

Employment Change in Major Metros

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Employment Growth Rate

**Percent Change in Nonfarm Payroll Employment:
10 Most Populous Metro Areas, Apr '10-Apr '11**



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics press release, Jun 2011

DATA

- From Apr '10 to Apr '11, Houston gained 51,100 jobs, or 2.0 percent. Only Dallas-Fort Worth had a larger percentage gain.
- All of the 10 largest metro areas, except for Atlanta, posted a net gain over the period.
- Since January '10 when the local recession hit bottom, the Houston MSA has created 97,200 net new jobs, recouping 63.6 percent of the jobs lost during the recession.
- Houston's April unemployment rate stood at 8.0 percent, a decrease from 8.2 a year ago.