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Progress Report: Earnings Growth in U.S. Metros

In this brief, we examine the growth of average earnings among the nation's 372 metro areas. We analyze annual change and the impact of inflation.



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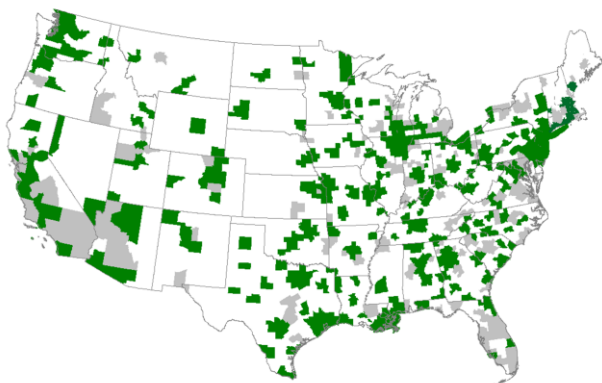
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According to the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, in February 2012, 344 of 372 U.S. metropolitan areas added employment over the last year. The numbers provide convincing evidence of widespread post-recession growth.

While trends in employment are the typical gauge of economic wellbeing; earnings¹ can provide a deeper measure of the value of economic change. All jobs are not equal. Earnings are a measure of

**Metros Experiencing Growth in
Average Weekly Earnings**
(highlighted in green)



productivity and economic contribution. Besides the mix of industries, earnings can also reflect the level of aggregate skills in an area. Significant changes in earnings can point to long-term structural changes. At this point in time, as regional economies emerge from one of the most severe recessions in recent history, changes in earnings can be an early indicator of developing opportunities or challenges.

As of February 2012, 241 U.S. metros (64.7 percent) had experienced positive earnings growth over the year. When inflation² is factored

in the number drops to 179 metros (48.1 percent) having real earnings growth over the year. To eliminate single month abnormalities or disruptions, the average annual change in earnings over the previous six months was calculated. Before adjusting for inflation, 239 metros (64.2 percent) showed positive earnings growth. After inflation adjustment, the number of metros with real earnings growth dropped to 162 or 43.5 percent.

Alexandria, LA had the highest annual percentage growth in earnings, up 33 percent on average over the previous six months. Midland, TX was second at 27 percent. On the downside, Kokomo, IN experienced an average annual earnings decline of 24.8 percent, followed closely by El Centro, CA with a drop of 22.2 percent.

¹ We use average weekly earnings covering all nonfarm private sector employees. The series is not seasonally adjusted.

² The U.S. City average inflation rate for all urban consumers equaled 2.9 percent in February 2012, as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. For the six month average calculation, an inflation rate of 3.3 percent was used.

All U.S. Metro Areas

Private Industry Average Weekly Earnings

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Garner Economics

Metro	Average Weekly Earnings		Annual Earnings Growth Rate	
	February 2012	Rank	6 Month Average	Rank
Abilene, TX	\$701	183	14.8%	28
Akron, OH	\$752	123	5.1%	123
Albany, GA	\$578	332	15.7%	21
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	\$946	17	21.0%	8
Albuquerque, NM	\$728	153	0.5%	230
Alexandria, LA	\$792	70	33.0%	1
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	\$785	76	4.1%	148
Altoona, PA	\$520	358	-1.3%	265
Amarillo, TX	\$674	221	8.5%	69
Ames, IA	\$670	230	1.7%	199
Anchorage, AK	\$859	45	-0.7%	257
Anderson, IN	\$555	348	-8.4%	355
Anderson, SC	\$632	279	-0.3%	247
Ann Arbor, MI	\$736	142	2.8%	174
Anniston-Oxford, AL	\$576	337	-10.5%	360
Appleton, WI	\$709	178	6.0%	108
Asheville, NC	\$644	264	2.8%	175
Athens-Clarke County, GA	\$664	238	-3.3%	303
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	\$836	55	0.8%	226
Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	\$651	253	3.8%	157
Auburn-Opelika, AL	\$577	335	0.3%	233
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	\$767	102	4.9%	129
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	\$855	47	-1.3%	266
Bakersfield-Delano, CA	\$860	43	4.3%	143
Baltimore-Towson, MD	\$891	31	-0.6%	254
Bangor, ME NECTA	\$614	298	-2.3%	286
Barnstable Town, MA NECTA	\$775	95	-3.7%	309
Baton Rouge, LA	\$713	170	-1.5%	270
Battle Creek, MI	\$698	188	20.9%	9
Bay City, MI	\$670	231	-5.2%	330
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	\$955	16	22.2%	7
Bellingham, WA	\$712	172	4.4%	140
Bend, OR	\$686	204	6.5%	101
Billings, MT	\$710	175	5.0%	125
Binghamton, NY	\$855	48	8.3%	73
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	\$773	99	5.9%	111
Bismarck, ND	\$784	81	7.3%	86
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA	\$553	350	-4.4%	318

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Bloomington, IN	\$588	326	-21.0%	370
Bloomington-Normal, IL	\$747	130	-13.4%	366
Boise City-Nampa, ID	\$701	184	-4.6%	326
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH NECTA	\$1,041	8	1.5%	205
Boulder, CO	\$979	13	1.3%	211
Bowling Green, KY	\$712	171	2.0%	191
Bremerton-Silverdale, WA	\$683	209	1.5%	206
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA	\$1,084	4	4.8%	130
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	\$602	311	10.8%	46
Brunswick, GA	\$463	370	-7.2%	348
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	\$713	169	3.3%	165
Burlington, NC	\$677	215	8.1%	75
Burlington-South Burlington, VT NECTA	\$826	60	-6.0%	341
Canton-Massillon, OH	\$661	246	8.4%	70
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	\$688	203	0.8%	227
Cape Girardeau-Jackson, MO-IL	\$671	229	10.3%	50
Carson City, NV	\$611	301	7.6%	82
Casper, WY	\$936	21	16.7%	18
Cedar Rapids, IA	\$795	67	3.1%	167
Champaign-Urbana, IL	\$685	207	-10.8%	362
Charleston, WV	\$756	115	5.0%	126
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville, SC	\$762	108	5.1%	119
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	\$907	28	7.1%	91
Charlottesville, VA	\$916	25	7.7%	81
Chattanooga, TN-GA	\$734	145	5.2%	118
Cheyenne, WY	\$630	282	1.6%	201
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI	\$858	46	3.3%	163
Chico, CA	\$716	167	8.3%	71
Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	\$756	116	4.2%	146
Clarksville, TN-KY	\$607	305	1.4%	208
Cleveland, TN	\$659	247	11.6%	42
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	\$764	107	7.2%	89
Coeur d'Alene, ID	\$583	330	2.4%	184
College Station-Bryan, TX	\$594	318	14.9%	26
Colorado Springs, CO	\$783	83	-1.0%	262
Columbia, MO	\$587	328	9.0%	62
Columbia, SC	\$664	239	-4.1%	314
Columbus, GA-AL	\$641	266	9.2%	58
Columbus, IN	\$967	15	15.5%	24
Columbus, OH	\$775	96	5.1%	121
Corpus Christi, TX	\$679	212	0.9%	225
Corvallis, OR	\$785	77	6.7%	96
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL	\$783	85	3.8%	154
Cumberland, MD-WV	\$564	344	0.0%	239

Metro	Average Weekly Earnings		Annual Earnings Growth Rate	
	February 2012	Rank	6 Month Average	Rank
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	\$912	26	4.3%	142
Dalton, GA	\$586	329	-0.1%	242
Danbury, CT NECTA	\$940	20	-5.5%	335
Danville, IL	\$576	336	-5.5%	336
Danville, VA	\$573	340	5.8%	112
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	\$648	261	1.5%	203
Dayton, OH	\$735	144	-1.9%	281
Decatur, AL	\$663	240	18.2%	13
Decatur, IL	\$752	124	9.1%	59
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	\$604	308	-5.3%	332
Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO	\$934	22	3.9%	151
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	\$849	51	1.6%	200
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	\$872	37	-0.3%	249
Dothan, AL	\$597	316	5.1%	122
Dover, DE	\$577	334	2.6%	178
Dubuque, IA	\$675	218	-3.9%	313
Duluth, MN-WI	\$728	152	7.5%	83
Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	\$928	23	9.8%	52
Eau Claire, WI	\$750	127	12.1%	36
El Centro, CA	\$434	372	-22.2%	371
El Paso, TX	\$575	338	-2.7%	290
Elizabethtown, KY	\$525	357	24.3%	4
Elkhart-Goshen, IN	\$746	131	0.0%	241
Elmira, NY	\$614	297	14.8%	27
Erie, PA	\$635	273	5.3%	117
Eugene-Springfield, OR	\$634	275	-1.9%	280
Evansville, IN-KY	\$727	157	-5.4%	334
Fairbanks, AK	\$942	19	15.5%	23
Fargo, ND-MN	\$679	211	-3.1%	298
Farmington, NM	\$696	192	7.5%	84
Fayetteville, NC	\$632	281	13.5%	33
Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	\$669	233	12.0%	37
Flagstaff, AZ	\$484	369	11.6%	41
Flint, MI	\$854	49	-8.2%	354
Florence, SC	\$641	267	0.1%	237
Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL	\$505	366	5.1%	120
Fond du Lac, WI	\$676	216	14.7%	29
Fort Collins-Loveland, CO	\$685	206	-4.1%	315
Fort Smith, AR-OK	\$604	309	-3.3%	302
Fort Wayne, IN	\$753	122	2.3%	185
Fresno, CA	\$651	255	-1.7%	276
Gadsden, AL	\$494	368	12.1%	35
Gainesville, FL	\$702	182	-8.0%	353
Gainesville, GA	\$759	112	-3.9%	311

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Glens Falls, NY	\$780	90	4.1%	149
Goldsboro, NC	\$600	313	11.8%	38
Grand Forks, ND-MN	\$626	288	4.8%	133
Grand Junction, CO	\$692	196	1.7%	197
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	\$709	176	0.3%	234
Great Falls, MT	\$580	331	-4.3%	317
Greeley, CO	\$678	214	6.3%	103
Green Bay, WI	\$611	302	-5.4%	333
Greensboro-High Point, NC	\$740	137	-1.4%	269
Greenville, NC	\$724	160	25.7%	3
Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC	\$738	139	-6.1%	343
Gulfport-Biloxi, MS	\$651	254	1.8%	194
Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV	\$636	272	-4.6%	325
Hanford-Corcoran, CA	\$689	201	3.8%	156
Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	\$834	56	11.5%	43
Harrisonburg, VA	\$635	274	1.7%	198
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT NECTA	\$1,018	9	-0.2%	245
Hattiesburg, MS	\$607	306	4.2%	147
Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC	\$652	252	2.6%	179
Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA	\$611	300	20.3%	10
Holland-Grand Haven, MI	\$721	163	0.0%	240
Honolulu, HI	\$755	117	-1.6%	273
Hot Springs, AR	\$532	355	-2.8%	291
Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA	\$986	12	15.0%	25
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	\$919	24	0.9%	221
Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	\$675	219	7.2%	88
Huntsville, AL	\$908	27	4.5%	138
Idaho Falls, ID	\$803	64	5.7%	113
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	\$807	63	2.1%	189
Iowa City, IA	\$510	363	-10.7%	361
Ithaca, NY	\$800	65	23.3%	5
Jackson, MI	\$629	284	3.8%	153
Jackson, MS	\$696	191	1.0%	218
Jackson, TN	\$605	307	1.2%	215
Jacksonville, FL	\$775	94	4.0%	150
Jacksonville, NC	\$548	352	-5.5%	337
Janesville, WI	\$617	296	6.8%	95
Jefferson City, MO	\$637	271	8.6%	68
Johnson City, TN	\$661	244	6.2%	104
Johnstown, PA	\$634	277	10.2%	51
Jonesboro, AR	\$638	270	8.1%	76
Joplin, MO	\$553	349	-6.6%	346
Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	\$649	256	2.2%	188
Kankakee-Bradley, IL	\$704	181	7.8%	80

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Kansas City, MO-KS	\$815	62	2.4%	183
Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, WA	\$942	18	5.4%	115
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX	\$630	283	-4.9%	327
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA	\$632	280	-1.7%	275
Kingston, NY	\$692	198	5.0%	127
Knoxville, TN	\$795	69	-3.4%	304
Kokomo, IN	\$665	237	-24.8%	372
La Crosse, WI-MN	\$759	110	2.5%	180
Lafayette, IN	\$592	319	-5.1%	329
Lafayette, LA	\$776	93	6.5%	100
Lake Charles, LA	\$859	44	5.1%	124
Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	\$608	304	-3.2%	301
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	\$624	291	-4.4%	319
Lancaster, PA	\$705	179	3.6%	159
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	\$797	66	-2.8%	293
Laredo, TX	\$506	365	10.5%	47
Las Cruces, NM	\$648	258	-3.1%	296
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	\$673	227	0.9%	222
Lawrence, KS	\$514	360	-5.6%	338
Lawton, OK	\$437	371	8.0%	77
Lebanon, PA	\$562	345	4.8%	132
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner, MA NECTA	\$736	143	18.9%	12
Lewiston, ID-WA	\$722	162	6.6%	98
Lewiston-Auburn, ME NECTA	\$590	323	-1.2%	264
Lexington-Fayette, KY	\$719	165	-0.3%	250
Lima, OH	\$652	251	-1.4%	268
Lincoln, NE	\$673	226	3.0%	169
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	\$728	156	1.2%	216
Logan, UT-ID	\$512	361	-7.2%	349
Longview, TX	\$675	217	4.3%	144
Longview, WA	\$693	193	2.8%	173
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	\$876	34	-1.1%	263
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	\$791	71	3.3%	164
Lubbock, TX	\$600	314	11.0%	45
Lynchburg, VA	\$663	241	-18.0%	368
Macon, GA	\$716	168	-3.1%	297
Madera-Chowchilla, CA	\$674	220	-8.5%	356
Madison, WI	\$827	57	-0.9%	260
Manchester, NH NECTA	\$783	84	3.6%	158
Manhattan, KS	\$620	293	6.6%	99
Mankato-North Mankato, MN	\$765	106	-5.7%	339
Mansfield, OH	\$621	292	-6.2%	344
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	\$561	346	14.6%	31
Medford, OR	\$674	225	3.5%	161

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Memphis, TN-MS-AR	\$701	185	-3.1%	299
Merced, CA	\$609	303	7.0%	92
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	\$780	91	-3.9%	312
Michigan City-La Porte, IN	\$617	295	-19.2%	369
Midland, TX	\$1,063	6	27.0%	2
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	\$861	42	6.4%	102
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	\$842	53	0.9%	219
Missoula, MT	\$690	200	3.0%	170
Mobile, AL	\$731	150	-3.1%	300
Modesto, CA	\$754	119	9.0%	61
Monroe, LA	\$613	299	1.5%	207
Monroe, MI	\$662	242	9.0%	60
Montgomery, AL	\$766	104	1.8%	195
Morgantown, WV	\$753	121	1.0%	217
Morristown, TN	\$648	257	-0.2%	244
Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	\$718	166	11.8%	39
Muncie, IN	\$625	290	1.2%	213
Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI	\$627	286	-1.8%	278
Myrtle Beach-North Myrtle Beach-Conway, SC	\$515	359	4.2%	145
Napa, CA	\$784	82	-2.4%	287
Naples-Marco Island, FL	\$781	89	-1.6%	272
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	\$785	78	0.9%	224
New Bedford, MA NECTA	\$666	236	-13.3%	365
New Haven, CT NECTA	\$893	30	4.7%	135
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	\$869	38	5.9%	110
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	\$987	11	0.8%	228
Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	\$567	343	9.2%	57
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota, FL	\$711	173	-6.4%	345
Norwich-New London, CT-RI NECTA	\$752	125	9.2%	56
Ocala, FL	\$539	354	-11.9%	364
Ocean City, NJ	\$654	249	6.1%	105
Odessa, TX	\$880	32	22.8%	6
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	\$697	190	1.7%	196
Oklahoma City, OK	\$766	103	11.3%	44
Olympia, WA	\$783	86	6.0%	109
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	\$757	114	1.3%	212
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	\$742	134	-2.8%	292
Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	\$655	248	-8.0%	352
Owensboro, KY	\$646	262	17.0%	16
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	\$843	52	4.9%	128
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	\$689	202	-9.5%	357
Palm Coast, FL	\$738	140	11.7%	40
Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach, FL	\$661	245	-4.6%	324
Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH	\$599	315	4.8%	134

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Peoria, IL	\$728	155	4.4%	139
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	\$898	29	3.0%	168
Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, AZ	\$795	68	-0.2%	246
Pine Bluff, AR	\$571	341	-10.8%	363
Pittsburgh, PA	\$773	98	7.3%	87
Pittsfield, MA NECTA	\$723	161	8.8%	64
Pocatello, ID	\$678	213	6.9%	94
Port St. Lucie, FL	\$601	312	10.3%	48
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME NECTA	\$788	75	3.0%	171
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	\$826	59	1.6%	202
Portsmouth, NH-ME NECTA	\$737	141	-4.5%	322
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	\$815	61	5.3%	116
Prescott, AZ	\$529	356	-0.1%	243
Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA NECTA	\$789	73	3.8%	155
Provo-Orem, UT	\$648	259	0.9%	223
Pueblo, CO	\$578	333	4.5%	137
Punta Gorda, FL	\$540	353	-13.9%	367
Racine, WI	\$765	105	1.9%	193
Raleigh-Cary, NC	\$867	39	-0.5%	252
Rapid City, SD	\$652	250	3.9%	152
Reading, PA	\$730	151	14.1%	32
Redding, CA	\$672	228	15.8%	20
Reno-Sparks, NV	\$646	263	2.0%	190
Richmond, VA	\$772	100	-2.2%	284
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	\$731	149	-3.0%	295
Roanoke, VA	\$751	126	2.0%	192
Rochester, MN	\$1,092	3	17.1%	15
Rochester, NY	\$686	205	-0.6%	255
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME NECTA	\$709	177	-1.9%	282
Rockford, IL	\$827	58	3.6%	160
Rocky Mount, NC	\$503	367	-5.9%	340
Rome, GA	\$638	269	-4.5%	321
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	\$874	36	2.2%	186
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, MI	\$692	197	2.2%	187
Salem, OR	\$632	278	1.4%	210
Salinas, CA	\$693	194	2.4%	182
Salisbury, MD	\$732	147	-2.4%	289
Salt Lake City, UT	\$874	35	-0.4%	251
San Angelo, TX	\$559	347	6.0%	107
San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	\$790	72	4.4%	141
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	\$967	14	7.9%	78
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	\$1,054	7	-1.7%	277

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San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	\$1,411	1	6.1%	106
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA	\$669	234	-1.6%	274
Sandusky, OH	\$590	324	10.3%	49
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA	\$732	148	-7.5%	351
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	\$745	132	-6.0%	342
Santa Fe, NM	\$747	129	-1.5%	271
Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	\$877	33	9.3%	55
Savannah, GA	\$684	208	0.2%	236
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	\$667	235	8.3%	74
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	\$1,115	2	1.2%	214
Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	\$626	289	-5.2%	331
Sheboygan, WI	\$754	118	-9.8%	358
Sherman-Denison, TX	\$674	224	9.7%	53
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	\$648	260	0.7%	229
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	\$604	310	-3.4%	305
Sioux Falls, SD	\$670	232	2.8%	176
South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	\$697	189	-0.8%	258
Spartanburg, SC	\$705	180	9.5%	54
Spokane, WA	\$785	80	6.7%	97
Springfield, IL	\$759	113	8.7%	65
Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	\$747	128	-0.3%	248
Springfield, MO	\$642	265	2.9%	172
Springfield, OH	\$574	339	-2.4%	288
St. Cloud, MN	\$740	136	0.4%	232
St. George, UT	\$511	362	1.5%	204
St. Joseph, MO-KS	\$594	317	8.8%	63
St. Louis, MO-IL	\$862	41	0.3%	235
State College, PA	\$506	364	0.5%	231
Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV	\$617	294	-1.4%	267
Stockton, CA	\$745	133	4.7%	136
Sumter, SC	\$590	321	-0.6%	253
Syracuse, NY	\$785	79	-2.1%	283
Tallahassee, FL	\$691	199	-10.0%	359
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	\$759	111	-0.9%	259
Terre Haute, IN	\$769	101	-4.6%	323
Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR	\$726	158	12.9%	34
Toledo, OH	\$864	40	16.9%	17
Topeka, KS	\$754	120	3.2%	166
Trenton-Ewing, NJ	\$1,012	10	18.2%	14
Tucson, AZ	\$741	135	2.7%	177
Tulsa, OK	\$788	74	4.8%	131
Tuscaloosa, AL	\$779	92	-2.3%	285
Tyler, TX	\$587	327	14.6%	30
Utica-Rome, NY	\$627	287	-1.8%	279

Metro	Average Weekly Earnings		Annual Earnings Growth Rate	
	February 2012	Rank	6 Month Average	Rank
Valdosta, GA	\$590	322	15.6%	22
Vallejo-Fairfield, CA	\$739	138	-2.9%	294
Victoria, TX	\$634	276	-5.0%	328
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ	\$692	195	8.3%	72
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	\$734	146	-3.6%	307
Visalia-Porterville, CA	\$548	351	-7.2%	350
Waco, TX	\$629	285	-3.4%	306
Warner Robins, GA	\$590	320	-7.1%	347
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	\$1,082	5	0.9%	220
Waterbury, CT NECTA	\$783	87	2.4%	181
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	\$781	88	3.4%	162
Wausau, WI	\$674	222	16.4%	19
Wenatchee-East Wenatchee, WA	\$589	325	7.5%	85
Wheeling, WV-OH	\$569	342	0.1%	238
Wichita Falls, TX	\$674	223	8.7%	66
Wichita, KS	\$725	159	-3.6%	308
Williamsport, PA	\$701	186	7.9%	79
Wilmington, NC	\$681	210	-4.5%	320
Winchester, VA-WV	\$760	109	7.1%	90
Winston-Salem, NC	\$720	164	7.0%	93
Worcester, MA-CT NECTA	\$840	54	-1.0%	261
Yakima, WA	\$700	187	5.7%	114
York-Hanover, PA	\$640	268	-3.8%	310
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	\$661	243	-4.3%	316
Yuba City, CA	\$774	97	-0.7%	256
Yuma, AZ	\$728	154	20.3%	11

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