

LIVING IN ATLANTA

ATLANTA'S GROWTH AT A GLANCE:

- The metro Atlanta region added 151,063 residents from July 2006 to July 2007 with its total population nearing 5.3 million
- By 2020, Atlanta is forecast to be the sixth-largest metro area in the nation with a population of more than 7 million
- In 2007, nearly 45,000 building permits for new homes were issued in the Atlanta area, ranking it third in the nation
- The region's unemployment rate is consistently below the national average
- From 1990 to 2000, the area's young adult population, ages 25 to 34, grew faster than any of the top 25 most populous metro areas in the country
- Employment growth projections for 2006-2008 and 2006-2011 place Atlanta among the top fifth of 387 U.S. cities surveyed
- The relative cost of doing business in Atlanta is below the average when compared to other major international cities.

Sources: Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Census Bureau

BEST CITY FOR JOBS:

1. Salt Lake City, UT
2. Wichita, KN
3. Austin, TX
- 4. ATLANTA, GA**
5. Ft. Worth, TX
6. Indianapolis, IN
7. Houston, TX
8. Omaha, NE
9. Raleigh, NC
10. Seattle, WA

Sources: Forbes magazine and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

5 SMART CITIES FOR YOUNG COUPLES:

- 1. ATLANTA, GA**
2. Austin, TX
3. Ithaca, NY
4. Madison, WI
5. Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

Source: Kiplinger.com



5 GREAT PLACES TO LIVE:

- 1. ATLANTA, GA**
2. Portland, OR
3. Chandler, AZ
4. Boston, MA
5. Milwaukee, WI

Source: AARP Fall 2007 and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

GREAT PLACE TO BUY A HOUSE:

- 1. ATLANTA, GA**
2. Boston, MA
3. Cincinnati, OH
4. Cleveland, OH
5. Detroit, MI
6. Houston, TX

Source: Money magazine, April 2008

BEST CITY FOR SINGLES:

1. San Francisco-Oakland, CA
2. New York, NY
3. Los Angeles, CA
- 4. ATLANTA, GA**
5. Chicago, IL
6. Washington, D.C.
7. San Diego, CA
8. Seattle, WA
9. Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
10. Philadelphia, PA

Sources: Forbes magazine June 2008 and Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN ATLANTA INDUSTRIES:

- Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods
2004: 27,390 2014: 42,290
- Food and Beverage Stores
2004: 14,620 2014: 23,130
- Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services
2004: 28,180 2014: 45,520
- Administrative and Support Services
2004: 49,820 2014: 92,820
- Educational Services
2004: 50,420 2014: 70,350

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

METRO AREAS WITH LARGEST POPULATION GAINS:

1. Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
- 2. ATLANTA, GA**
3. Phoenix, AZ
4. Houston, TX
5. Riverside-San Bernadino, CA
6. Charlotte, NC
7. Chicago, IL
8. Austin, TX
9. Las Vegas, NV
10. San Antonio, TX

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau



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