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The Top 20 Boom Towns

In these cities, the growth is back. America's 20 hottest job markets, and why they need you.

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Rank	City	Job growth by 2008	Median Salary (\$)
1	Raleigh-Durham, NC	14	29,700
2	San Jose, CA	11	40,320
3	Washington, DC	10	35,220
4	Austin, TX	12	28,940
5	Atlanta, GA	13	28,910
6	West Palm Beach, FL	16	25,640
7	San Francisco-Oakland, CA	9	38,620
8	Middlesex-Somerset, NJ	10	34,040
9	Seattle, WA	9	35,270
10	Boston, MA	7	35,090
11	Sacramento, CA	14	31,740
12	Phoenix, AZ	15	27,070
13	Minneapolis, MN	9	32,940
14	Denver, CO	9	32,340
15	New Haven-Stamford, CT	7	33,400
16	Baltimore, MD	8	30,300
17	San Diego, CA	12	29,730
18	Dallas, TX	9	28,300
19	Charlotte, NC	13	27,970
20	Philadelphia, PA	8	31,090

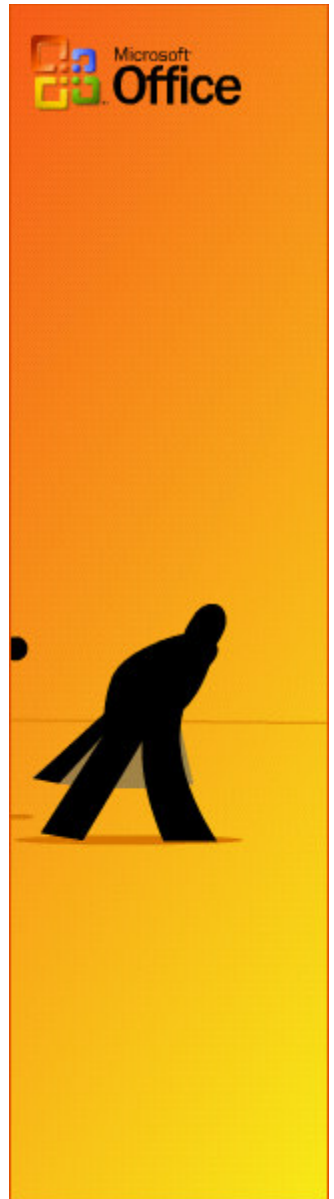
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