

# Annual Employment Growth Rate by City

## June 2008

Area	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	RANK
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	0.37%	-2.08%	-0.90%	1.35%	1.52%	2.43%	0.71%	-0.26%	34
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	1.57%	0.02%	0.96%	3.71%	6.25%	5.82%	1.40%	-1.36%	48
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	0.83%	-1.20%	-0.58%	0.78%	1.03%	2.01%	0.43%	-0.86%	46
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	4.07%	3.81%	2.54%	5.48%	5.18%	4.61%	-0.01%	-2.02%	50
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	2.30%	1.65%	1.93%	1.42%	2.02%	2.73%	0.37%	-0.92%	47
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	2.21%	1.19%	0.18%	1.68%	1.85%	1.66%	0.49%	-0.37%	36
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	-0.56%	-4.34%	-2.58%	-0.70%	0.47%	2.07%	1.02%	-0.30%	35
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	-1.41%	-10.69%	-5.31%	-0.96%	0.48%	2.69%	2.13%	0.10%	28
Denver-Aurora, CO	0.51%	-3.35%	-1.71%	1.05%	1.75%	2.52%	2.12%	0.76%	15
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	-0.32%	-1.45%	-2.09%	0.54%	1.44%	0.77%	1.59%	1.26%	11
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Division	1.81%	-0.05%	2.34%	2.83%	2.18%	2.14%	0.85%	0.97%	13
Jacksonville, FL	0.30%	-1.15%	0.18%	3.15%	3.52%	3.37%	1.90%	-0.60%	40
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	2.49%	-0.38%	-0.07%	3.02%	3.27%	2.31%	0.55%	-0.72%	44
Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	0.64%	-1.57%	1.93%	5.55%	5.87%	4.22%	2.22%	0.00%	30
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	-0.23%	-0.87%	0.31%	4.87%	3.62%	2.13%	0.00%	-1.78%	49
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	0.40%	-1.66%	-1.96%	1.22%	3.14%	3.09%	2.04%	0.74%	16
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL Metropolitan Division	0.10%	-2.98%	-1.15%	0.06%	0.58%	1.84%	0.77%	-0.02%	31
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	0.93%	-0.67%	0.52%	1.47%	1.21%	1.71%	1.83%	0.45%	23
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	-2.30%	-2.15%	-0.03%	0.20%	1.71%	1.97%	1.79%	-0.69%	43
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	0.55%	-1.44%	0.23%	0.47%	-0.34%	-21.35%	7.24%	1.65%	7
Baltimore-Towson, MD	0.61%	-0.50%	-1.04%	1.98%	1.36%	1.85%	0.90%	0.54%	21
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA NECTA Division	0.18%	-3.18%	-2.67%	-0.57%	0.43%	1.69%	1.86%	1.04%	12
Detroit-Livonia-Dearborn, MI Metropolitan Division	-2.44%	-4.81%	-1.53%	-1.72%	-0.77%	-1.65%	-2.67%	-2.36%	52
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	0.06%	-1.86%	0.23%	1.33%	1.27%	1.58%	0.50%	0.25%	25
Kansas City, MO	-0.75%	-1.56%	-1.62%	0.38%	0.92%	1.00%	1.18%	0.42%	24
St. Louis, MO-IL	0.14%	-0.95%	-1.13%	-0.16%	1.23%	1.19%	0.57%	-0.54%	38
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	5.32%	-0.20%	3.26%	7.45%	7.65%	5.89%	1.02%	-0.66%	42
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	-0.90%	-0.97%	-0.56%	0.29%	-0.16%	0.20%	0.00%	0.69%	17
New York City, NY	-0.31%	-3.31%	-1.68%	0.70%	1.41%	1.86%	2.28%	0.63%	19
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	0.44%	-2.02%	-0.51%	0.76%	0.86%	1.21%	1.63%	0.22%	27
Rochester, NY	-0.61%	-3.16%	-0.69%	0.45%	0.68%	-0.48%	0.66%	-0.59%	39
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	0.36%	-0.46%	-0.36%	0.09%	2.16%	4.26%	4.54%	2.07%	3
Raleigh-Cary, NC	0.91%	-2.36%	0.90%	2.01%	3.96%	5.61%	5.64%	2.66%	1

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Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	-0.70%	-0.58%	0.96%	1.00%	1.00%	0.22%	0.82%	-0.09%	32
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	-1.40%	-3.74%	-0.57%	-0.22%	-0.06%	0.64%	-0.20%	-0.62%	41
Columbus, OH	0.59%	-0.84%	-0.60%	0.79%	0.59%	1.18%	1.38%	0.64%	18
Oklahoma City, OK	2.10%	-1.31%	-2.77%	2.01%	2.50%	2.24%	1.08%	1.64%	8
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	-0.30%	-2.45%	-1.86%	2.65%	2.79%	3.59%	1.77%	0.46%	22
Philadelphia, PA Metropolitan Division	0.48%	-0.90%	-0.99%	-0.21%	1.09%	0.92%	0.74%	0.22%	26
Pittsburgh, PA	1.00%	-1.14%	-0.96%	0.37%	-0.36%	0.33%	1.12%	0.06%	29
Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA NECTA	-0.46%	0.09%	0.76%	0.84%	0.17%	0.29%	-0.13%	-2.20%	51
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	-0.73%	-1.77%	0.51%	-0.24%	1.50%	1.78%	1.22%	-0.44%	37
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	-0.69%	-1.48%	1.40%	2.06%	3.04%	2.63%	1.25%	0.83%	14
Austin-Round Rock, TX	0.43%	-3.07%	-0.56%	2.10%	3.97%	4.34%	5.32%	1.82%	6
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	0.74%	-3.02%	-1.91%	1.06%	2.55%	3.71%	3.17%	1.95%	5
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	1.84%	-0.26%	-0.72%	0.50%	2.27%	4.38%	4.79%	2.11%	2
San Antonio, TX	1.74%	-0.63%	-0.57%	1.35%	2.63%	4.07%	2.59%	1.99%	4
Salt Lake City, UT	1.84%	-2.46%	-1.25%	1.71%	3.69%	5.06%	4.23%	-0.20%	33
Richmond, VA	0.29%	-0.37%	-0.05%	2.52%	2.36%	0.98%	1.76%	0.61%	20
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	1.70%	0.40%	0.08%	1.89%	1.93%	0.88%	0.86%	1.32%	10
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	-0.87%	-3.24%	-1.00%	1.42%	2.67%	3.61%	3.12%	1.46%	9
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	-1.52%	-2.00%	-1.07%	0.29%	0.83%	1.20%	1.40%	-0.80%	45