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Unemployed per Job Posting




How hard is it to find a job in your city? Here's the number of unemployed per job posting for the 50 most populous metropolitan areas in the U.S.

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Rank	Change	Metropolitan Area	 Job Postings vs.  Unemployed Persons	Ratio
1		Washington, DC	 	6:1
2		Jacksonville, FL	 	3:1
3	▲4	Baltimore, MD	 	1:1
4	▲1	Salt Lake City, UT	 	1:2
5	▲4	New York, NY	 	1:2
6	▼-2	San Jose, CA	 	1:2
7	▼-1	Hartford, CT	 	1:2
8	▲6	Oklahoma City, OK	 	1:3
9	▲2	Austin, TX	 	1:3
10	▲2	Boston, MA	 	1:3
11	▲6	New Orleans, LA	 	1:3
12	▲4	San Antonio, TX	 	1:3
13	▼-5	Seattle, WA	 	1:3
14	▼-4	Denver, CO	 	1:3
15	▼-2	San Francisco, CA	 	1:3
16	▲7	Pittsburgh, PA	 	1:4
17	▲10	Virginia Beach, VA	 	1:4
18	▲4	Richmond, VA	 	1:4
19	▼-16	Milwaukee, WI	 	1:4





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20	▲10	Cincinnati, OH		1:4
21		Philadelphia, PA		1:4
22	▲2	Kansas City, MO		1:4
23	▼-8	Phoenix, AZ		1:4
24	▼-4	Dallas, TX		1:5
25	▼-7	Houston, TX		1:5
26		Columbus, OH		1:5
27	▲14	Memphis, TN		1:5
28	▲1	Indianapolis, IN		1:5
29	▲9	Louisville, KY		1:5
30	▲3	Charlotte, NC		1:5
31	▼-3	San Diego, CA		1:5
32	▼-1	Cleveland, OH		1:5
33	▼-1	Nashville, TN		1:5
34	▼-15	St. Paul, MN		1:5
35		Providence, RI		1:5
36	▲1	Tampa, FL		1:5
37	▼-3	Atlanta, GA		1:5
38	▼-13	Birmingham, AL		1:5
39	▲7	Las Vegas, NV		1:5
40	▼-1	St. Louis, MO		1:6
41	▲2	Buffalo, NY		1:6
42	▼-6	Orlando, FL		1:6
43	▼-1	Sacramento, CA		1:6
44	▼-4	Rochester, NY		1:6
45		Chicago, IL		1:7
46	▼-2	Portland, OR		1:7

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47	▲ 1	Los Angeles, CA		1:8
48	▼ -1	Riverside, CA		1:9
49		Miami, FL		1:10
50		Detroit, MI		1:18

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