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## January 2012 Progress Report: Job Growth in U.S. Metros

In this brief, we examine total employment trends in the first eleven months of 2011 among all U.S. metros, and discuss the employment gap between now and prerecession totals.



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More than two years after the official end of the *great recession*<sup>1</sup> finds most U.S. metros are adding jobs. According to the latest data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for November 2011, 239 of 372 metros have total employment greater than at the same time one year earlier. This marks 17 consecutive months with the number of metros adding jobs outnumbering the number losing jobs (see chart below).



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The aggregate figures however hide the fact that the majority of metros are still far from their prerecession employment totals. A look at November 2011 employment shows that only 54 metros, or 15 percent, are at levels exceeding their November 2007 totals, which was one month before the recession officially started (see chart page two). On average, U.S. metros are 4.9 percent below their 2007 November levels.

The first eleven months of 2011 has proven to be a year of few breakouts; the average annual employment growth rate among metros held at around 0.7 percent. In fact, throughout 2011 the number of metros that have surpassed their same-month 2007 employment totals has

remained remarkably small, ranging from just 49 in March to 65 in July. And of that number, a group of the same 34 metros has exceeded their 2007 totals in <u>all</u> eleven months of the year (see table page two). This group is comprised of fifteen metros in Texas, four in the Dakotas, and two in Alaska; confirming the likely influence of strong energy markets on local employment growth in 2011. Another five metros in the group are home to military installations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The recession is officially dated as beginning in December 2007 and ending in June 2009.

### How Far From the Past

The percentage difference in total employment between pre-recession November 2007 and post-recession November 2011 for all 372 U.S. metros.



Note: eight metros have current employment totals equal to their pre-recession level. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

### **Making New Highs**

These 34 metros have exceeded their pre-recession employment totals in all of the first eleven months of 2011.

Anchorage, AK	Lawton, OK
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	Lebanon, PA
Bismarck, ND	Lincoln, NE
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	Longview, TX
College Station-Bryan, TX	Lubbock, TX
Corpus Christi, TX	Manhattan, KS
Dubuque, IA	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX
El Paso, TX	Midland, TX
Fairbanks, AK	Morgantown, WV
Fargo, ND-MN	New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA
Fayetteville, NC	Odessa, TX
Grand Forks, ND-MN	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX
Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA	Sandusky, OH
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	Sioux Falls, SD
Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, WA	Waco, TX
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX	Warner Robins, GA
Laredo, TX	Wheeling, WV-OH

# All U.S. Metro Areas

## **Total Nonfarm Employment**

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

	Current			From Pre-recession November 2007	
	Post-rec	Employment		Employment	
		One-Year	One-Year		Difference
	Total	Change	Change (%)	Difference	(%)
Abilene, TX	62,500	(2,900)	-4.4%	(4,600)	-6.9%
Akron, OH	330,300	10,000	3.1%	(16,000)	-4.6%
Albany, GA	61,600	500	0.8%	(3,200)	-4.9%
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	439,800	(1,200)	-0.3%	(16,100)	-3.5%
Albuquerque, NM	372,600	(1,000)	-0.3%	(26,500)	-6.6%
Alexandria, LA	65,500	700	1.1%	(800)	-1.2%
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	335,500	(900)	-0.3%	(14,000)	-4.0%
Altoona, PA	61,300	100	0.2%	(2,000)	-3.2%
Amarillo, TX	113,400	2,300	2.1%	1,000	0.9%
Ames, IA	47,700	(900)	-1.9%	(1,700)	-3.4%
Anchorage, AK	170,800	(1,700)	-1.0%	3,200	1.9%
Anderson, IN	39,300	(1,500)	-3.7%	(1,900)	-4.6%
Anderson, SC	60,400	600	1.0%	(4,800)	-7.4%
Ann Arbor, MI	200,200	400	0.2%	(5,500)	-2.7%
Anniston-Oxford, AL	48,600	(400)	-0.8%	(5,000)	-9.3%
Appleton, WI	116,700	(800)	-0.7%	(3,600)	-3.0%
Asheville, NC	169,600	400	0.2%	(9,400)	-5.3%
Athens-Clarke County, GA	82,100	400	0.5%	(4,300)	-5.0%
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	2,258,700	(13,100)	-0.6%	(217,000)	-8.8%
Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	134,900	(1,900)	-1.4%	(14,300)	-9.6%
Auburn-Opelika, AL	54,200	500	0.9%	(1,100)	-2.0%
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	207,800	(2,900)	-1.4%	(9,700)	-4.5%
Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, TX	784,900	9,600	1.2%	11,800	1.5%
Bakersfield-Delano, CA	232,700	5,900	2.6%	(8,100)	-3.4%
Baltimore-Towson, MD	1,298,500	16,900	1.3%	(31,900)	-2.4%
Bangor, ME NECTA	66,800	2,100	3.2%	(1,400)	-2.1%
Barnstable Town, MA NECTA	96,500	1,800	1.9%	(1,000)	-1.0%
Baton Rouge, LA	366,200	500	0.1%	(14,700)	-3.9%
Battle Creek, MI	55,800	(900)	-1.6%	(3,800)	-6.4%
Bay City, MI	38,200	1,600	4.4%	(200)	-0.5%
Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	161,900	2,100	1.3%	(2,700)	-1.6%
Bellingham, WA	78,700	(100)	-0.1%	(8,000)	-9.2%
Bend, OR	59,800	(600)	-1.0%	(11,000)	-15.5%
Billings, MT	79,800	100	0.1%	(1,700)	-2.1%

	Current Post-recession November 2011			From Pre-recession November 2007		
	FUSIFIC	Employment		Emplo	vment	
	Total	One-Year	One-Year	Difference	Difference	
	TULAI	Change	Change (%)	Difference	(%)	
Binghamton, NY	112,200	1,200	1.1%	(4,300)	-3.7%	
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	488,900	(2,800)	-0.6%	(46,700)	-8.7%	
Bismarck, ND	65,100	1,800	2.8%	4,500	7.4%	
Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford, VA	71,700	1,800	2.6%	(1,000)	-1.4%	
Bloomington, IN	83,600	(600)	-0.7%	(3,400)	-3.9%	
Bloomington-Normal, IL	91,900	300	0.3%	(800)	-0.9%	
Boise City-Nampa, ID	258,500	5,600	2.2%	(19,300)	-6.9%	
NECTA	2,506,000	50,400	2.1%	(18,100)	-0.7%	
Boulder, CO	163,600	2,400	1.5%	(5,900)	-3.5%	
Bowling Green, KY	59,900	(700)	-1.2%	(3,600)	-5.7%	
Bremerton-Silverdale, WA	79,800	(2,200)	-2.7%	(7,400)	-8.5%	
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA	398,700	(2,900)	-0.7%	(25,300)	-6.0%	
Brownsville-Harlingen, TX	128,100	200	0.2%	2,100	1.7%	
Brunswick, GA	40,100	(600)	-1.5%	(6,200)	-13.4%	
Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY	549,400	0	0.0%	(9,500)	-1.7%	
Burlington, NC	56,500	100	0.2%	(5,700)	-9.2%	
Burlington-South Burlington, VT NECTA	117,200	3,300	2.9%	1,100	0.9%	
Canton-Massillon, OH	162,100	900	0.6%	(13,800)	-7.8%	
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	198,600	4,000	2.1%	(29,300)	-12.9%	
Cape Girardeau-Jackson, MO-IL	44,300	500	1.1%	(2,300)	-4.9%	
Carson City, NV	28,500	(500)	-1.7%	(4,100)	-12.6%	
Casper, WY	40,800	2,200	5.7%	400	1.0%	
Cedar Rapids, IA	139,200	(200)	-0.1%	(1,800)	-1.3%	
Champaign-Urbana, IL	108,800	(3,400)	-3.0%	(7,400)	-6.4%	
Charleston, WV	152,600	4,300	2.9%	1,000	0.7%	
Charleston-North Charleston- Summerville, SC	290,200	5,000	1.8%	(11,300)	-3.7%	
Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC	805,300	(2,000)	-0.2%	(72,400)	-8.2%	
Charlottesville, VA	103,900	3,900	3.9%	400	0.4%	
Chattanooga, TN-GA	233,900	900	0.4%	(16,200)	-6.5%	
Cheyenne, WY	44,800	1,200	2.8%	100	0.2%	
Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI	4,320,400	22,300	0.5%	(286,300)	-6.2%	
Chico, CA	72,100	1,600	2.3%	(4,800)	-6.2%	
Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	1,006,400	16,900	1.7%	(52,000)	-4.9%	
Clarksville, TN-KY	84,300	(100)	-0.1%	(1,600)	-1.9%	
Cleveland, TN	38,800	(800)	-2.0%	(2,000)	-4.9%	
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	998,900	(5,700)	-0.6%	(80,500)	-7.5%	
Coeur d'Alene, ID	52,100	(1,000)	-1.9%	(5,000)	-8.8%	
College Station-Bryan, TX	99,300	(500)	-0.5%	4,200	4.4%	
Colorado Springs, CO	245,600	(2,200)	-0.9%	(18,400)	-7.0%	

	Current Post-recession November 2011 Employment			From Pre-recession November 2007 Employment	
	Total	One-Year Change	One-Year Change (%)	Difference	Difference (%)
Columbia, MO	95,700	600	0.6%	600	0.6%
Columbia, SC	352,400	8,700	2.5%	(17,000)	-4.6%
Columbus, GA-AL	119,200	1,200	1.0%	(3,000)	-2.5%
Columbus, IN	44,800	2,100	4.9%	(1,600)	-3.4%
Columbus, OH	922,400	5,000	0.5%	(34,800)	-3.6%
Corpus Christi, TX	187,800	8,100	4.5%	6,600	3.6%
Corvallis, OR	39,000	600	1.6%	(500)	-1.3%
Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL	80,400	3,800	5.0%	(1,600)	-2.0%
Cumberland, MD-WV	41,900	1,400	3.5%	1,600	4.0%
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	2,961,400	57,300	2.0%	(28,700)	-1.0%
Dalton, GA	62,900	(3,400)	-5.1%	(14,900)	-19.2%
Danbury, CT NECTA	68,000	1,600	2.4%	(3,200)	-4.5%
Danville, IL	29,000	(200)	-0.7%	(2,400)	-7.6%
Danville, VA	40,500	800	2.0%	(1,900)	-4.5%
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	181,100	400	0.2%	(8,900)	-4.7%
Dayton, OH	371,900	(1,400)	-0.4%	(34,200)	-8.4%
Decatur, AL	54,000	(200)	-0.4%	(5,800)	-9.7%
Decatur, IL	53,000	(300)	-0.6%	(2,800)	-5.0%
Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	157,000	3,200	2.1%	(15,300)	-8.9%
Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO	1,210,800	9,800	0.8%	(47,800)	-3.8%
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	319,300	2,800	0.9%	(10,100)	-3.1%
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	1,777,600	22,700	1.3%	(199,300)	-10.1%
Dothan, AL	56,300	(600)	-1.1%	(7,100)	-11.2%
Dover, DE	63,900	(500)	-0.8%	(3,300)	-4.9%
Dubuque, IA	57,900	700	1.2%	900	1.6%
Duluth, MN-WI	128,700	(700)	-0.5%	(6,900)	-5.1%
Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	283,300	1,300	0.5%	(8,100)	-2.8%
Eau Claire, WI	81,400	(200)	-0.2%	(3,800)	-4.5%
El Centro, CA	45,200	800	1.8%	(1,700)	-3.6%
El Paso, TX	285,500	3,100	1.1%	6,500	2.3%
Elizabethtown, KY	46,700	(1,400)	-2.9%	(2,200)	-4.5%
Elkhart-Goshen, IN	104,100	(1,500)	-1.4%	(24,000)	-18.7%
Elmira, NY	40,000	(600)	-1.5%	(2,200)	-5.2%
Erie, PA	130,300	200	0.2%	(4,800)	-3.6%
Eugene-Springfield, OR	139,900	(1,800)	-1.3%	(19,400)	-12.2%
Evansville, IN-KY	178,100	3,900	2.2%	(1,500)	-0.8%
Fairbanks, AK	38,700	200	0.5%	1,300	3.5%
Fargo, ND-MN	126,600	3,000	2.4%	3,500	2.8%
Farmington, NM	49,400	900	1.9%	(3,400)	-6.4%
Fayetteville, NC	132,100	3,100	2.4%	1,900	1.5%

Current From **Post-recession November 2011 Pre-recession November 2007** Employment Employment Difference **One-Year One-Year** Total Difference (%) Change Change (%) Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO 204,200 1,000 0.5% (6,500) -3.1% (1,200) Flagstaff, AZ 60,800 -1.9% (5,700) -8.6% Flint, MI 134,400 800 0.6% (16, 400)-10.9% Florence, SC 84,000 1,200 1.4% (5,700) -6.4% Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL 56,300 1,000 1.8% (1,500)-2.6% Fond du Lac, WI 45,400 (100)-0.2% (4,000) -8.1% Fort Collins-Loveland, CO 137,000 1,900 1.4% (1,000)-0.7% Fort Smith, AR-OK 116,100 (1,300)-1.1% (11,000)-8.7% Fort Wayne, IN 208,200 6,200 3.1% (10, 500)-4.8% Fresno, CA 283,000 1,100 0.4% (23, 200)-7.6% Gadsden, AL 35,100 (700) -2.0% (2,800) -7.4% Gainesville. FL 127,900 (800) -0.6% (9,600) -7.0% Gainesville, GA 72,300 (800) -1.1% (6,800) -8.6% **Glens Falls, NY** 53,900 (100)-0.2% (1,900) -3.4% Goldsboro, NC 42,700 100 0.2% (2,800) -6.2% Grand Forks, ND-MN 55,800 1,100 2.0% 700 1.3% Grand Junction, CO 58,500 (800) -1.3% (6,300) -9.7% Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI 379,200 7,800 2.1% (14,600) -3.7% Great Falls, MT 35.700 (100)-0.3% 0 0.0% Greeley, CO 78,900 100 0.1% (4,400)-5.3% Green Bay, WI 165,700 (2,200)-1.3% (5,700) -3.3% Greensboro-High Point, NC 346,900 7,300 2.1% (29, 200)-7.8% Greenville, NC 76,300 500 0.7% (3,300)-4.1% Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC 301,300 3,200 1.1% (21, 100)-6.5% (5,400) Gulfport-Biloxi, MS 106,700 1,700 1.6% -4.8% Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV 96,300 (1,200)-1.2% (8,300)-7.9% Hanford-Corcoran, CA 36,700 1,100 3.1% (200) -0.5% Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA 318,400 (1,300)-0.4% (14,200) -4.3% Harrisonburg, VA 64,300 800 1.3% (400) -0.6% Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, 547,100 4,000 0.7% (18,000)**CT NECTA** -3.2% Hattiesburg, MS 59,700 (200)-0.3% (2,500)-4.0% 141,500 -1.5% Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC (2,100)(21, 900)-13.4% **Hinesville-Fort Stewart, GA** 19,500 0 0.0% 1,100 6.0% Holland-Grand Haven, MI 110,200 3,500 3.3% (3,700)-3.2% 448,600 1.1% Honolulu, HI 5,100 (13,700)-3.0% 2,600 39,600 7.0% 1,100 Hot Springs, AR 2.9% Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, LA 97,300 3,100 3.3% (600) -0.6% Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX 2,646,200 87,900 3.4% 51,000 2.0% Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH 1,800 116,500 1.6% (6,600) -5.4% Huntsville, AL 207,300 (1,800)-0.9% (7,200) -3.4%

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	Current Post-recession November 2011			From Pre-recession November 2007	
	Post-le	Employment		Emplo	vment
	Total	One-Year	One-Year	Difference	Difference
	40 700	Change	Change (%)		(%)
Idaho Falis, ID	48,700	0	0.0%	(3,500)	-6.7%
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	876,300	(6,300)	-0.7%	(56,300)	-6.0%
	92,300	300	0.3%	0	0.0%
	65,600	(1,600)	-2.4%	(900)	-1.4%
	54,600	2 000	1.5%	(4,100)	-7.0%
Jackson, MS	254,000	2,900	1.2%	(10,600)	-4.0%
Jackson, IN	57,800	(700)	-1.2%	(4,800)	-7.7%
Jacksonville, FL	595,300	8,300	1.4%	(42,200)	-6.6%
	47,000	(600)	-1.3%	0	0.0%
Janesville, WI	61,400	0	0.0%	(8,900)	-12.7%
Jefferson City, MO	78,300	0	0.0%	(2,100)	-2.6%
Johnson City, TN	78,900	(600)	-0.8%	(4,500)	-5.4%
Johnstown, PA	62,100	1,000	1.6%	(800)	-1.3%
Jonesboro, AR	49,300	(200)	-0.4%	100	0.2%
Joplin, MO	80,100	(100)	-0.1%	(1,000)	-1.2%
Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	140,500	1,400	1.0%	(7,200)	-4.9%
Kankakee-Bradley, IL	45,900	2,600	6.0%	500	1.1%
Statistical Area	968,100	300	0.0%	(56,300)	-5.5%
Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, WA	97,600	(2,700)	-2.7%	5,300	5.7%
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood, TX	128,600	(800)	-0.6%	4,000	3.2%
Kingsport-Bristol-Bristol, TN-VA	119,300	1,400	1.2%	(5,300)	-4.3%
Kingston, NY	61,600	0	0.0%	(3,000)	-4.6%
Knoxville, TN	331,700	2,500	0.8%	(8,300)	-2.4%
Kokomo, IN	42,500	1,400	3.4%	(3,800)	-8.2%
La Crosse, WI-MN	74,500	500	0.7%	(1,500)	-2.0%
Lafayette, IN	98,200	3,600	3.8%	1,200	1.2%
Lafayette, LA	153,600	4,800	3.2%	1,100	0.7%
Lake Charles, LA	91,500	3,000	3.4%	(2,600)	-2.8%
Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	45,900	400	0.9%	(6,600)	-12.6%
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	194,200	(300)	-0.2%	(17,900)	-8.4%
Lancaster, PA	228,300	(900)	-0.4%	(13,400)	-5.5%
Lansing-East Lansing, MI	225,500	3,800	1.7%	(6,500)	-2.8%
Laredo, TX	91,800	3,100	3.5%	2,400	2.7%
Las Cruces, NM	69,700	(500)	-0.7%	(400)	-0.6%
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	811,000	11,400	1.4%	(124,300)	-13.3%
Lawrence, KS	53,500	2,400	4.7%	(700)	-1.3%
Lawton, OK	43,000	(1,300)	-2.9%	400	0.9%
Lebanon, PA	51,400	800	1.6%	800	1.6%
Leominster-Fitchburg-Gardner, MA NECTA	49,000	100	0.2%	(2,300)	-4.5%

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	Total	One-Year Change	One-Year Change (%)	Difference	Difference (%)
Lewiston, ID-WA	25,600	(400)	-1.5%	(2,400)	-8.6%
Lewiston-Auburn, ME NECTA	49,300	1,000	2.1%	(1,500)	-3.0%
Lexington-Fayette, KY	252,100	3,500	1.4%	(9,000)	-3.4%
Lima, OH	53,900	1,200	2.3%	(2,100)	-3.8%
Lincoln, NE	177,800	5,000	2.9%	1,900	1.1%
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	341,100	1,000	0.3%	(8,600)	-2.5%
Logan, UT-ID	56,500	1,500	2.7%	(200)	-0.4%
Longview, TX	98,700	1,600	1.6%	1,500	1.5%
Longview, WA	34,800	(800)	-2.2%	(3,700)	-9.6%
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	5,202,500	25,500	0.5%	(476,900)	-8.4%
Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN	611,800	15,800	2.7%	(21,200)	-3.3%
Lubbock, TX	135,000	4,800	3.7%	3,600	2.7%
Lynchburg, VA	107,400	2,600	2.5%	(2,700)	-2.5%
Macon, GA	97,300	1,100	1.1%	(4,700)	-4.6%
Madera-Chowchilla, CA	32,200	(600)	-1.8%	(3,200)	-9.0%
Madison, WI	349,800	(100)	0.0%	(1,900)	-0.5%
Manchester, NH NECTA	99,000	700	0.7%	(3,000)	-2.9%
Manhattan, KS	59,600	1,400	2.4%	2,500	4.4%
Mankato-North Mankato, MN	54,000	1,500	2.9%	(1,200)	-2.2%
Mansfield, OH	52,600	(400)	-0.8%	(5,300)	-9.2%
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	232,400	8,900	4.0%	14,400	6.6%
Medford, OR	77,800	1,600	2.1%	(8,000)	-9.3%
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	603,400	15,000	2.5%	(45,300)	-7.0%
Merced, CA	55,600	(700)	-1.2%	(3,700)	-6.2%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	2,230,200	30,200	1.4%	(204,300)	-8.4%
Michigan City-La Porte, IN	42,600	(300)	-0.7%	(4,400)	-9.4%
Midland, TX	71,000	1,600	2.3%	2,800	4.1%
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	828,200	5,500	0.7%	(35,000)	-4.1%
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN- WI	1,726,600	17,200	1.0%	(87,900)	-4.8%
Missoula, MT	52,000	(3,400)	-6.1%	(6,200)	-10.7%
Mobile, AL	175,500	(700)	-0.4%	(10,400)	-5.6%
Modesto, CA	145,200	(1,400)	-1.0%	(14,700)	-9.2%
Monroe, LA	76,200	400	0.5%	(4,100)	-5.1%
Monroe, MI	38,100	200	0.5%	(4,600)	-10.8%
Montgomery, AL	164,900	(2,800)	-1.7%	(15,900)	-8.8%
Morgantown, WV	67,100	200	0.3%	4,300	6.8%
Morristown, TN	45,300	(600)	-1.3%	(5,800)	-11.4%
Mount Vernon-Anacortes, WA	44,700	500	1.1%	(3,100)	-6.5%
Muncie, IN	50,300	300	0.6%	(4,300)	-7.9%

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Muskegon-Norton Shores, MI	59,300	700	1.2%	(5,900)	-9.0%
Myrtle Beach-North Myrtle Beach- Conway, SC	116,000	2,800	2.5%	(6,600)	-5.4%
Napa, CA	60,300	1,400	2.4%	(4,900)	-7.5%
Naples-Marco Island, FL	110,000	100	0.1%	(18,200)	-14.2%
Nashville-DavidsonMurfreesboro Franklin, TN	757,300	7,500	1.0%	(21,100)	-2.7%
New Bedford, MA NECTA	66,100	700	1.1%	(1,600)	-2.4%
New Haven, CT NECTA	268,100	(700)	-0.3%	(14,400)	-5.1%
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	533,300	9,000	1.7%	6,100	1.2%
New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA	8,441,300	22,800	0.3%	(271,000)	-3.1%
Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	61,600	300	0.5%	(4,400)	-6.7%
North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota, FL	242,600	2,100	0.9%	(30,000)	-11.0%
Norwich-New London, CT-RI NECTA	126,000	(4,100)	-3.2%	(10,600)	-7.8%
Ocala, FL	91,600	1,400	1.6%	(15,000)	-14.1%
Ocean City, NJ	37,600	(500)	-1.3%	(700)	-1.8%
Odessa, TX	63,400	1,400	2.3%	2,000	3.3%
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	198,200	5,100	2.6%	(7,000)	-3.4%
Oklahoma City, OK	579,600	17,400	3.1%	(700)	-0.1%
Olympia, WA	97,900	600	0.6%	(6,000)	-5.8%
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	468,400	6,700	1.5%	(3,800)	-0.8%
Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL	1,022,100	8,200	0.8%	(81,000)	-7.3%
Oshkosh-Neenah, WI	94,600	800	0.9%	100	0.1%
Owensboro, KY	51,300	1,300	2.6%	(1,000)	-1.9%
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	277,900	2,300	0.8%	(20,300)	-6.8%
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	189,500	(3,000)	-1.6%	(24,200)	-11.3%
Palm Coast, FL	18,000	(200)	-1.1%	(1,000)	-5.3%
Panama City-Lynn Haven-Panama City Beach, FL	70,900	(300)	-0.4%	(4,400)	-5.8%
Parkersburg-Marietta-Vienna, WV-OH	70,800	1,100	1.6%	(4,000)	-5.3%
Pascagoula, MS	58,700	(100)	-0.2%	0	0.0%
Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	156,700	(2,000)	-1.3%	(14,700)	-8.6%
Peoria, IL	187,900	7,600	4.2%	(1,600)	-0.8%
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA- NJ-DE-MD	2,729,300	(3,100)	-0.1%	(122,000)	-4.3%
Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, AZ	1,741,000	33,400	2.0%	(204,900)	-10.5%
Pine Bluff, AR	36,400	(600)	-1.6%	(2,300)	-5.9%
Pittsburgh, PA	1,164,400	23,400	2.1%	4,700	0.4%
Pittsfield, MA NECTA	36,900	1,300	3.7%	0	0.0%
Pocatello, ID	36,100	(100)	-0.3%	(3,200)	-8.1%
Port St. Lucie, FL	120,600	(300)	-0.2%	(13,100)	-9.8%
Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME	189,200	(1,500)	-0.8%	(9,000)	-4.5%

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	Total	One-Year Change	One-Year Change (%)	Difference	Difference (%)
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA	989,800	12,000	1.2%	(62,700)	-6.0%
Portsmouth, NH-ME NECTA	54,900	400	0.7%	(400)	-0.7%
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	251,400	(1,800)	-0.7%	(8,700)	-3.3%
Prescott, AZ	52,700	(1,800)	-3.3%	(12,500)	-19.2%
Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI-MA NECTA	549,500	700	0.1%	(35,900)	-6.1%
Provo-Orem, UT	186,700	4,800	2.6%	(8,300)	-4.3%
Pueblo, CO	58,100	400	0.7%	(1,200)	-2.0%
Punta Gorda, FL	41,400	600	1.5%	(2,700)	-6.1%
Racine, WI	73,800	(1,600)	-2.1%	(7,500)	-9.2%
Raleigh-Cary, NC	511,300	9,300	1.9%	(15,100)	-2.9%
Rapid City, SD	60,400	200	0.3%	0	0.0%
Reading, PA	171,100	2,100	1.2%	(5,500)	-3.1%
Redding, CA	60,000	2,700	4.7%	(4,900)	-7.6%
Reno-Sparks, NV	189,700	(1,400)	-0.7%	(36,600)	-16.2%
Richmond, VA	597,700	(6,000)	-1.0%	(38,100)	-6.0%
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	1,137,000	19,100	1.7%	(141,100)	-11.0%
Roanoke, VA	157,000	2,000	1.3%	(7,400)	-4.5%
Rochester, MN	103,700	1,200	1.2%	(3,700)	-3.4%
Rochester, NY	523,300	8,700	1.7%	1,200	0.2%
Rochester-Dover, NH-ME NECTA	59,800	2,800	4.9%	0	0.0%
Rockford, IL	147,700	2,100	1.4%	(15,700)	-9.6%
Rocky Mount, NC	60,700	(600)	-1.0%	(5,400)	-8.2%
Rome, GA	38,100	(500)	-1.3%	(4,500)	-10.6%
SacramentoArden-ArcadeRoseville, CA	812,100	7,000	0.9%	(92,500)	-10.2%
Saginaw-Saginaw Township North, MI	86,500	2,400	2.9%	(4,200)	-4.6%
Salem, OR	142,700	(1,300)	-0.9%	(11,800)	-7.6%
Salinas, CA	123,400	2,300	1.9%	(7,100)	-5.4%
Salisbury, MD	54,000	900	1.7%	(2,500)	-4.4%
Salt Lake City, UT	629,100	13,500	2.2%	(17,800)	-2.8%
San Angelo, TX	46,100	1,000	2.2%	200	0.4%
San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX	855,100	10,400	1.2%	7,300	0.9%
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	1,257,300	26,600	2.2%	(58,800)	-4.5%
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	1,915,200	18,000	0.9%	(148,000)	-7.2%
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	890,100	28,300	3.3%	(33,000)	-3.6%
San Luis Obispo-Paso Robles, CA	96,800	(700)	-0.7%	(7,800)	-7.5%
Sandusky, OH	37,700	1,900	5.3%	1,100	3.0%
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA	162,600	(100)	-0.1%	(13,500)	-7.7%
Santa Cruz-Watsonville, CA	89,600	3,100	3.6%	(6,300)	-6.6%
Santa Fe, NM	61,300	300	0.5%	(4,300)	-6.6%

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Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	169,100	(2,200)	-1.3%	(24,000)	-12.4%
Savannah, GA	147,900	(2,600)	-1.7%	(14,500)	-8.9%
ScrantonWilkes-Barre, PA	257,300	700	0.3%	(9,200)	-3.5%
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	1,694,100	46,100	2.8%	(78,400)	-4.4%
Sebastian-Vero Beach, FL	44,100	1,000	2.3%	(5,900)	-11.8%
Sheboygan, WI	59,100	200	0.3%	(4,900)	-7.7%
Sherman-Denison, TX	43,000	500	1.2%	(1,000)	-2.3%
Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	181,400	2,000	1.1%	(600)	-0.3%
Sioux City, IA-NE-SD	75,300	1,600	2.2%	(1,500)	-2.0%
Sioux Falls, SD	135,500	1,500	1.1%	400	0.3%
South Bend-Mishawaka, IN-MI	134,800	1,000	0.7%	(11,800)	-8.0%
Spartanburg, SC	120,500	1,000	0.8%	(10,200)	-7.8%
Spokane, WA	207,000	(500)	-0.2%	(14,900)	-6.7%
Springfield, IL	114,000	1,100	1.0%	2,100	1.9%
Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	292,600	3,700	1.3%	(9,100)	-3.0%
Springfield, MO	195,400	2,900	1.5%	(8,100)	-4.0%
Springfield, OH	50,800	300	0.6%	(1,500)	-2.9%
St. Cloud, MN	99,100	(1,300)	-1.3%	(5,200)	-5.0%
St. George, UT	46,400	300	0.7%	(9,100)	-16.4%
St. Joseph, MO-KS	56,900	(1,100)	-1.9%	(3,100)	-5.2%
St. Louis, MO-IL	1,308,300	6,200	0.5%	(64,200)	-4.7%
State College, PA	77,600	600	0.8%	0	0.0%
Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV	45,400	1,400	3.2%	(3,400)	-7.0%
Stockton, CA	191,900	2,400	1.3%	(22,500)	-10.5%
Sumter, SC	36,900	(400)	-1.1%	(1,400)	-3.7%
Syracuse, NY	320,400	1,200	0.4%	(8,800)	-2.7%
Tallahassee, FL	170,800	(600)	-0.4%	(10,100)	-5.6%
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	1,146,700	26,900	2.4%	(95,200)	-7.7%
Terre Haute, IN	70,600	(1,400)	-1.9%	(4,900)	-6.5%
Texarkana, TX-Texarkana, AR	57,600	500	0.9%	(400)	-0.7%
Toledo, OH	306,600	2,600	0.9%	(24,000)	-7.3%
Topeka, KS	106,900	(1,900)	-1.7%	(4,700)	-4.2%
Trenton-Ewing, NJ	239,100	(200)	-0.1%	(3,400)	-1.4%
Tucson, AZ	360,700	3,900	1.1%	(30,800)	-7.9%
Tulsa, OK	419,700	10,100	2.5%	(14,000)	-3.2%
Tuscaloosa, AL	92,900	(2,000)	-2.1%	(6,800)	-6.8%
Tyler, TX	95,900	2,300	2.5%	600	0.6%
Utica-Rome, NY	134,600	3,200	2.4%	(400)	-0.3%
Valdosta, GA	51,800	(700)	-1.3%	(5,900)	-10.2%
Vallejo-Fairfield, CA	119,100	300	0.3%	(9,100)	-7.1%

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Victoria, TX	52,400	3,100	6.3%	600	1.2%
Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ	58,700	(300)	-0.5%	(4,100)	-6.5%
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	730,500	(3,900)	-0.5%	(46,100)	-5.9%
Visalia-Porterville, CA	107,800	2,000	1.9%	(7,700)	-6.7%
Waco, TX	108,100	1,800	1.7%	1,800	1.7%
Warner Robins, GA	59,500	(500)	-0.8%	1,100	1.9%
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC- VA-MD-WV	3,007,900	8,800	0.3%	(10,400)	-0.3%
Waterbury, CT NECTA	64,000	700	1.1%	(5,200)	-7.5%
Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	91,600	1,100	1.2%	(600)	-0.7%
Wausau, WI	67,600	(100)	-0.1%	(6,700)	-9.0%
Wenatchee-East Wenatchee, WA	39,800	800	2.1%	(1,100)	-2.7%
Wheeling, WV-OH	69,400	400	0.6%	500	0.7%
Wichita Falls, TX	57,700	(800)	-1.4%	(4,200)	-6.8%
Wichita, KS	287,900	2,200	0.8%	(20,500)	-6.6%
Williamsport, PA	54,000	600	1.1%	(700)	-1.3%
Wilmington, NC	134,800	(2,100)	-1.5%	(13,000)	-8.8%
Winchester, VA-WV	56,600	1,700	3.1%	(1,200)	-2.1%
Winston-Salem, NC	210,100	5,500	2.7%	(11,600)	-5.2%
Worcester, MA-CT NECTA	250,100	8,500	3.5%	(2,500)	-1.0%
Yakima, WA	75,700	(2,500)	-3.2%	(3,400)	-4.3%
York-Hanover, PA	179,200	1,900	1.1%	(6,300)	-3.4%
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	227,400	4,300	1.9%	(13,200)	-5.5%
Yuba City, CA	38,000	1,600	4.4%	(3,500)	-8.4%
Yuma, AZ	49.100	(500)	-1.0%	(6.600)	-11.8%

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