

2005 Best Performing Cities
Largest 200 Cities List

2004 Rank	2005 Rank		5-yr Job Growth 1999 - 2004		1-yr Job Growth 2003 - 2004		5-yr Wages & Salaries Growth 1998 - 2003		1-yr Wages & Salaries Growth 2002 - 2003		Job Growth (July04 - July05)		5-yr Relative HT GDP Growth 1999 - 2004		1-yr Relative HT GDP Growth 2003 - 2004		High-Tech GDP LQ		# of HT GDP LQs Over 1		MSA Population 2004 (in Thousands)	Growth Index
			2004 Value	Rank	2004 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	2003 Value	Rank	Growth	Rank	2004 Value	Rank	2004 Value	Rank	2004 Value	Rank	2004 Value	Rank		
144	1	157 DMBOS Boston-Quincy, MA Metropolitan Division	95.86	172	98.51	180	102.12	78	98.27	179	0.92%	120	99.51	119	97.53	154	0.80	89	6	87	1810	781.39
136	1	158 MCOOR Corpus Christi TX	100.41	108	99.10	155	97.51	133	100.37	103	0.16%	173	90.71	161	100.04	93	0.54	151	3	163	410	783.10
134	1	159 MMEM Memphis TN-MS-AR	98.07	139	98.83	168	97.22	135	99.97	116	1.35%	91	103.29	98	97.28	161	0.42	180	2	178	1250	784.19
131	1	160 MAMR Akron OH	98.13	138	98.40	137	94.12	199	101.19	101	0.34%	161	103.60	93	97.95	167	0.58	167	1	184	702	787.17
127/113/169	1	161 DNNEY New York-White Plains-Wayne, NY-NJ Metropolitan Division	97.00	153	98.18	145	98.28	149	98.28	177	1.06%	113	95.88	137	99.56	103	0.78	93	4	120	11450	789.59
111	1	162 MDUL Duluth MN-WI	98.06	140	99.03	160	97.74	127	98.65	168	0.75%	135	117.80	40	101.00	69	0.49	164	1	198	276	791.18
167	1	163 MNEO New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner LA	97.6	146	99.6	123	94.15	165	100.71	88	0.68%	136	86.34	181	96.84	165	0.47	169	5	102	1320	791.58
176	1	164 MBIN Binghamton NY	94.09	187	98.60	175	90.00	186	94.78	199	-0.04%	181	140.03	5	102.21	39	1.92	11	12	20	249	792.31
193	1	165 MHAR Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford CT	96.24	165	99.03	159	97.13	137	98.55	169	0.46%	152	99.87	118	99.24	117	0.94	71	7	68	1185	794.33
88	1	166 MATA Atlantic City NJ	102.03	81	99.24	141	96.99	141	101.42	59	-0.79%	193	90.45	164	91.01	196	0.38	190	3	173	269	799.48
180	1	167 MBEA Beaumont-Port Arthur TX	94.86	179	98.03	194	88.85	191	100.83	82	0.89%	125	107.83	70	102.75	32	0.56	145	3	164	383	800.38
190	1	168 MPED Peoria IL	96.36	164	100.07	88	91.63	183	99.11	156	0.55%	149	105.54	79	99.9	97	0.54	152	3	166	368	808.76
170	2	169 MKAL Kalamazoo-Portage MI	96.82	157	98.28	187	95.49	157	102.50	25	0.16%	172	88.72	169	86.76	200	0.98	67	4	143	319	808.93
102	1	170 MKIN Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol TN-VA	96.04	169	98.26	188	93.96	167	100.38	102	0.34%	160	125.25	21	96.34	174	0.77	97	5	117	301	811.88
92	1	171 MASH Asheville NC	100.21	113	99.30	139	95.76	153	100.41	99	0.16%	174	91.18	157	97.21	163	0.47	172	4	137	387	812.89
165	2	172 MGRN Greensboro-High Point NC	96.91	155	99.15	150	91.65	182	99.15	153	1.91%	58	88.56	170	95.03	186	0.63	128	5	109	668	814.63
152	1	173 DMSAF San Francisco-San Mateo-Redwood City, CA Metropolitan Division	88.53	199	97.65	199	97.80	125	95.92	195	0.86%	128	91.81	154	99.57	101	1.55	27	12	15	1689	815.48
108	1	174 MCOL Columbus GA-AL	93.87	189	98.59	176	95.53	156	99.14	154	-0.64%	192	103.67	95	100.42	85	1.23	48	10	36	280	819.27
191	1	175 MPOW Fort Wayne IN	95.72	174	99.05	158	88.33	193	97.57	189	1.31%	97	100.68	114	101.38	52	0.79	92	4	135	402	825.88
152	1	176 MCHW Charleston WV	100.92	95	98.55	127	93.75	172	98.37	174	0.96%	119	83.46	188	95.38	183	0.60	135	4	145	308	829.24
NA	1	177 MHOL Holland-Grand Haven MI	97.17	151	98.83	169	94.64	164	98.80	165	0.22%	170	136.25	8	99.10	120	0.69	118	4	147	252	832.44
174	2	178 MGRV Greenville SC	95.80	173	99.19	144	94.77	162	99.52	137	0.40%	158	92.56	152	97.36	158	0.84	84	6	93	584	833.82
181	1	179 MROA Roanoke VA	96.08	168	98.66	173	95.16	160	98.23	180	1.72%	67	102.75	103	97.38	156	0.72	112	3	172	291	835.30
189	1	180 MTUL Tulsa OK	96.77	159	99.26	140	92.34	180	95.91	196	1.26%	103	84.18	186	98.51	135	0.85	83	4	122	882	852.99
182	1	181 MRCH Rochester NY	94.91	178	98.58	177	90.25	184	98.60	133	-0.93%	196	97.99	127	98.55	134	1.48	29	7	71	1041	859.62
194	1	182 DMSAR Gary, IN Metropolitan Division	94.73	181	99.22	142	91.12	197	101.98	39	-0.10%	183	90.76	160	99.06	121	0.34	194	2	185	692	876.02
166	1	183 DMCHI Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL Metropolitan Division	95.18	176	98.65	174	93.87	170	98.36	175	0.58%	146	87.34	175	97.62	151	0.83	85	8	50	7848	878.22
185	1	184 MDAV Davenport-Moline-Rock Island IA-IL	95.11	177	99.67	118	89.84	187	99.56	134	-0.56%	191	108.65	67	98.68	130	0.50	162	2	185	375	884.13
147	1	185 MSAJ San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara CA	85.75	200	97.86	197	93.20	174	95.77	197	0.09%	175	86.75	179	98.3	139	3.74	1	16	5	1741	906.11
137	1	186 MMOB Mobile AL	94.24	184	98.85	166	88.69	192	98.39	173	2.72%	27	72.86	196	91.57	195	0.45	177	2	183	401	915.14
188	1	187 MDAY Dayton OH	93.70	190	98.12	190	89.48	189	99.12	155	-0.99%	198	93.84	149	97.79	149	0.92	75	11	26	846	919.44
174	2	188 MSPA Spartanburg SC	94.08	188	98.1	192	93.85	171	98.73	166	1.27%	102	87.19	177	100.53	83	0.4	187	2	189	264	931.48
192	1	189 MHIC Wichita KS	94.22	185	99.55	126	87.18	186	96.06	194	-0.35%	190	75.88	195	95.75	181	2.15	8	5	111	585	933.12
200	1	190 MRCC Rockford IL	92.56	195	98.9	164	86.35	198	98.12	184	0.29%	166	115.17	48	99.34	111	0.5	163	3	170	335	945.03
197	1	191 MHIC Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton NC	88.63	198	99.96	95	85.03	199	95.56	198	0.58%	147	87.94	172	98.13	144	0.41	183	4	140	353	947.48
186	1	192 DMDET Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI Metropolitan Division	91.81	196	98.04	193	89.16	190	99.99	115	-0.87%	194	93.33	151	96.30	175	0.82	87	3	154	2016	960.00
143	2	193 MGRA Grand Rapids-Wyoming MI	95.34	175	98.50	181	92.75	177	98.92	161	0.45%	153	86.57	180	96.45	173	0.54	150	3	157	768	964.24
187	1	194 MCLE Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor OH	93.30	193	98.80	170	90.08	185	99.71	129	-0.31%	189	82.87	190	96.48	172	0.57	143	3	152	2137	978.62
186	1	195 DMWRE Warren-Farmington Hills-Troy, MI Metropolitan Division	94.65	183	97.80	198	92.58	178	98.91	162	-0.01%	180	82.32	192	94.43	189	1.04	62	3	151	2477	981.67
195	1	196 MTOL Toledo OH	94.18	186	98.72	172	92.77	176	99.61	132	0.03%	177	85.66	183	96.81	166	0.38	189	1	191	658	989.08
164	1	197 MLAN Lansing-East Lansing MI	96.57	163	97.55	200	96.97	142	98.91	163	-0.26%	188	83.14	189	89.7	197	0.47	171	1	194	456	1008.72
196	1	198 MCAN Canton-Massillon OH	93.7	191	98.16	189	87.69	194	96.50	193	0.8%	133	96.91	133	96.76	168	0.29	197	1	195	411	1021.20
175	2	199 MYOU Youngstown-Warren-Boardman OH-PA	92.78	194	98.31	186	87.23	195	99.46	140	-1.30%	200	90.46	163	92.31	193	0.46	173	3	160	590	1031.88
198	1	200 MFLL Flint MI	91.25	197	98.56	178	80.41	200	98.15	183	-1.09%	199	68.48	199	88.73	199	0.67	121	4	132	444	1050.87

1 Added/ Subtracted County(s)
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3 Indicates this city's position on last year's 2004 largest metros list
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