

New Forbes.com Portfolio Tracker

The World's Leading Online Financial Application!

Sign up today



Jump | Free Trial Issue

Search Quote

Select Section

Go

HOME PAGE FOR THE WORLD'S BUSINESS LEADERS

Watch Now!

StreetTalk with Bob Lenzner



MEMBERSHIP/LOG-IN

HOME BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY MARKETS ENTREPRENEURS WORK PERSONAL FINANCE FORBESLIFE **LISTS** OPINIONS

Home > Lists

E-mail | Print | Comments | Request Reprints | E-Mail Newsletters | My Yahoo! | RSS

Special Report

Best Places For Business And Careers

Edited by Kurt Badenhausen 05.04.06, 6:00 PM ET

IN THIS YEAR'S RANKING of Best Places for Business and Careers, perennial top 10 metros like Atlanta, Austin and Washington, D.C.-Northern Virginia fell from the highest perch, hurt by slowing income growth. Newcomers that cracked the top tier include Houston, riding high on oil profits, and Phoenix, lifted by a housing and population boom. Overall, half of the top ten places are new this year. [More...](#)



The Very Best For Business

Best Metros

1. Albuquerque NM
 2. Raleigh NC
 3. Houston TX
 4. Boise ID
 5. Knoxville TN
 6. Phoenix AZ
 7. Nashville TN
 8. Durham NC
 9. Fayetteville AR
 10. Indianapolis IN
- [Complete List](#)

Sort Best Metros By:

[Rank](#) | [Metro Area](#) | [Cost Of Doing Business](#) | [Job Growth](#) | [Educational Attainment](#) | [Population](#)

Sort Best Smaller Metros By:

[Rank](#) | [Metro Area](#) | [Cost Of Doing Business](#) | [Job Growth](#) | [Educational Attainment](#) | [Population](#)

The Best



The Worst



Featured

Ready for Takeoff
By Mark Tatge

Map



Best Smaller Metros

1. Sioux Falls SD
2. Las Cruces NM
3. Fargo ND
4. Bismarck ND
5. Morgantown WV
6. Rapid City SD
7. Rochester MN
8. St. George UT

Download the VeriSign intelligent infrastructure services white paper >>

replay ▶

Trading Center



Albuquerque has turned business-friendly—attracting new enterprises and creating highly skilled and well-paid manufacturing jobs.

River Revival

By Christopher Steiner

Grand Forks, N.D. has come a long way since a disastrous flood in 1997. Could it teach New Orleans a thing or two?

Stuck in the Slammer

By Miriam Gottfried

Youngstown, Ohio has tried to ignite economic revival— by building prisons.

Help Wanted: The Ten Hardest Jobs To Fill

By Richard C. Morais

Offshoring, layoffs, rehires – workers may not like the global workplace of the 21st century, but it suits Manpower just fine.

Vote

Which of these pricey areas is worth the high living costs?

- Boston, Mass.
- Honolulu, Hawaii
- Long Island, N.Y.
- Los Angeles, Calif.
- Naples, Fla.
- New York, N.Y.
- San Diego, Calif.
- San Francisco, Calif.
- San Jose, Calif.
- All of the above
- None of the above

[View Results](#)

Submit My Vote

Which Best Place would you most like to live in?

- Albuquerque, N.M.
- Boise, Idaho
- Durham, N.C.
- Fayetteville, Ark.
- Houston, Texas
- Indianapolis, Ind.
- Knoxville, Tenn.
- Nashville, Tenn.
- Phoenix, Ariz.
- Raleigh, N.C.
- All of the above
- None of the above

[View Results](#)

Submit My Vote

- 9. [Johnson City TN](#)
 - 10. [Logan UT](#)
- [Complete List](#)

Download

[PDA Format](#)

See Also



TRADE FREE FOR
45 DAYS + GET \$500
when you qualify.
AMERITRADE
Apex

Scottrade
\$7 Stock Trades

Trade Smarter
Fidelity

Is Bigger Better?

Forbes
AUTOS

With gas guzzlers now going green, the 'go heavy or go home' maxim no longer applies. See the biggest, the best and all the rest in our **2006 SUV Buyer's Guide**.

- [Hot List](#)
- [Mad Mods](#)
- [Recommended Models](#)

Reviews, pricing and photos [on 2006 SUVs](#) on [ForbesAutos.com](#)

More On This Topic

E-Mail Newsletters: [Sign Up Now To Stay Informed On A Range Of Topics](#)

Attaché: [Customize Forbes.com Now To Track This Author And Industry](#)

Article Controls

[E-mail](#) | [Print](#) | [Comments](#) | [Request Reprints](#) | [E-Mail Newsletters](#) | [My Yahoo!](#) | [RSS](#)

Today On Forbes.com

StreetTalk: Beyond Big Oil

Robert Lenzner

Forget Exxon Mobil. Portfolio Manager J.C. Waller III plays the energy sector by finding bargain stocks.



- **StreetTalk:** Drilling For Profits
- **StreetTalk:** Coal-Powered Portfolios
- **Complete Coverage:** StreetTalk With Bob Lenzner



Notes On The News:
Dow Does Double
Take



Pilots That Crash



Trump Gets Outbid In
L.A.



Best Cars For The
Bucks

[News Headlines](#) | [More From Forbes.com](#) | [Special Reports](#)

Subscriptions >

Free Trial Issue of Forbes

Forbes Gift Subscription

Subscribe To Newsletters

Subscriber Customer Service

Buy Audio Version of Forbes

[SITEMAP](#) [HELP](#) [CONTACT US](#) [INVESTMENT NEWSLETTERS](#) [FORBES CONFERENCES](#) [FORBES MAGAZINES](#) [FORBES AUTOS](#)

[Ad Information](#) [Forbes.com Wireless](#) [RSS](#) [XML](#) [Reprints/Permissions](#) [Subscriber Services](#)
© Forbes.com Inc.™ All Rights Reserved [Privacy Statement](#) [Terms, Conditions and Notices](#)

Delivered By	Tested By	Market Data By	Market Data By	Market Data By	History Partner

Stock quotes are delayed at least 15 minutes for Nasdaq, at least 20 minutes for NYSE/AMEX. U.S. indexes are delayed at least 15 minutes with the exception of Nasdaq, Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 which are 2 minutes delayed.

Powered By

