

Table 12.34-- TOP METROPOLITAN AREAS FOR EMPLOYMENT: 2006

[The lower the rank the more favorable the job search. Based on U.S. government data supplied by Moody's Economy.com and using the latest available figures unless otherwise indicated]

Location	Overall	Unemployment	Cost of living	Median household income	Income growth 1/	Job growth 1/
Washington, D.C.	1	4	84	8	7	12
Phoenix, Ariz.	2	17	59	28	4	8
Las Vegas, Nev.	3	12	78	32	1	1
Orlando, Fla.	4	5	52	57	11	6
Bethesda, Md.	5	2	87	2	9	32
Richmond, Va.	6	6	36	47	16	28
Raleigh, N.C.	7	18	40	27	29	22
Jacksonville, Fla.	8	13	48	46	20	20
Oklahoma City, Okla.	9	21	11	61	12	44
Virginia Beach, Va.	10	16	42	59	10	25
Camden, N.J.	11	18	54	16	44	21
Salt Lake City, Utah	12	35	34	24	30	34
Santa Ana, Calif.	13	7	98	10	25	19
Sacramento, Calif.	14	36	77	33	8	11
Honolulu, Hawaii	15	1	83	9	57	17

1/ Five-year average.

Source: *Forbes Magazine* "The Best Cities to Get a Job" (July 19, 2006)

<http://www.forbes.com/2006/07/18/cx_hc_leadership_cities_jobs_slide.html?thisSpeed=17500> accessed July 24, 2006.