63	118	5	101	350.14	726.24	
198	198	Flint MI	88.49	199	97.65	192	76.38	200	98.70	160	-0.94%	180	84.63	96	95.48	157	0.76	89	2	170	442.25	736.03	
196	199	Saginaw-Bay City-Midland MI	93.57	187	98.28	183	86.78	194	99.35	146	-2.97%	198	61.31	190	96.87	126	0.57	134	4	126	403.27	741.48	
197	200	Rockford IL	92.36	193	98.40	179	86.17	196	99.31	147	-0.94%	181	45.34	199	92.81	165	0.49	164	5	101	383.65	756.53	