

**GDP PER JOB**

*Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas by employment based on their percent change in GDP per job in 2005*

Rank	Metro Area	GDP per job in 2005 dollars
1	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	160,404
2	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	132,744
3	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	128,486
4	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	127,394
5	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	126,580
6	New York-New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ	121,580
7	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD	111,386
8	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	109,101
9	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	106,047
10	Denver-Aurora, CO	104,282
25	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	92,336

**GDP PER JOB GROWTH**

*Top ten largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their percent change in real GDP per job from 2001-2005*

Rank	Metro Area	Percent change in real GDP per job
1	Baton Rouge, LA	21.9%
2	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	21.6%
3	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	16.7%
4	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	16.3%
5	Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	15.9%
6	Sacramento-Arden-Arcade-Roseville, CA	15.7%
7	Boise City-Nampa, ID	15.5%
8	Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	15.0%
9	Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	14.9%
10	Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middleton, NY	14.2%
48	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	9.0%

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE ATTAINMENT RATE**

*Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their bachelor's degree attainment rate in 2006*

Rank	Metro Region	Bachelor's degree attainment rate
1	Washington, DC	46.1%
2	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	43.4%
3	Bridgeport-Norwalk, CT	42.5%
4	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	42.4%
5	Madison, WI	42.2%
6	Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	40.0%
7	Durham, NC	40.6%
8	Raleigh-Cary, NC	39.2%
9	Austin-Round Rock, TX	38.8%
10	Trenton-Ewing, NJ	38.8%
11	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	36.3%

**WAGE INEQUALITY**

*Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their wage inequality ratios in 2005*

Rank	Metro	Wage ratio: 90th and 10th percentiles
1	Lancaster, PA	4.6
2	Springfield, MA	4.8
3	Scranton-Wilkes-Barre, PA	4.9
4	Hartford, CT	4.9
5	Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	4.9
6	Worcester, MA	5.0
7	Des Moines, IA	5.1
8	Portland, ME	5.1
9	Greensboro-High Point, NC	5.1
10	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	5.2
44	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	5.7

**CHANGE IN THE SIZE OF THE MIDDLE CLASS***Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on the change in the size of the middle class between 1970 and 2005*

Rank	Metro Area	Percent change in the middle class share
1	Sarasota-Bradenton-Venice, FL	1.7%
2	Jackson, MS	-2.2%
3	Austin-Round Rock, TX	-2.5%
4	Boise City-Nampa, ID	-2.8%
5	Columbia, SC	-3.6%
6	Charleston, SC	-3.6%
7	Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL	-3.6%
8	Knoxville, TN	-3.9%
9	Des Moines, IA	-3.9%
10	Jacksonville, FL	-3.9%
63	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	-10.8%

**HIGH SCHOOL ATTAINMENT RATE***Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their high school diploma attainment rate in 2006*

Rank	Metro Area	High school diploma attainment rate
1	Madison, WI	93.9%
2	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	92.2%
3	Colorado Springs, CO	91.8%
4	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	91.3%
5	Des Moines, IA	90.9%
6	Seattle-Tacoma, WA	90.0%
7	Portland, ME	90.7%
8	Omaha, NE	90.4%
9	Melbourne, FL	90.3%
10	Albany, NY	89.9%

**PER CAPITA CARBON FOOTPRINTS***Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas based on their per capita carbon emissions in 2005*

Rank	Metro Region	Metric tons of carbon emissions
1	Honolulu, HI	1.356
2	Los Angeles, CA	1.413
3	Portland, OR	1.446
4	New York, NY	1.495
5	Boise, ID	1.507
6	Seattle, WA	1.556
7	San Jose, CA	1.573
8	San Francisco, CA	1.585
9	El Paso, TX	1.613
10	San Diego, CA	1.630
46	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	2.446

**VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT)***Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on their vehicle miles traveled per capita in 2005*

Rank	Metro Area	VMT per capita
1	New York, NY	5,889.9
2	Honolulu, HI	6,680.5
3	Lancaster, PA	6,967.4
4	Rochester, NY	7,055.9
5	Buffalo, NY	7,066.3
6	Philadelphia, PA	7,088.8
7	Boise City, ID	7,361.1
8	Las Vegas, NV	7,408.1
9	New Orleans, LA	7,461.9
10	Cleveland, OH	7,501.1
46	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	9,585.0

## RURAL LAND CONSUMPTION

*Top 10 largest U.S. metropolitan areas (by employment) based on the amount of rural acres consumed per new housing unit from 1980 to 2000*

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Metro Area</u>	<u>Rural acres consumed per new housing unit</u>
1	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL	0.02
2	Las Vegas, NV	0.04
3	San Francisco, CA	0.05
4	Palm Bay-Melbourne, FL	0.10
5	Phoenix, AZ	0.11
6	Tucson, AZ	0.15
7	Los Angeles, CA	0.19
8	San Jose, CA	0.20
9	Sarasota, FL	0.22
10	Seattle, WA	0.24
52	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	1.22

*Source: Blueprint for American Prosperity*