

# Central Texas Economy In Perspective

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Austin's aggregate job losses of 4,300 or 0.5% in November compare to 43,900 or -2.1% for Dallas, 6,800 or -0.8% for Fort Worth, 88,900 or -3.4% for Houston, and 6,200 or -0.7% for San Antonio. Nationally, the top of our best performing large metros ranking has shuffled between Austin, San Antonio, and Virginia Beach in recent months. This month Austin ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> behind Virginia Beach.

## Best Performing Among Top 50 Metro Areas

	Nonfarm jobs	Nov. '08-Nov. '09		Rank
	Nov. 2009	Difference	% Ch.	
Virginia Beach MSA	764,700	-3,000	-0.4%	1
Austin MSA	780,900	-4,300	-0.5	2
San Antonio MSA	849,200	-6,200	-0.7	3
Fort Worth MDiv	874,600	-6,800	-0.8	4
Washington MDiv	2,423,200	-21,200	-0.9	5
Columbus MSA	934,900	-10,000	-1.1	6
Newark MDiv	1,020,800	-13,300	-1.3	7
Edison MDiv	1,015,700	-14,500	-1.4	8
Richmond MSA	608,800	-11,300	-1.8	9
Baltimore MSA	1,286,700	-25,800	-2.0	10

*Austin is the 42<sup>nd</sup> largest metro based on nonfarm jobs in October.  
Data is not seasonally adjusted.*

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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