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More than half of U.S. cities see rise in manufacturing employment jobs

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More than half of the nation's major markets are experiencing an upswing in manufacturing activity. The increases are generally small, yet they're welcome news after several years of declines.

Detroit is leading the way. It added 11,400 jobs to its manufacturing base last year, according to an On Numbers analysis of figures from the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (BLS).

Four other metropolitan areas picked up at least 5,000 manufacturing jobs in 2011: Houston (up 8,400), Seattle (up 7,200), Cincinnati (up 5,200) and San Jose (up 5,100).

Also worth noting are the sizable percentage gains in Tulsa (up 10.86 percent in manufacturing employment), Modesto, Calif. (up 9.05 percent) and Provo, Utah (up 6.75 percent).

On Numbers used preliminary BLS data to estimate last year's manufacturing employment levels in the nation's 100 biggest metros. (The official 2011 figures will be released at the end of February.)

The database below contains a comparison of these 2011 estimates and the 2010 annual averages for all markets. The chart can be re-sorted by any column. Just click the appropriate header. Click again to reverse the sort.

Fifty-five markets added manufacturing jobs between 2010 and 2011, while 39 declined and six were unchanged.

The biggest drops took place in New York City and Las Vegas. New York had the sharpest year-to-year loss in raw numbers, with 9,400 manufacturing jobs slipping away. Las Vegas was the big loser on the percentage side, posting a decline of 5.18 percent.

METRO MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (2010-2011)

Metro area	Manufacturing jobs (2010 annual average)	Manufacturing jobs (estimated 2011 annual average)	1-year raw change	Rank	1-year percent change	Rank ▲
Tulsa	43,300	48,000	4,700	6	10.86%	1
Modesto, Calif.	21,000	22,900	1,900	16	9.05%	2
Provo, Utah	16,300	17,400	1,100	29	6.75%	3
Akron, Ohio	37,300	39,800	2,500	12	6.70%	4
Ogden, Utah	20,400	21,700	1,300	27	6.37%	5
Detroit	187,800	199,200	11,400	1	6.07%	6
Charleston, S.C.	20,800	21,900	1,100	29	5.29%	7
Youngstown, Ohio	28,400	29,900	1,500	22	5.28%	8
Columbia, S.C.	26,800	28,200	1,400	24	5.22%	9
Oklahoma City	30,800	32,400	1,600	19	5.20%	10

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