

Careers

**Table: Best Cities For Jobs In 2008**

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<u>RANK</u>	<u>GEOGRAPHY</u>	<u>MEDIAN INCOME RANK</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RANK</u>	<u>INCOME GROWTH RANK</u>	<u>COST OF LIVING RANK</u>	<u>JOB GROWTH RANK</u>	<u>TOTAL SCORE</u>
1	Salt Lake City, UT	33	2	8	41	8	92
2	Wichita, KS	65	23	5	7	7	107
<b>3</b>	<b>Austin, TX</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>123</b>
4	Atlanta, GA	18	43	18	42	13	134
5	Fort Worth, TX	50	39	4	45	9	147
6	Indianapolis, IN	41	37	36	12	23	149
7	Houston, TX	63	36	3	48	4	154
8	Omaha, NE	57	10	41	11	38	157
9	Raleigh, NC	54	22	23	46	19	164
10	Seattle, WA	14	19	34	79	20	166
11	San Antonio, TX	85	32	15	29	5	166
12	Birmingham, AL	93	11	9	40	14	167
13	Albuquerque, NM	80	17	16	30	25	168
14	Nashville, TN	64	14	20	39	32	169
15	Little Rock, AR	67	56	14	20	12	169
16	Denver, CO	27	26	19	47	50	169
17	Wilmington, DE	32	15	28	67	34	176
18	Dallas, TX	43	41	17	61	17	179
19	Oklahoma City, OK	81	42	26	15	16	180
20	Honolulu, HI	16	1	51	93	21	182
21	Bethesda, MD	2	3	42	92	45	184
22	Tulsa, OK	84	35	43	19	10	191
23	Tacoma, WA	28	71	11	57	36	203
24	Baton Rouge, LA	95	12	48	38	11	204
25	Washington, DC	4	5	45	85	65	204
26	Jacksonville, FL	53	21	21	56	55	206
27	Orlando, FL	61	31	27	72	15	206

28	Fort Lauderdale, FL	47	18	31	87	24	207
29	Kansas City, MO	42	75	35	25	31	208
30	Allentown, PA	35	40	55	54	33	217
31	Columbia, SC	82	62	13	34	26	217
32	Portland, OR	39	64	29	58	27	217
33	McAllen, TX	100	95	2	22	1	220
34	West Palm Beach, FL	34	49	22	89	28	222
35	Baltimore, MD	24	29	54	65	57	229
36	Edison, NJ	1	28	39	88	74	230
37	Greenville, SC	98	66	12	32	22	230
38	Minneapolis, MN	20	46	65	49	51	231
39	Gary, IN	59	68	46	21	41	235
40	Bridgeport, CT	7	24	57	95	52	235
41	Camden, NJ	10	48	67	64	46	235
42	Riverside, CA	37	90	10	83	18	238
43	Sarasota, FL	62	44	7	86	39	238
44	Richmond, VA	45	4	53	44	93	239
45	Virginia Beach, VA	60	6	70	37	67	240
46	Lake County, IL	15	80	37	71	40	243
47	Poughkeepsie, NY	22	33	59	60	70	244
48	Tampa, FL	79	45	24	63	35	246
49	El Paso, TX	99	88	30	26	3	246
50	Charlotte, NC	73	67	40	36	30	246
51	Chicago, IL	49	87	6	53	53	248
52	Columbus, OH	58	60	56	17	59	250
53	Tucson, AZ	83	9	33	52	73	250
54	Albany, NY	51	30	83	31	58	253
55	Newark, NJ	6	47	49	90	61	253
56	San Francisco, CA	8	34	66	98	48	254
57	St. Louis, MO	71	79	47	23	37	257

58	New York, NY	36	78	25	77	43	259
59	Miami, FL	89	20	44	78	29	260
60	Memphis, TN	90	58	50	24	44	266
61	Philadelphia, PA	29	51	73	59	60	272
62	New Orleans, LA	97	25	94	50	6	272
63	Cambridge, MA	13	16	77	82	92	280
64	Milwaukee, WI	38	85	72	33	54	282
65	Boston, MA	25	52	63	80	64	284
66	Greensboro, NC	96	69	32	27	62	286
67	Oxnard, CA	9	59	60	94	71	293
68	Akron, OH	76	84	87	8	42	297
69	Peabody, MA	31	61	62	75	69	298
70	San Diego, CA	17	57	75	91	63	303
71	Worcester, MA	23	77	68	62	75	305
72	Louisville, KY	72	82	52	16	84	306
73	Sacramento, CA	30	81	38	76	81	306
74	Pittsburgh, PA	77	53	80	9	88	307
75	Oakland, CA	11	63	61	97	76	308
76	Knoxville, TN	88	8	100	28	85	309
77	Rochester, NY	69	54	93	3	91	310
78	Cincinnati, OH	52	72	97	14	79	314
79	Nassau, NY	5	27	92	96	95	315
80	San Jose, CA	3	65	69	100	78	315
81	New Haven, CT	21	70	74	69	82	316
82	Grand Rapids, MI	70	94	82	18	56	320
83	Syracuse, NY	87	50	99	6	80	322
84	Santa Ana, CA	12	38	78	99	96	323
85	Hartford, CT	19	55	95	74	86	329
86	Phoenix, AZ	55	7	96	73	100	331
87	Los Angeles, CA	48	74	58	84	68	332
88	Springfield, MA	66	83	84	35	66	334

89	Dayton, OH	78	89	81	4	87	339
90	Cleveland, OH	68	91	90	13	83	345
91	Toledo, OH	74	93	79	5	94	345
92	Providence, RI	40	86	88	55	77	346
93	Buffalo, NY	86	73	98	1	90	348
94	Warren, MI	26	96	86	43	98	349
95	Bakersfield, CA	75	98	71	66	47	357
96	Youngstown, OH	92	92	89	2	89	364
97	Stockton, CA	44	97	76	81	72	370
98	Las Vegas, NV	46	76	85	70	97	374
99	Fresno, CA	94	99	64	68	49	374
100	Detroit, MI	91	100	91	10	99	391

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