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# Louisville job market is better than most

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Louisville is in the top half of a quarterly ranking of the job markets in the 100 largest U.S. metropolitan areas.

The ranking is based on private-sector job data and unemployment rates from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, using a formula developed by Business First affiliate The Business Journals. Fifty percent of each market's score is based on its annual private-sector growth rates during the past five years, 30 percent on its jobless rates during the past 12 months, and 20 percent on its raw changes in private-sector employment in half a decade.

Louisville ranked No. 35. It posted a 3.63 percent decline in jobs for the last five years, but its one-year job growth was 2.10 percent. Its jobless rate for June also was lower than a year earlier.

The top-ranked markets in the listing is Boston, followed by Ogden, Utah; Worcester, Mass.; Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. The lowest ranked markets are No. 100, Fresno, Calif.; No. 99, Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif.; No. 98, Palm Bay-Melbourne, Fla.; No. 97, Stockton, Calif.; No. 96, Cape Coral-Fort Myers, Fla.; and No. 95, Las Vegas.

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