

Rarin' to Go

Moody's Economy.com has devised a Business Vitality Index that rates the overall economic vitality of a metro area by looking at a range of factors rather than just one measure. The index takes into account current economic conditions such as household income growth, factors that affect prospective conditions including labor availability and regional cost structure, and potential risks such as employment volatility. Here are the top 50 (out of 379) metros.

Rank	Metro Area	Rank	Metro Area
1.	Austin, Texas	26.	Dover, Del.
2.	Fort Walton Beach, Fla.	27.	Dallas, Texas
3.	Corvallis, Ore.	28.	Naples, Fla.
4.	Raleigh, N.C.	29.	Charlotte, N.C.
5.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	30.	Fort Worth, Texas
6.	Boise City, Idaho	31.	Charlottesville, Va.
7.	Orlando, Fla.	32.	Houston, Texas
8.	Huntsville, Ala.	33.	Bend, Ore.
9.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	34.	Bismarck, N.D.
10.	Fargo, N.D.	35.	Tallahassee, Fla.
11.	Jacksonville, Fla.	36.	Panama City, Fla.
12.	Portland, Ore.	37.	Fayetteville, Ark.
13.	Phoenix, Ariz.	38.	Minneapolis, Minn.
14.	Idaho Falls, Idaho	39.	Salt Lake City, Utah
15.	Tampa, Fla.	40.	Cape Coral, Fla.
16.	Fort Collins, Colo.	41.	Columbia, Mo.
17.	Bethesda, Md	42.	Rapid City, S.D.
18.	Billings, Mont.	43.	Missoula, Mont.
19.	Albuquerque, N.M.	44.	West Palm Beach, Fla.
20.	Nashville, Tenn.	45.	Longview, Texas
21.	Las Vegas, Nev.	46.	Port St. Lucie, Fla
22.	Santa Ana, Calif.	47.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
23.	Washington, D.C.	48.	Logan, Utah
24.	Denver, Colo.	49.	Manchester, N.H.
25.	Atlanta, Ga.	50.	Ocala, Fla.