

**Fastest Job Growth by Metropolitan Area (MSA) — Top 100**  
**Ranked By Annual Percentage Growth in Nonfarm Payroll Employment (Unadjusted)**

(in Thousands)

Rank	Metro Area	State	July		Change	
			2006p	2005	Number	Pct.
1	St George	Utah	51.7	47.3	4.4	9.30%
<b>2</b>	<b>Yuma</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>51.9</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>7.68%</b>
3	Morgantown	West Virginia	61.1	56.9	4.2	7.38%
4	McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr	Texas	200.8	187.4	13.4	7.15%
<b>5</b>	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>59.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>6.76%</b>
6	Las Vegas-Paradise	Nevada	918.3	869.4	48.9	5.62%
7	Laredo	Texas	85.0	80.6	4.4	5.46%
8	Naples-Marco Island	Florida	131.1	124.4	6.7	5.39%
<b>9</b>	<b>Tucson</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>376.0</b>	<b>357.2</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>5.26%</b>
10	Dubuque	Iowa	56.1	53.3	2.8	5.25%
11	Yuba City	California	40.4	38.4	2.0	5.21%
12	Alexandria	Louisiana	65.2	62.0	3.2	5.16%
13	Grand Junction	Colorado	59.2	56.3	2.9	5.15%
14	Hattiesburg	Mississippi	57.4	54.6	2.8	5.13%
<b>15</b>	<b>Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>1,852.0</b>	<b>1,761.7</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>5.13%</b>
16	Boise City-Nampa	Idaho	269.5	256.4	13.1	5.11%
17	El Centro	California	43.5	41.4	2.1	5.07%
18	Midland	Texas	62.4	59.4	3.0	5.05%
19	Pine Bluff	Arkansas	40.4	38.5	1.9	4.94%
20	Cape Coral-Fort Myers	Florida	228.5	217.8	10.7	4.91%
21	Odessa	Texas	55.6	53.0	2.6	4.91%
22	Provo-Orem	Utah	174.8	166.8	8.0	4.80%
23	Jacksonville	North Carolina	42.2	40.3	1.9	4.71%
24	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice	Florida	309.5	295.7	13.8	4.67%
25	Salt Lake City	Utah	613.3	586.8	26.5	4.52%
26	Raleigh-Cary	North Carolina	482.9	462.1	20.8	4.50%
27	Reno-Sparks	Nevada	227.3	217.6	9.7	4.46%
28	Bend	Oregon	68.9	66.0	2.9	4.39%
29	Casper	Wyoming	38.6	37.0	1.6	4.32%
30	Las Cruces	New Mexico	65.9	63.2	2.7	4.27%
31	Florence	South Carolina	85.8	82.3	3.5	4.25%
32	Hanford-Corcoran	California	34.5	33.1	1.4	4.23%
33	Sumter	South Carolina	41.3	39.7	1.6	4.03%
34	Cheyenne	Wyoming	44.0	42.3	1.7	4.02%
35	Orlando	Florida	1,071.2	1,030.2	41.0	3.98%
36	Coeur d'Alene	Idaho	56.0	53.9	2.1	3.90%
37	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	Washington	1,706.3	1,643.3	63.0	3.83%
38	Yakima	Washington	79.3	76.5	2.8	3.66%
39	Amarillo	Texas	110.0	106.2	3.8	3.58%
40	Wenatchee	Washington	40.6	39.2	1.4	3.57%
41	Sioux Falls	South Dakota	130.6	126.1	4.5	3.57%
42	Brunswick	Georgia	46.5	44.9	1.6	3.56%
43	Greeley	Colorado	78.5	75.8	2.7	3.56%
<b>44</b>	<b>Flagstaff</b>	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>3.51%</b>
45	Columbia	South Carolina	357.5	345.4	12.1	3.50%
46	Auburn-Opelika	Alabama	53.2	51.4	1.8	3.50%
47	Mount Vernon-Anacortes	Washington	47.4	45.8	1.6	3.49%
48	Savannah	Georgia	155.2	150.0	5.2	3.47%
49	Baton Rouge	Louisiana	361.6	349.5	12.1	3.46%
50	Brownsville-Harlingen	Texas	119.8	115.8	4.0	3.45%
51	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario	California	1,245.1	1,205.3	39.8	3.30%
52	Albuquerque	New Mexico	389.1	376.7	12.4	3.29%

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53	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers	Arkansas	203.8	197.4	6.4	3.24%
54	Warner Robins	Georgia	54.5	52.8	1.7	3.22%
55	Madison	Wisconsin	353.6	342.6	11.0	3.21%
56	Waco	Texas	106.2	102.9	3.3	3.21%
57	Pocatello	Idaho	39.0	37.8	1.2	3.17%
58	Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent	Florida	169.9	164.7	5.2	3.16%
59	Charlottesville	Virginia	96.3	93.4	2.9	3.10%
60	Asheville	North Carolina	169.4	164.3	5.1	3.10%
61	Durham	North Carolina	274.0	265.8	8.2	3.09%
62	Wilmington	North Carolina	137.0	132.9	4.1	3.09%
63	Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin	Florida	91.1	88.4	2.7	3.05%
64	Shreveport-Bossier City	Louisiana	178.9	173.6	5.3	3.05%
65	Port St Lucie-Fort Pierce	Florida	128.5	124.7	3.8	3.05%
66	Carson City	Nevada	33.9	32.9	1.0	3.04%
67	Mobile	Alabama	179.7	174.4	5.3	3.04%
68	Ogden-Clearfield	Utah	195.0	189.3	5.7	3.01%
69	Huntsville	Alabama	203.5	197.6	5.9	2.99%
70	Grand Forks	North Dakota	51.9	50.4	1.5	2.98%
71	Gainesville	Florida	128.3	124.6	3.7	2.97%
72	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord	North Carolina	799.1	776.2	22.9	2.95%
73	Olympia	Washington	98.1	95.3	2.8	2.94%
74	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach	Florida	175.2	170.2	5.0	2.94%
75	Longview	Washington	38.9	37.8	1.1	2.91%
76	Lynchburg	Virginia	106.4	103.4	3.0	2.90%
77	Chico	California	74.6	72.5	2.1	2.90%
78	Spokane	Washington	209.7	203.8	5.9	2.89%
79	Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford	Virginia	71.7	69.7	2.0	2.87%
80	Farmington	New Mexico	50.2	48.8	1.4	2.87%
81	Charleston-North Charleston	South Carolina	288.2	280.2	8.0	2.86%
82	Jacksonville	Florida	617.1	600.1	17.0	2.83%
83	Dover	Delaware	65.4	63.6	1.8	2.83%
84	Ames	Iowa	44.2	43.0	1.2	2.79%
85	Lakeland	Florida	214.2	208.4	5.8	2.78%
86	Manchester	New Hampshire	100.4	97.7	2.7	2.76%
87	Minneapolis-St Paul-Bloomington	Minnesota	1,795.0	1,747.0	48.0	2.75%
88	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach	Florida	2,413.9	2,349.6	64.3	2.74%
89	Racine	Wisconsin	83.0	80.8	2.2	2.72%
90	Waterloo-Cedar Falls	Iowa	87.8	85.5	2.3	2.69%
91	Austin-Round Rock	Texas	709.1	690.6	18.5	2.68%
92	Idaho Falls	Idaho	54.6	53.2	1.4	2.63%
93	Lafayette	Louisiana	140.8	137.2	3.6	2.62%
94	Tampa-St Petersburg-Clearwater	Florida	172.5	168.1	4.4	2.62%
95	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	Texas	2,830.2	2,758.4	71.8	2.60%
96	Burlington	North Carolina	59.2	57.7	1.5	2.60%
97	Johnson City	Tennessee	79.9	77.9	2.0	2.57%
98	Jonesboro	Arkansas	48.0	46.8	1.2	2.56%
99	Tulsa	Oklahoma	420.6	410.1	10.5	2.56%
100	Bakersfield	California	224.6	219.0	5.6	2.56%

p = preliminary data

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