

Employment Change in Major Metros

Employment in Houston is growing faster than in other major metro areas.

Employment Growth Rate

Percent Change in Nonfarm Payroll Employment:
10 Most Populous Metro Areas, May '07-May '08



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics press release, Jul 8, 2008

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- Of 39 U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas with more than 1.5 million residents, 25 experienced net job gains in the 12 months ending May '08. Houston posted a net gain of 58,300 jobs, or 2.3 percent.
- Among the 10 most populous metro areas, Houston posted the highest employment growth rate and the second largest nominal employment gain over that period.
- Among all 39 metropolitan areas over 1.5 million population, Houston also ranked second in both nominal growth and first in percent change for the period. The second fastest growth among the 39 was in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, up 2.2 percent; the greatest proportional loss, in Detroit, down 2.4 percent. Dallas-Fort Worth led Houston in net job growth, up 66,100, while Detroit brought up the rear with a net loss of 47,400.
- Led by Houston, Texas' four major metropolitan areas are the four fastest growing major metros in the nation — Houston (2.3 percent, #1), Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (2.2 percent, #2), Austin-Round Rock (2.2 percent, #3) and San Antonio (1.9 percent, #4).