

Rankings for 100 top metros

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Growth center rankings for 100 top metros

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Rank	Metro	Growth score	Population (5-year growth rate)	Private sector employment (5-year growth rate)	Per capita income (5-year growth rate)	Gross metropolitan product (5-year growth rate)	Population (2007)
1	Las Vegas	37.95	21.08%	26.86%	29.17%	67.21%	1,836,333
2	Raleigh	31.07	21.20%	19.38%	9.38%	32.40%	1,047,629
3	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla.	30.82	24.44%	24.97%	28.65%	54.18%	590,564
4	Austin	28.48	17.92%	17.02%	13.31%	33.05%	1,598,161
5	Phoenix	27.50	19.49%	20.62%	19.37%	43.25%	4,179,427
6	McAllen-Edinburg, Texas	26.71	16.63%	28.56%	20.64%	50.91%	710,514
7	Houston	26.22	12.82%	12.11%	21.92%	49.53%	5,628,101
8	Salt Lake City	23.62	9.61%	14.89%	21.55%	34.39%	1,099,973
9	Wichita, Kans.	23.26	3.01%	3.06%	25.21%	25.00%	596,452
10	Charlotte	23.25	17.35%	11.48%	17.12%	41.20%	1,651,568
11	Baton Rouge, La.	22.63	7.91%	10.57%	24.36%	68.73%	770,037
12	Bakersfield, Calif.	22.49	14.52%	19.28%	18.99%	63.40%	790,710
13	San Antonio	21.29	11.89%	11.44%	21.22%	39.01%	1,990,675
14	Orlando	19.63	15.64%	21.55%	22.02%	52.47%	2,032,496
15	Jacksonville	18.93	10.87%	13.28%	27.44%	48.56%	1,300,823
16	Charleston, S.C.	18.75	11.13%	15.73%	23.71%	40.38%	630,100
17	Boise, Idaho	17.99	17.69%	20.10%	16.52%	34.75%	587,689
18	Tucson	16.58	10.19%	13.92%	26.55%	35.12%	967,089
19	Ogden, Utah	16.23	12.20%	17.18%	19.28%	41.26%	518,349
20	Lakeland, Fla.	16.09	15.29%	16.88%	24.82%	39.69%	574,746
21	Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif.	15.53	16.92%	22.45%	17.41%	50.07%	4,081,371
22	Dallas-Fort Worth	14.91	12.25%	8.46%	16.46%	32.72%	6,145,037
23	Tulsa	14.68	3.49%	5.60%	21.75%	33.90%	905,755
24	Portland, Ore.	14.46	8.00%	10.39%	13.94%	33.99%	2,175,113
25	Oklahoma City	12.37	6.44%	5.77%	26.52%	40.31%	1,192,989



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