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## Table: Best Cities For Jobs In 2008

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| RANK | GEOGRAPHY           | MEDIAN INCOME RANK | UNEMPLOYMENT RANK | INCOME GROWTH RANK | COST OF LIVING RANK | JOB GROWTH RANK | TOTAL SCORE |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1    | Salt Lake City, UT  | 33                 | 2                 | 8                  | 41                  | 8               | 92          |
| 2    | Wichita, KS         | 65                 | 23                | 5                  | 7                   | 7               | 107         |
| 3    | Austin, TX          | 56                 | 13                | 1                  | 51                  | 2               | 123         |
| 4    | Atlanta, GA         | 18                 | 43                | 18                 | 42                  | 13              | 134         |
| 5    | Fort Worth, TX      | 50                 | 39                | 4                  | 45                  | 9               | 147         |
| 6    | Indianapolis, IN    | 41                 | 37                | 36                 | 12                  | 23              | 149         |
| 7    | Houston, TX         | 63                 | 36                | 3                  | 48                  | 4               | 154         |
| 8    | Omaha, NE           | 57                 | 10                | 41                 | 11                  | 38              | 157         |
| 9    | Raleigh, NC         | 54                 | 22                | 23                 | 46                  | 19              | 164         |
| 10   | Seattle, WA         | 14                 | 19                | 34                 | 79                  | 20              | 166         |
| 11   | San Antonio, TX     | 85                 | 32                | 15                 | 29                  | 5               | 166         |
| 12   | Birmingham, AL      | 93                 | 11                | 9                  | 40                  | 14              | 167         |
| 13   | Albuquerque, NM     | 80                 | 17                | 16                 | 30                  | 25              | 168         |
| 14   | Nashville, TN       | 64                 | 14                | 20                 | 39                  | 32              | 169         |
| 15   | Little Rock, AR     | 67                 | 56                | 14                 | 20                  | 12              | 169         |
| 16   | Denver, CO          | 27                 | 26                | 19                 | 47                  | 50              | 169         |
| 17   | Wilmington, DE      | 32                 | 15                | 28                 | 67                  | 34              | 176         |
| 18   | Dallas, TX          | 43                 | 41                | 17                 | 61                  | 17              | 179         |
| 19   | Oklahoma City, OK   | 81                 | 42                | 26                 | 15                  | 16              | 180         |
| 20   | Honolulu, HI        | 16                 | 1                 | 51                 | 93                  | 21              | 182         |
| 21   | Bethesda, MD        | 2                  | 3                 | 42                 | 92                  | 45              | 184         |
| 22   | Tulsa, OK           | 84                 | 35                | 43                 | 19                  | 10              | 191         |
| 23   | Tacoma, WA          | 28                 | 71                | 11                 | 57                  | 36              | 203         |
| 24   | Baton Rouge, LA     | 95                 | 12                | 48                 | 38                  | 11              | 204         |
| 25   | Washington, DC      | 4                  | 5                 | 45                 | 85                  | 65              | 204         |
| 26   | Jacksonville, FL    | 53                 | 21                | 21                 | 56                  | 55              | 206         |
| 27   | Orlando, FL         | 61                 | 31                | 27                 | 72                  | 15              | 206         |
| 28   | Fort Lauderdale, FL | 47                 | 18                | 31                 | 87                  | 24              | 207         |
| 29   | Kansas City, MO     | 42                 | 75                | 35                 | 25                  | 31              | 208         |
| 30   | Allentown, PA       | 35                 | 40                | 55                 | 54                  | 33              | 217         |
| 31   | Columbia, SC        | 82                 | 62                | 13                 | 34                  | 26              | 217         |
| 32   | Portland, OR        | 39                 | 64                | 29                 | 58                  | 27              | 217         |
| 33   | McAllen, TX         | 100                | 95                | 2                  | 22                  | 1               | 220         |
| 34   | West Palm Beach, FL | 34                 | 49                | 22                 | 89                  | 28              | 222         |
| 35   | Baltimore, MD       | 24                 | 29                | 54                 | 65                  | 57              | 229         |
| 36   | Edison, NJ          | 1                  | 28                | 39                 | 88                  | 74              | 230         |
| 37   | Greenville, SC      | 98                 | 66                | 12                 | 32                  | 22              | 230         |
| 38   | Minneapolis, MN     | 20                 | 46                | 65                 | 49                  | 51              | 231         |
| 39   | Gary, IN            | 59                 | 68                | 46                 | 21                  | 41              | 235         |
| 40   | Bridgeport, CT      | 7                  | 24                | 57                 | 95                  | 52              | 235         |
| 41   | Camden, NJ          | 10                 | 48                | 67                 | 64                  | 46              | 235         |

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| 42  | Riverside, CA      | 37 | 90  | 10  | 83  | 18  | 238 |
| 43  | Sarasota, FL       | 62 | 44  | 7   | 86  | 39  | 238 |
| 44  | Richmond, VA       | 45 | 4   | 53  | 44  | 93  | 239 |
| 45  | Virginia Beach, VA | 60 | 6   | 70  | 37  | 67  | 240 |
| 46  | Lake County, IL    | 15 | 80  | 37  | 71  | 40  | 243 |
| 47  | Poughkeepsie, NY   | 22 | 33  | 59  | 60  | 70  | 244 |
| 48  | Tampa, FL          | 79 | 45  | 24  | 63  | 35  | 246 |
| 49  | El Paso, TX        | 99 | 88  | 30  | 26  | 3   | 246 |
| 50  | Charlotte, NC      | 73 | 67  | 40  | 36  | 30  | 246 |
| 51  | Chicago, IL        | 49 | 87  | 6   | 53  | 53  | 248 |
| 52  | Columbus, OH       | 58 | 60  | 56  | 17  | 59  | 250 |
| 53  | Tucson, AZ         | 83 | 9   | 33  | 52  | 73  | 250 |
| 54  | Albany, NY         | 51 | 30  | 83  | 31  | 58  | 253 |
| 55  | Newark, NJ         | 6  | 47  | 49  | 90  | 61  | 253 |
| 56  | San Francisco, CA  | 8  | 34  | 66  | 98  | 48  | 254 |
| 57  | St. Louis, MO      | 71 | 79  | 47  | 23  | 37  | 257 |
| 58  | New York, NY       | 36 | 78  | 25  | 77  | 43  | 259 |
| 59  | Miami, FL          | 89 | 20  | 44  | 78  | 29  | 260 |
| 60  | Memphis, TN        | 90 | 58  | 50  | 24  | 44  | 266 |
| 61  | Philadelphia, PA   | 29 | 51  | 73  | 59  | 60  | 272 |
| 62  | New Orleans, LA    | 97 | 25  | 94  | 50  | 6   | 272 |
| 63  | Cambridge, MA      | 13 | 16  | 77  | 82  | 92  | 280 |
| 64  | Milwaukee, WI      | 38 | 85  | 72  | 33  | 54  | 282 |
| 65  | Boston, MA         | 25 | 52  | 63  | 80  | 64  | 284 |
| 66  | Greensboro, NC     | 96 | 69  | 32  | 27  | 62  | 286 |
| 67  | Oxnard, CA         | 9  | 59  | 60  | 94  | 71  | 293 |
| 68  | Akron, OH          | 76 | 84  | 87  | 8   | 42  | 297 |
| 69  | Peabody, MA        | 31 | 61  | 62  | 75  | 69  | 298 |
| 70  | San Diego, CA      | 17 | 57  | 75  | 91  | 63  | 303 |
| 71  | Worcester, MA      | 23 | 77  | 68  | 62  | 75  | 305 |
| 72  | Louisville, KY     | 72 | 82  | 52  | 16  | 84  | 306 |
| 73  | Sacramento, CA     | 30 | 81  | 38  | 76  | 81  | 306 |
| 74  | Pittsburgh, PA     | 77 | 53  | 80  | 9   | 88  | 307 |
| 75  | Oakland, CA        | 11 | 63  | 61  | 97  | 76  | 308 |
| 76  | Knoxville, TN      | 88 | 8   | 100 | 28  | 85  | 309 |
| 77  | Rochester, NY      | 69 | 54  | 93  | 3   | 91  | 310 |
| 78  | Cincinnati, OH     | 52 | 72  | 97  | 14  | 79  | 314 |
| 79  | Nassau, NY         | 5  | 27  | 92  | 96  | 95  | 315 |
| 80  | San Jose, CA       | 3  | 65  | 69  | 100 | 78  | 315 |
| 81  | New Haven, CT      | 21 | 70  | 74  | 69  | 82  | 316 |
| 82  | Grand Rapids, MI   | 70 | 94  | 82  | 18  | 56  | 320 |
| 83  | Syracuse, NY       | 87 | 50  | 99  | 6   | 80  | 322 |
| 84  | Santa Ana, CA      | 12 | 38  | 78  | 99  | 96  | 323 |
| 85  | Hartford, CT       | 19 | 55  | 95  | 74  | 86  | 329 |
| 86  | Phoenix, AZ        | 55 | 7   | 96  | 73  | 100 | 331 |
| 87  | Los Angeles, CA    | 48 | 74  | 58  | 84  | 68  | 332 |
| 88  | Springfield, MA    | 66 | 83  | 84  | 35  | 66  | 334 |
| 89  | Dayton, OH         | 78 | 89  | 81  | 4   | 87  | 339 |
| 90  | Cleveland, OH      | 68 | 91  | 90  | 13  | 83  | 345 |
| 91  | Toledo, OH         | 74 | 93  | 79  | 5   | 94  | 345 |
| 92  | Providence, RI     | 40 | 86  | 88  | 55  | 77  | 346 |
| 93  | Buffalo, NY        | 86 | 73  | 98  | 1   | 90  | 348 |
| 94  | Warren, MI         | 26 | 96  | 86  | 43  | 98  | 349 |
| 95  | Bakersfield, CA    | 75 | 98  | 71  | 66  | 47  | 357 |
| 96  | Youngstown, OH     | 92 | 92  | 89  | 2   | 89  | 364 |
| 97  | Stockton, CA       | 44 | 97  | 76  | 81  | 72  | 370 |
| 98  | Las Vegas, NV      | 46 | 76  | 85  | 70  | 97  | 374 |
| 99  | Fresno, CA         | 94 | 99  | 64  | 68  | 49  | 374 |
| 100 | Detroit, MI        | 91 | 100 | 91  | 10  | 99  | 391 |