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### 11 Cities That Are Beating The Recession (PHOTOS)

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on American cities. Nearly one in five Americans are 813views  
unemployed -- or can't find enough work --- housing prices 342  
have fallen 17% since 2007, our \$13 trillion debt is out of control, and experts are now preparing  
for the possibility of a double-dip recession.

But at a local level, some cities are recovering much faster than others. The Brookings Institute has released its latest quarterly MetroMonitor report, tracking the economic recovery of America's 100 largest metro areas. The ranking considered the *changes* in four economic indicators over the last three years: employment, unemployment, gross metropolitan product (like a city's GDP), and housing prices.

The ranking suggests that Southern cities, many of them in Texas, have shown the most economic resilience since the downturn began. The weakest-performing areas were clustered in California and Florida.

READ the full Brookings Institute report here, and check out the 11 MOST resilient cities here.

4. Oklahoma City, OK



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Percent change in employment, from peak to the first quarter of 2010: -3.6%  
Percent change in unemployment rate, March 2007 to March 2010: 1.8%

Percent change in real Gross Metropolitan Product (GMP), peak to 2010Q1: 0.8%

Percent change in real Housing Price Index (HPI), first quarter 2007 to 2010: -3.6%

Oklahoma City had the study's lowest change of unemployment rate, which currently sits at 6.1%.

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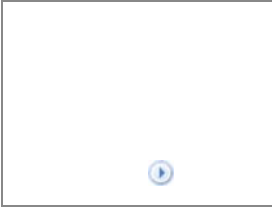


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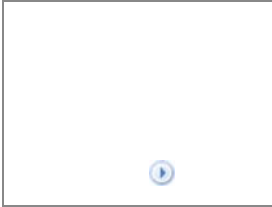




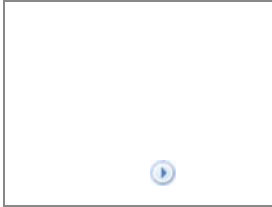
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