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## Texas cities hold top four job-growth spots

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Austin and the three other major Texas markets registered the nation's strongest employment gains during the past five years, according to **figures released Wednesday morning** by the **U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics**.

**Austin came in No. 3 with 56,100 new private-sector jobs created between June 2005 and June 2010. Houston topped the list with 129,800 new private-sector jobs followed by Dallas, with 71,300 jobs created. San Antonio ranked No. 4, with a gain of 32,600 positions during the same time period.**

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Los Angeles posted the nation's sharpest decline since 2005, losing 376,400 private-sector positions. Other big drops were reported in Detroit (down 328,800 in five years), Chicago (down 253,000) and Miami-Ft. Lauderdale (down 165,800).

Eighty-four major markets suffered declines in private-sector employment during the half-decade; only 16 finished on the upside.

The news was a bit better for the short term, with 24 markets enjoying increases between June 2009 and June 2010.

Austin had the biggest one-year gain, up 8,400 private-sector jobs. Dallas ranked third, with 4,800 private-sector jobs created between June 2009 and June 2010.

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