

## Top 20 Small Cities

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### Employment base of less than 150,000.

Rank Within Category	Area, State Hottest Industries	2007 Overall Rank	2006 Rank in Category	2006 Overall Rank	Growth Nonfarm Jobs 2005-2006	Growth Nonfarm Jobs 2001-2006	Weighted Index
1	St. George, Utah Wholesale, Business Services, Manufacturing	1	2	2	8.4%	41.8%	100.0
2	Yuma, Ariz. Manufacturing, Leisure	2	1	1	6.7%	31.5%	99.7
3	Prescott, Ariz. Business Services, Financial Services, Manufacturing	3	13	16	6.6%	25.9%	99.2
4	Naples-Marco Island, Fla. Leisure, Wholesale, Financial Services	6	7	8	5.5%	28.5%	98.5
5	Morgantown, W.Va. Leisure, Government, Education and Health	9	12	15	6.4%	19.1%	97.7
6	Bend, Oreg. Business Services, Financial Services	10	14	17	4.3%	26.1%	97.3
7	Laredo, Texas Leisure, Government	11	20	29	5.2%	21.7%	96.3

8	<b>Port St. Lucie-Fort Pierce, Fla.</b> Transportation, Financial Services	12	6	7	3.2%	26.5%	95.9
9	<b>Las Cruces, N.Mex.</b> Wholesale, Transportation	15	31	49	4.2%	19.0%	93.0
10	<b>Coeur d'Alene, Idaho</b> Information, Wholesale	16	4	5	3.8%	19.0%	92.8
11	<b>Casper, Wyo.</b> Information, Manufacturing, Wholesale	17	9	11	4.4%	17.9%	92.1
12	<b>Midland, Texas</b> Manufacturing, Business Services, Retail	18	90	139	4.4%	13.1%	92.1
13	<b>Fort Walton Beach-Crestview-Destin, Fla.</b> Financial Services, Leisure, Manufacturing	19	3	4	3.2%	22.8%	91.3
14	<b>Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, S.C.</b> Government, Leisure	20	43	67	2.7%	20.5%	90.9
15	<b>Dubuque, Iowa</b> <b>(Biggest Mover)</b> BLS sector detail not available	22	121	200	5.0%	11.7%	90.6
16	<b>Dover, Del.</b> Financial Services, Transportation, Retail	23	23	33	3.2%	20.4%	90.2

17	Financial Services, Business Services, Wholesale	28	24	37	2.3%	20.7%	88.8
18	<b>Sebastian-Vero Beach, Fla.</b> Wholesale, Transportation, Business Services	29	65	100	2.9%	17.2%	88.7
19	<b>Auburn-Opelika, Ala.</b> Business Services, Wholesale, Education and Health	30	28	45	2.5%	17.3%	88.7
20	<b>Idaho Falls, Idaho</b> Information, Wholesale, Business Services	32	8	10	2.4%	17.0%	88.2

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