

Austin No. 1 for highest job levels in a decade

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Austin's total employment is now at its highest level in the past decade.

The area had 786,200 non-farm employees on local payrolls in October, one of only five cities in the country to reach a new 10-year peak, according to an analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data by The Business Journals' On Numbers.

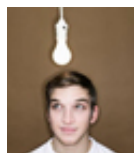
Three of the other high-flying cities are also in Texas: El Paso, Houston and McAllen-Edinburg, while the other city to reach its highest employment level since 2001 is Pittsburgh.

Austin added more than 125,000 jobs from its lowest point in the past decade, a 19.7 percent gain.

San Antonio is sixth on the list, while Dallas-Fort Worth ranks 13th.

Detroit ranks last among the 100 major markets, currently sitting 16.6 percent below its best employment total of the decade.

The [complete On Numbers report](#) includes a database showing each metro's current level of employment, along with the changes from its best and worst performances of the past decade.



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