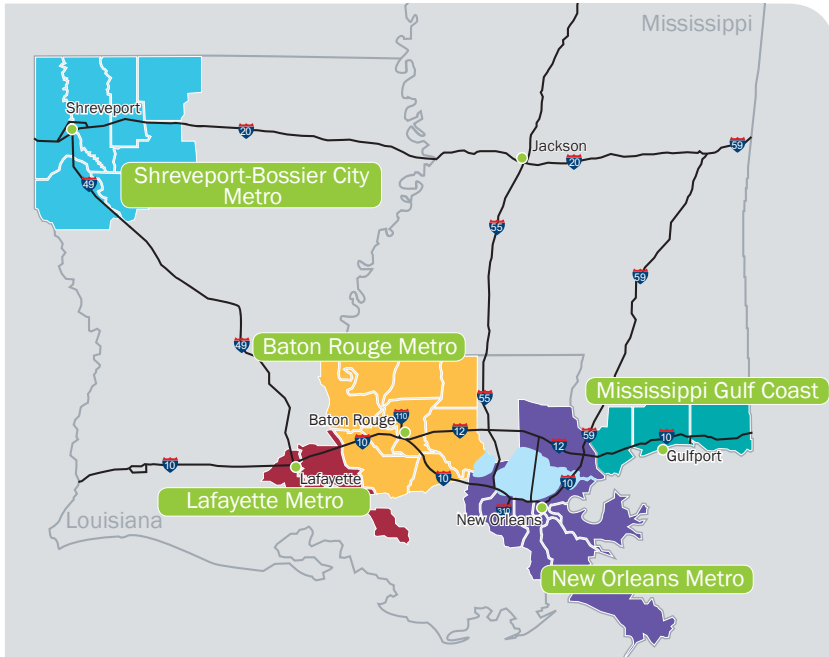




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### STATE RANKINGS

#### → Louisiana:

25 Boom States - 3<sup>rd</sup> best for job growth prospects among all 50 states  
*The Daily Beast, March 2010*

Governor's Cup Rankings: Overall ranking up from 27<sup>th</sup> in 2008 to 15<sup>th</sup> in 2009; Per-Capita ranking up from 33<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in 2009  
*Site Selection Magazine, March 2010*

2<sup>nd</sup> Best in Top 2009 Corporate Investments in the U.S.  
*Trade & Industry Development, March 2010*

Job Creation Index 2009 - Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> among all 50 states and D.C.  
*Gallup, February 2010*

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Economic Performance During Recession  
*Portfolio.com, November 2009*

One of Only 21 States Already Recovering from the Recession  
*Moody's, November 2009*

Top 25: Top State Business Climate Rankings  
*Site Selection Magazine, November 2009*

Co-State of the Year  
*Southern Business & Development, July 2009*

#### → Mississippi:

11<sup>th</sup> Best Economic Performance During Recession  
*Portfolio.com, November 2009*

Top 25: Top State Business Climate Rankings  
*Site Selection Magazine, November 2009*

### REGIONAL RANKINGS

#### → New Orleans Metro:

Top Market for Income Growth  
*Bizjournals, November 2009*

Major Market of the Year  
*Southern Business and Development, July 2009*

10<sup>th</sup> Best Midsize Magnet for Young Professionals  
*Next Generation Consulting, June 2009*

Top 10 Cities Where Americans are Relocating  
*Forbes, March 2009*

#### → Baton Rouge Metro:

Top 20 Strongest Metros for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009  
*Brookings MetroMonitor, March 2010*

18<sup>th</sup> Best Performing Large City 2009  
*Milken Institute, November 2009*

Ranked 10<sup>th</sup> of America's Fastest Recovering Cities  
*Forbes, November 2009*

9<sup>th</sup> Best Mid-Size Market to Launch a Business  
*CNN Money, October 2009*

7<sup>th</sup> Hottest Housing Market for Buyers  
*Housing Predictor, August 2009*

Mid-Market of the Year  
*Southern Business & Development, July 2009*

#### → Lafayette Metro:

Ranked among the 20 Cities Surviving the Recession  
*MainStreet.com, May 2010*

Ranked in America's Top 100 Places to Live  
*Relocate America, April 2010*

9<sup>th</sup> Best Performing Large City 2009  
*Milken Institute, November 2009*

2<sup>nd</sup> Best Mid-Size Market to Launch a Business  
*CNN Money, October 2009*

3<sup>rd</sup> Best Medium City for Job Growth 2009  
*NewGeography.com, April 2009*

#### → Shreveport - Bossier City Metro:

24<sup>th</sup> Best Performing Large City 2009  
*Milken Institute, November 2009*

Top 10 Best Places to Find a Job for 2009  
*US News and World Report, August 2009*

8<sup>th</sup> Best Medium Sized City for Jobs  
*NewGeography.com, April 2009*

#### → Mississippi Gulf Coast:

Gulfport Ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in Best Places to Raise your Kids  
*Business Week, November 2009*

Biloxi Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Hottest Housing Markets for Buyers  
*Housing Predictor, August 2009*

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