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FORBES RANKS RALEIGH SEVENTH ON JOBS LIST

The Forbes Magazine survey of best big cities for jobs found a significant shift in the market, with a definite private sector upswing, particularly in the booming oil and gas industry, and a dip in state capitals. However, the capital city of North Carolina still snagged a place on the top 10 list.

The magazine ranked the 65 metropolitan statistical areas that have more than 450,000 jobs. Raleigh placed seventh on the list. Texas placed four cities in the top 10: Austin, first; Houston, second; Fort Worth, fourth; and Dallas, sixth. Filling out the top ten are: Salt Lake City, third; San Jose, Calif., fifth; Pittsburgh, eighth; Nashville, ninth; and Oklahoma City, tenth.

The survey included this year's employment growth rate and the most recent year-on-year job growth. It also considered long-term factors of the average yearly growth rate from 2006 to 2011, and the last five years' growth measures against the previous five years.

The survey noted that government-dependent areas, such as Bethesda, Md., and Springfield, Ill., are experiencing steep declines.

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