

Most Competitive Metropolitan Markets for Jobs

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While the US economy has enjoyed steady job growth in recent years, some cities are capturing a larger share of total job creation than others, largely attributable to factors unique to their local economies. Dallas – Fort Worth most exceeded job growth expectations between 2014 and 2015, according to research released today by CareerBuilder and Economic Modeling Specialists International. Chicago fell the shortest in terms of the number of jobs it was expected to add.

The research examined the total job growth across industries for each of the 150 most populous US metros from 2014 to 2015. Each metro's actual job growth was then compared to what would have been expected for the metro based on national job growth trends during the same time period. The difference between the two measurements is the competitive effect, i.e. how much the metro is exceeding, matching or falling behind national job growth trends because of something unique to that metro's regional economy.

The 10 most competitive metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs):

MSA	Total Employment in 2015	Jobs added from 2014 to 2015	Jobs added that beat the expected job growth (competitive effect)
1. Dallas – Ft. Worth	3,386,930	112,892	44,871
2. San Jose, CA	1,081,948	60,716	39,519
3. Los Angeles	5,976,673	159,477	38,732
4. Seattle	1,981,802	78,082	38,567
5. Miami	2,476,027	81,842	32,147
6. Atlanta	2,524,482	81,161	30,466
7. Orlando, FL	1,157,932	50,384	27,395
8. San Francisco	2,297,179	69,967	23,738
9. Riverside, CA	1,392,572	50,511	22,654
10. Charlotte, NC	2,476,027	41,390	18,849

Top 10 Least Competitive Metros:

MSA	Total Employment in 2015	Jobs added from 2014 to 2015	Jobs added that beat the expected job growth (competitive effect)
1. Chicago	4,510,903	55,443	-37,037
2. New York	9,178,982	155,981	-31,305
3. Philadelphia	2,801,206	30,875	-26,628
4. New Orleans	564,920	-2,491	-14,268
5. St. Louis	1,361,406	15,481	-12,456
6. Richmond, VA	634,910	2,040	-11,096
7. Virginia Beach, VA	831,542	6,896	-10,221
8. Cleveland	1,042,972	13,123	-8,253
9. Tulsa, OK	440,495	2,295	-6,801
10. Lafayette, LA	223,560	-2,100	-6,785