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Oklahoma City goes 4-for-4 in national economic rankings

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The capital city of Oklahoma again holds first place in the On Numbers Economic Index, a monthly measure of the economic health of all 102 metropolitan areas with populations above 500,000.

November is the fourth month that the index has been generated, and [Oklahoma City](#) has ranked No. 1 from the start. It retains the lead this month because of its strong performances in a broad array of economic indicators:

- Oklahoma City has posted the nation's fifth-best growth rate for private-sector employment during the past five years. Its corresponding rate for the past 12 months is third-best.
- Only six markets have unemployment rates below 5 percent. Among them is Oklahoma City at 4.6 percent.
- The number of jobs in Oklahoma City's retail sector has grown by 8.1 percent since 2007, the sharpest upswing anywhere in America.
- Home values have appreciated in just nine of the 102 metros during the past five years. Oklahoma City ranks fifth in this category with a gain of 2.9 percent.

The On Numbers Economic 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.](#)

The latest rankings for all 102 markets can be found in the database below. [Click View Details](#) to see a detailed breakdown for the metro of your choice.

Rounding out November's top five are four other markets located in the nation's midsection: Austin, Tulsa, Houston and Omaha. They ranked in precisely the same order a month ago in [October](#). Austin and Omaha were also in the top five in [September](#).

Rank	Metro	Overall score	
1	Oklahoma City	90.572	View Details
2	Austin	90.349	View Details
3	Tulsa	82.007	View Details
4	Houston	80.869	View Details
5	Omaha	80.819	View Details
6	Columbus	77.824	View Details
7	Denver	74.705	View Details
8	Pittsburgh	74.631	View Details
9	Boston	72.007	View Details
10	San Antonio	71.612	View Details
11	Durham, N.C.	71.512	View Details
12	Little Rock, Ark.	71.338	View Details
13	Provo, Utah	71.314	View Details
14	Louisville	71.289	View Details
15	Des Moines, Iowa	70.175	View Details
16	Salt Lake City	66.908	View Details
17	Dallas-Fort Worth	66.686	View Details