

The Worst Job Markets

Rank: Local Area Job Growth	----- 12 month job gain to: -----			
	---- January 2008----		---- February 2008----	
1 Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL.....	-11,000	-4.7%	-12,400	-5.2%
2 Blacksburg-Christiansburg-VA.....	-1,500	-2.2%	-3,500	-4.9%
3 Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL.....	-11,300	-3.7%	-13,400	-4.4%
4 Naples-Marco Island, FL.....	-6,700	-4.9%	-5,900	-4.3%
5 Flint, MI.....	-5,600	-3.8%	-4,900	-3.3%
6 Saginaw-Saginaw Township N, MI.....	-3,100	-3.5%	-2,700	-3.0%
7 Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI.....	-31,100	-1.6%	-42,000	-2.2%
8 Battle Creek, MI.....	-1,300	-2.2%	-1,200	-2.1%
9 Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ.....	-700	-1.3%	-1,100	-2.0%
10 Sioux City, IA.....	-300	-0.4%	-1,400	-1.9%
11 Jackson, MI.....	-1,300	-2.3%	-1,100	-1.9%
12 Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA....	-4,100	-1.4%	-5,400	-1.8%
13 Anderson, IN.....	-600	-0.9%	-900	-1.4%
14 Mansfield, OH.....	-900	-1.6%	-800	-1.4%
15 Holland-Grand Haven, MI.....	-1,600	-1.4%	-1,500	-1.3%
16 Boise City-Nampa, ID.....	900	0.3%	-3,200	-1.2%
17 Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton, NJ.....	-700	-1.1%	-700	-1.1%
18 Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA..	-11,200	-0.9%	-14,300	-1.1%
19 Tucson, AZ.....	-4,900	-1.3%	-4,200	-1.1%
20 Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL.....	-1,700	-0.8%	-2,300	-1.1%
21 Clarksville, TN.....	-300	-0.4%	-900	-1.1%
22 Providence-Fall River-Warwick, RI.....	-6,200	-1.1%	-5,900	-1.0%
23 Ocala, FL.....	-400	-0.4%	-1,100	-1.0%
24 Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL.....	-1,900	-0.9%	-2,100	-1.0%
25 Lima, OH.....	-500	-0.9%	-500	-0.9%

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1	Coeur d'Alene, ID.....	3,200	6.0%	3,400 6.4%
2	Kennewick-Pasco-Richland, WA.....	5,600	6.5%	5,600 6.4%
3	Odessa, TX.....	3,000	5.2%	2,800 4.8%
4	Grand Junction, CO.....	3,200	5.4%	2,900 4.8%
5	Florence, SC.....	4,900	5.7%	4,100 4.7%
6	Pascagoula, MS.....	2,800	5.0%	2,400 4.2%
7	Auburn-Opelika, AL.....	2,300	4.4%	2,200 4.1%
8	Raleigh-Cary, NC.....	20,900	4.2%	19,700 3.9%
9	Greeley, CO.....	3,300	4.2%	3,100 3.9%
10	Morgantown, WV.....	2,000	3.4%	2,300 3.8%
11	Yakima, WA.....	2,500	3.3%	2,900 3.8%
12	Midland, TX.....	2,600	4.1%	2,400 3.7%
13	Fort Collins-Loveland, CO.....	5,000	3.9%	4,900 3.7%
14	Niles-Benton Harbor, MI.....	2,500	4.1%	2,300 3.7%
15	Bellingham, WA.....	3,400	4.2%	3,000 3.6%
16	Waco, TX.....	4,200	4.0%	3,700 3.5%
17	Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX.....	94,400	3.8%	86,000 3.4%
18	Asheville, NC.....	5,800	3.4%	5,900 3.4%
19	Longview, TX.....	3,500	3.8%	3,100 3.3%
20	Austin-Round Rock, TX.....	29,500	4.0%	24,100 3.2%
21	Olympia, WA.....	3,600	3.7%	3,200 3.2%
22	Greenville, NC.....	2,700	3.6%	2,400 3.2%
23	Gulfport-Biloxi, MS.....	3,600	3.4%	3,400 3.2%
24	York-Hanover, PA.....	2,200	1.2%	5,500 3.1%
25	Cheyenne, WY.....	1,400	3.3%	1,300 3.0%

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