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# On Numbers Economic Index: October 2012

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The index measures the relative economic vitality of all 102 U.S. metropolitan areas that have more than 500,000 residents. It is updated on the second Monday of each month.

The index is generated by an 18-part formula that assesses private-sector job growth, unemployment, earnings, housing-price appreciation, and construction and retail activity. [Click here for a detailed methodology.](#)

If you follow the View Details link for any metro listed below, you'll find selected statistics for that market, including two sub-indexes that analyze economic performance over the long term (the past five years) and the short term (the past year).

Explanations of other statistics can be found in the methodology.

## ON NUMBERS ECONOMIC INDEX (OCTOBER 2012)

Rank	1
Metro	Oklahoma City
Overall score	91.14
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Short-term score	89.41
Short-term rank	1
Long-term score	92.87
Long-term rank	1
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5-year private-sector job growth	3.79%
1-year private-sector job growth	4.64%
Unemployment rate	4.6%
Weekly earnings per worker	\$766.30
5-year earnings growth	13.21%
1-year earnings growth	6.65%
5-year house appreciation	2.88%
1-year house appreciation	1.87%

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