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Austin tops Forbes list of best cities for jobs

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Texas, Austin top list of places to find jobs

Texas, especially Austin, is the place to be for job-seekers in the recession. In a report for Forbes magazine, economist Joel Kotkin ranks Austin, followed by four other Texas cities, as the best large metro areas for jobs.

In a job-killing recession, Kotkin said the list probably should be called the "least worst" cities for jobs.

Austin, for example, had 1 percent job growth last year, a third of its five-year average. It also was the only large metro area with any job growth in February, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Other Texas cities have been losing jobs recently but at a slower rate than most other places in the country. The energy industry continues to generate jobs, Kotkin said.

The other Texas cities on the list were Houston, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Dallas.

Courtesy of JB Goodwin