

| Metropolitan area | Performance during the recovery* |
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| Albuquerque, NM | Strongest 20 metros |
| Bakersfield, CA | Strongest 20 metros |
| Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH | Strongest 20 metros |
| Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX | Strongest 20 metros |
| Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA | Strongest 20 metros |
| Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI | Strongest 20 metros |
| Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI | Strongest 20 metros |
| Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX | Strongest 20 metros |
| Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL | Strongest 20 metros |
| McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX | Strongest 20 metros |
| New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA | Strongest 20 metros |
| North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota, FL | Strongest 20 metros |
| Ogden-Clearfield, UT | Strongest 20 metros |
| Phoenix-Mesa-Glendale, AZ | Strongest 20 metros |
| Provo-Orem, UT | Strongest 20 metros |
| Rochester, NY | Strongest 20 metros |
| San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA | Strongest 20 metros |
| Toledo, OH | Strongest 20 metros |
| Worcester, MA | Strongest 20 metros |
| Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA | Strongest 20 metros |
| Akron, OH | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Austin-Round Rock, TX | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Boise City-Nampa, ID | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Buffalo-Niagara Falls, NY | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Indianapolis-Carmel, IN | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| New Haven-Milford, CT | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Oklahoma City, OK | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Orlando-Kissimmee, FL | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Pittsburgh, PA | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Springfield, MA | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| St. Louis, MO-IL | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Tulsa, OK | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Wichita, KS | Second-strongest 20 metros |
| Baltimore-Towson, MD | Middle 20 metros |
| Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL | Middle 20 metros |
| Chattanooga, TN-GA | Middle 20 metros |
| Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN | Middle 20 metros |
| Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH | Middle 20 metros |
| Columbus, OH | Middle 20 metros |
| Denver-Aurora, CO | Middle 20 metros |
| Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT | Middle 20 metros |
| Jacksonville, FL | Middle 20 metros |
| Knoxville, TN | Middle 20 metros |
| Las Vegas-Paradise, NV | Middle 20 metros |
| Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN | Middle 20 metros |
| Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA | Middle 20 metros |

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| Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA | Middle 20 metros |
| Salt Lake City, UT | Middle 20 metros |
| San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA | Middle 20 metros |
| Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA | Middle 20 metros |
| Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA | Middle 20 metros |
| Syracuse, NY | Middle 20 metros |
| Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV | Middle 20 metros |
| Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Baton Rouge, LA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville, SC | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Dayton, OH | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Kansas City, MO-KS | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Louisville-Jefferson County, KY-IN | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Madison, WI | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Modesto, CA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Raleigh-Cary, NC | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| San Antonio, TX | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Stockton, CA | Second-weakest 20 metros |
| Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA | Weakest 20 metros |
| Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC | Weakest 20 metros |
| Birmingham-Hoover, AL | Weakest 20 metros |
| Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI | Weakest 20 metros |
| Colorado Springs, CO | Weakest 20 metros |
| Columbia, SC | Weakest 20 metros |
| El Paso, TX | Weakest 20 metros |
| Fresno, CA | Weakest 20 metros |
| Greensboro-High Point, NC | Weakest 20 metros |
| Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA | Weakest 20 metros |
| Honolulu, HI | Weakest 20 metros |
| Jackson, MS | Weakest 20 metros |
| Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR | Weakest 20 metros |
| Memphis, TN-MS-AR | Weakest 20 metros |
| Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL | Weakest 20 metros |
| Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD | Weakest 20 metros |
| Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME | Weakest 20 metros |
| Richmond, VA | Weakest 20 metros |
| Tucson, AZ | Weakest 20 metros |
| Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC | Weakest 20 metros |

*The MetroMonitor's rankings of metropolitan economic performance combine four key indicators: (1) percent change in employment, (2) percentage point change in unemployment rate, (3) percent change in GMP, and (4) percent change in House Price Index. Performance during the recovery measures changes in Employment, GMP, and the House Price Index from trough quarter to the most recent quarter. Unemployment rate change is measured from September 2010 to September 2011. Metros appear in alphabetical order within each performance quintile.

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