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# An Examination of Wage Changes in U.S. Micropolitan Statistical Areas

## Where have wages grown the most?



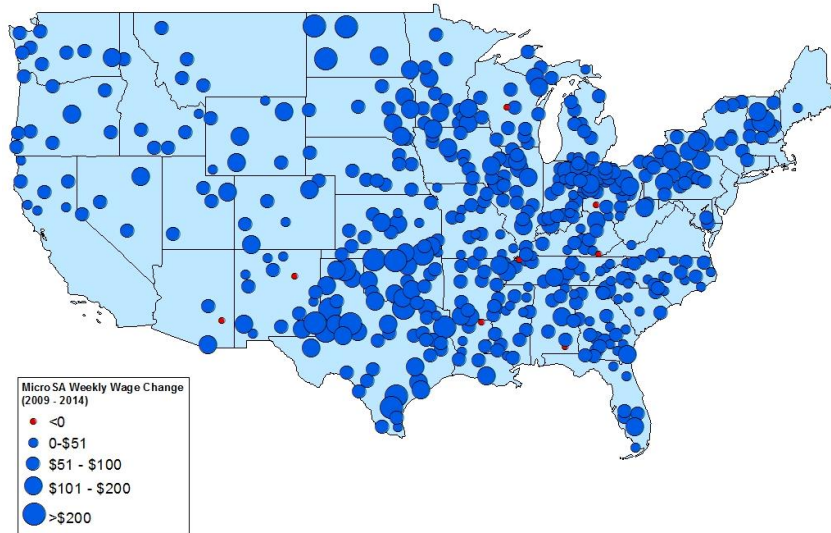
*As we prepare to celebrate Labor Day, Garner Economics examined wage changes in Micropolitan statistical areas over the past five years.*

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Metropolitan and Micropolitan statistical areas are defined by the Office of Management and Budget as geographic entities used for statistical purposes based on counties and county-equivalents. Micropolitan areas are urban areas in the United States centered on an urban cluster with a population of 10,000 to 49,999<sup>1</sup>. As of February 2013, there were **381 metropolitan statistical areas** and **536 micropolitan statistical areas** in the United States.

Micropolitan cities are significant centers of population and production, with 8.4% of the U.S. population residing in them. Examination of average weekly wage change in these micro areas across the past five years (2009-2014) provides insight into the varied economic dynamics of these areas.<sup>2</sup>

### Average Weekly Wage Change 2009 - 2014



<sup>1</sup> A metro area contains a core urban area of 50,000 or more population, and a micro area contains an urban core of at least 10,000 (but less than 50,000) population. Each metro or micro area consists of one or more counties and includes the counties containing the core urban area, as well as any adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration (as measured by commuting to work) with the urban core. Because the designation is based on the core urban cluster's population and not on that of the whole area, some Micropolitan areas are actually larger than some metropolitan areas.

<sup>2</sup> Due to 2013 changes in micropolitan area classification, wage change is only reported for the 487 micropolitan areas in the U.S. defined in both 2010 and 2014.

As the map indicates, wages in most micropolitan areas have grown over the past five years. Nationally, the average weekly wage rose by \$112, increasing from \$876 to \$988 in 2014. Workers in 14% of the micros saw their weekly wages increase at or above the U.S. average weekly wage change.

Micropolitan areas located in the oil rich states of North Dakota, Texas, and Oklahoma top the overall list of largest weekly wage changes. Williston, North Dakota, ranked first, experienced an increase of \$689, rising from \$904 in 2009 to \$1,593 in 2014. Williston's economy, primarily driven by the oil industry, has seen a huge increase in population and infrastructure investments during the last several years with expanded drilling. Population has also boomed, rising from 22,573 in 2010 to 32,130 in 2014.

### Micropolitan Statistical Areas with the Highest Weekly Wage Change

Micropolitan Area	Population	2009 Weekly Wage	2014 Weekly Wage	Change
Williston, ND	32,130	\$904	\$1,593	\$689
Dickinson, ND	30,372	\$699	\$1,301	\$602
Snyder, TX	17,328	\$765	\$1,124	\$359
Levelland, TX	23,577	\$667	\$992	\$325
Andrews, TX	17,477	\$881	\$1,195	\$314
Alice, TX	41,353	\$664	\$958	\$294
Minot, ND	77,959	\$626	\$916	\$290
Woodward, OK	21,529	\$664	\$924	\$260
Borger, TX	21,773	\$901	\$1,144	\$243
Enid, OK	63,091	\$636	\$859	\$223

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Garner Economics

Seven micropolitan areas, conversely, experienced a decrease in average wage. Below are the micropolitan areas with the smallest change in weekly wage. Enterprise, AL and Wilmington, OH experienced the largest wage losses, with Enterprise decreasing by \$110 from \$723 to \$613 and Wilmington, OH dropping \$162 from \$924 to \$762.

### Micropolitan Statistical Areas with the Lowest Weekly Wage Change

Micropolitan Area	Population	2009 Weekly Wage	2014 Weekly Wage	Change
Key West, FL	77,136	\$715	\$723	\$8
Point Pleasant, WV-OH	57,413	\$717	\$721	\$4
Middlesborough, KY	27,778	\$601	\$600	(\$1)
Wisconsin Rapids-Marshfield, WI	73,608	\$799	\$798	(\$1)
Las Vegas, NM	28,239	\$579	\$574	(\$5)
Bastrop, LA	26,760	\$603	\$569	(\$34)
Safford, AZ	37,957	\$782	\$746	(\$36)
Union City, TN-KY	37,206	\$731	\$646	(\$85)
Enterprise, AL	50,909	\$723	\$613	(\$110)
Wilmington, OH	41,835	\$924	\$762	(\$162)

Wages in most micropolitan areas are still below the national average of \$988, with only 16 at or above that rate. The two tables below summarize areas with the highest weekly wages and lowest weekly wages in 2014.

### Micropolitan Statistical Areas with the Highest Weekly Wage

Micropolitan Area	Population	2009 Weekly Wage	2014 Weekly Wage
Williston, ND	32,130	\$904	\$1,593
Los Alamos, NM	17,682	\$1,378	\$1,467
Dickinson, ND	30,372	\$699	\$1,301
Andrews, TX	17,477	\$881	\$1,195
Port Lavaca, TX	21,797	n/d	\$1,157
Borger, TX	21,773	\$901	\$1,144
Snyder, TX	17,328	\$765	\$1,124
Rock Springs, WY	45,010	\$948	\$1,124
Gillette, WY	48,320	\$1,004	\$1,109
Elko, NV	54,784	\$916	\$1,048

*n/d=Area was not classified as micropolitan areas in 2009.*

*Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Garner Economics*

### Micropolitan Statistical Areas with the Lowest Weekly Wage

Micropolitan Area	Population	2009 Weekly Wage	2014 Weekly Wage
Rexburg, ID	50,905	\$529	\$569
Bastrop, LA	26,760	\$603	\$569
Kirkville, MO	29,972	\$517	\$568
Indianola, MS	27,496	\$526	\$568
Kill Devil Hills, NC	39,219	\$537	\$568
Farmington, MO	65,960	\$519	\$565
Rio Grande City, TX	62,955	\$485	\$547
Branson, MO	85,334	\$488	\$534
Sevierville, TN	95,110	\$498	\$529
Kennett, MO	31,344	\$446	\$486

*Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Garner Economics*

**Please note:** A full listing of wage data for U.S. micro areas is provided on the following pages. Due to 2013 changes in micropolitan area classification, data is only reported for 487 micropolitan areas defined in both 2009 and 2014.

## All U.S. Micro Area Wage Change

Average Weekly Wage, 2009 - 2014, from Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Methodology:** Listed in the table below are figures for average weekly wage and population for micropolitan statistical areas across the nation. This data is obtained through the Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau.

Micropolitan Statistical Area	2014 Population	2009 Weekly Wage	2014 Weekly Wage	Change
Aberdeen, SD	42,391	\$630	\$726	\$96
Aberdeen, WA	70,818	\$640	\$710	\$70
Ada, OK	38,005	\$587	\$705	\$118
Adrian, MI	99,047	\$677	\$742	\$65
Alamogordo, NM	65,082	\$604	\$664	\$60
Albemarle, NC	60,600	\$573	\$613	\$40
Albert Lea, MN	30,840	\$610	\$709	\$99
Albertville, AL	94,636	\$571	\$639	\$68
Alexandria, MN	36,790	\$625	\$735	\$110
Alice, TX	41,353	\$664	\$958	\$294
Alma, MI	41,665	\$665	\$740	\$75
Alpena, MI	28,988	\$654	\$713	\$59
Altus, OK	25,998	\$602	\$668	\$66
Americus, GA	36,395	\$563	\$660	\$97
Amsterdam, NY	49,779	\$647	\$728	\$81
Andrews, TX	17,477	\$881	\$1,195	\$314
Angola, IN	34,308	\$554	\$606	\$52
Arcadia, FL	35,012	\$593	\$653	\$60
Ardmore, OK	48,821	\$658	\$770	\$112
Arkadelphia, AR	22,576	\$553	\$614	\$61
Arkansas City-Winfield, KS	35,963	n/d	\$660	n/d
Ashland, OH	53,035	\$634	\$681	\$47
Ashtabula, OH	99,175	\$612	\$670	\$58
Astoria, OR	37,474	\$594	\$658	\$64
Atchison, KS	16,513	\$573	\$673	\$100
Athens, OH	64,713	\$685	\$746	\$61
Athens, TN	52,626	\$698	\$748	\$50
Athens, TX	79,290	\$580	\$640	\$60
Auburn, IN	42,383	\$714	\$817	\$103
Auburn, NY	78,823	\$666	\$769	\$103
Augusta-Waterville, ME	121,112	\$696	\$743	\$47
Austin, MN	39,323	\$689	\$821	\$132
Bainbridge, GA	27,220	\$538	\$596	\$58
Baraboo, WI	63,379	\$583	\$664	\$81
Bardstown, KY	44,812	n/d	\$714	n/d
Barre, VT	58,998	\$772	\$873	\$101
Bartlesville, OK	51,937	\$771	\$972	\$201
Bastrop, LA	26,760	\$603	\$569	-\$34
Batavia, NY	59,162	\$629	\$712	\$83
Batesville, AR	36,959	\$584	\$652	\$68
Bay City, TX	36,519	\$806	\$931	\$125

Micropolitan Statistical Area	2014 Population	2009 Weekly Wage	2014 Weekly Wage	Change
Beatrice, NE	21,663	\$553	\$634	\$81
Beaver Dam, WI	88,574	\$694	\$780	\$86
Bedford, IN	45,704	\$601	\$654	\$53
Beeville, TX	32,863	\$589	\$792	\$203
Bellefontaine, OH	45,507	\$739	\$804	\$65
Bemidji, MN	45,664	\$639	\$693	\$54
Bennettsville, SC	27,924	\$647	\$746	\$99
Bennington, VT	36,445	\$683	\$770	\$87
Berlin, NH-VT	37,778	\$602	\$675	\$73
Big Rapids, MI	43,186	\$673	\$727	\$54
Big Spring, TX	37,942	\$690	\$846	\$156
Big Stone Gap, VA	59,274	n/d	\$684	n/d
Blackfoot, ID	45,269	\$575	\$638	\$63
Bluefield, WV-VA	105,237	\$596	\$645	\$49
Blytheville, AR	44,235	\$675	\$807	\$132
Bogalusa, LA	46,286	\$615	\$650	\$35
Boone, IA	26,433	\$648	\$714	\$66
Boone, NC	52,560	\$583	\$633	\$50
Borger, TX	21,773	\$901	\$1,144	\$243
Bozeman, MT	97,308	\$639	\$724	\$85
Bradford, PA	42,554	\$664	\$774	\$110
Brainerd, MN	91,824	\$569	\$637	\$68
Branson, MO	85,334	\$488	\$534	\$46
Breckenridge, CO	29,404	n/d	\$670	n/d
Brenham, TX	34,438	\$627	\$730	\$103
Brevard, NC	33,045	\$555	\$600	\$45
Brookhaven, MS	34,775	\$590	\$651	\$61
Brookings, OR	22,335	\$558	\$630	\$72
Brookings, SD	33,314	\$650	\$751	\$101
Brownwood, TX	37,653	\$592	\$655	\$63
Bucyrus, OH	42,480	\$580	\$670	\$90
Burley, ID	43,863	\$550	\$628	\$78
Burlington, IA-IL	47,171	\$636	\$724	\$88
Butte-Silver Bow, MT	34,680	\$684	\$747	\$63
Cadillac, MI	47,923	\$599	\$682	\$83
Calhoun, GA	56,047	\$646	\$708	\$62
Cambridge, MD	32,578	\$652	\$718	\$66
Cambridge, OH	39,590	\$629	\$728	\$99
Camden, AR	30,030	\$625	\$693	\$68
Campbellsville, KY	25,257	\$535	\$599	\$64
Canon City, CO	46,502	\$666	\$707	\$41
Canton, IL	36,007	\$536	\$599	\$63
Carlsbad-Artesia, NM	56,395	\$836	\$1,018	\$182
Cedar City, UT	47,269	\$538	\$593	\$55
Cedartown, GA	41,133	\$592	\$646	\$54
Celina, OH	40,831	\$611	\$703	\$92
Centralia, IL	38,571	\$591	\$682	\$91
Centralia, WA	75,128	\$639	\$715	\$76
Charleston-Mattoon, IL	64,153	\$619	\$697	\$78
Chillicothe, OH	77,159	\$742	\$801	\$59
Claremont-Lebanon, NH-VT	217,634	\$698	\$899	\$201

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Clarksburg, WV	94,221	\$712	\$855	\$143
Clarksdale, MS	24,807	\$575	\$636	\$61
Clearlake, CA	64,184	\$635	\$652	\$17
Cleveland, MS	33,768	\$560	\$636	\$76
Clewiston, FL	38,505	\$560	\$684	\$124
Clinton, IA	48,051	\$636	\$706	\$70
Clovis, NM	50,969	\$575	\$666	\$91
Coffeyville, KS	34,065	\$567	\$666	\$99
Coldwater, MI	43,545	\$682	\$726	\$44
Columbus, MS	59,730	\$670	\$749	\$79
Columbus, NE	32,666	\$631	\$728	\$97
Concord, NH	147,171	\$810	\$892	\$82
Connersville, IN	23,468	\$564	\$643	\$79
Cookeville, TN	107,761	\$610	\$681	\$71
Coos Bay, OR	62,475	\$587	\$669	\$82
Cordele, GA	22,934	\$537	\$622	\$85
Corinth, MS	37,380	\$606	\$636	\$30
Cornelia, GA	43,752	\$587	\$617	\$30
Corning, NY	98,394	\$864	\$988	\$124
Corsicana, TX	48,195	\$580	\$672	\$92
Cortland, NY	49,024	\$647	\$707	\$60
Coshocton, OH	36,516	\$632	\$731	\$99
Craig, CO	12,928	n/d	\$855	n/d
Crawfordsville, IN	38,146	\$689	\$754	\$65
Crescent City, CA	27,212	\$640	\$674	\$34
Crossville, TN	57,985	\$559	\$624	\$65
Cullman, AL	81,289	\$620	\$691	\$71
Cullowhee, NC	40,981	n/d	\$631	n/d
Danville, KY	54,151	\$609	\$688	\$79
Danville, VA	104,827	\$592	\$628	\$36
Dayton, TN	32,641	n/d	\$835	n/d
Decatur, IN	34,791	\$566	\$648	\$82
Defiance, OH	38,510	\$681	\$806	\$125
Del Rio, TX	48,974	\$609	\$683	\$74
Deming, NM	24,673	\$564	\$610	\$46
DeRidder, LA	36,198	\$683	\$743	\$60
Dickinson, ND	30,372	\$699	\$1,301	\$602
Dixon, IL	34,735	\$695	\$797	\$102
Dodge City, KS	34,795	\$603	\$658	\$55
Douglas, GA	42,811	\$566	\$613	\$47
Dublin, GA	57,552	\$639	\$670	\$31
DuBois, PA	81,191	\$622	\$695	\$73
Dumas, TX	22,148	\$645	\$810	\$165
Duncan, OK	44,493	\$674	\$831	\$157
Dunn, NC	126,666	\$567	\$614	\$47
Durango, CO	53,989	\$742	\$854	\$112
Durant, OK	44,486	\$587	\$655	\$68
Dyersburg, TN	37,935	\$599	\$689	\$90
Eagle Pass, TX	57,023	\$518	\$602	\$84
Easton, MD	37,643	\$693	\$744	\$51
Edwards, CO	52,921	\$744	\$802	\$58

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Effingham, IL	34,320	\$610	\$695	\$85
El Campo, TX	41,168	\$592	\$714	\$122
El Dorado, AR	40,227	\$755	\$865	\$110
Elizabeth City, NC	63,584	\$614	\$670	\$56
Elk City, OK	23,691	\$705	\$904	\$199
Elkins, WV	29,429	n/d	\$613	n/d
Elko, NV	54,784	\$916	\$1,048	\$132
Ellensburg, WA	42,522	\$608	\$669	\$61
Emporia, KS	33,212	\$562	\$607	\$45
Enid, OK	63,091	\$636	\$859	\$223
Enterprise, AL	50,909	\$723	\$613	-\$110
Escanaba, MI	36,559	\$643	\$701	\$58
Espanola, NM	39,777	\$581	\$611	\$30
Eureka-Arcata-Fortuna, CA	134,809	\$633	\$698	\$65
Evanston, WY	20,904	\$764	\$808	\$44
Fairfield, IA	17,325	n/d	\$700	n/d
Fairmont, WV	56,803	\$719	\$798	\$79
Fallon, NV	23,989	\$738	\$799	\$61
Faribault-Northfield, MN	65,151	\$692	\$781	\$89
Farmington, MO	65,960	\$519	\$565	\$46
Fergus Falls, MN	57,635	\$585	\$673	\$88
Fernley, NV	51,789	n/d	\$745	n/d
Findlay, OH	75,337	\$745	\$872	\$127
Fitzgerald, GA	17,464	\$504	\$579	\$75
Forest City, NC	66,600	\$548	\$601	\$53
Forrest City, AR	26,899	\$579	\$630	\$51
Fort Dodge, IA	36,955	\$674	\$775	\$101
Fort Leonard Wood, MO	53,436	\$637	\$668	\$31
Fort Madison-Keokuk, IA-IL-MO	60,767	n/d	\$742	n/d
Fort Morgan, CO	28,328	\$625	\$742	\$117
Fort Polk South, LA	52,132	\$631	\$660	\$29
Frankfort, IN	32,776	\$652	\$711	\$59
Frankfort, KY	71,768	\$736	\$765	\$29
Fredericksburg, TX	25,520	n/d	\$649	n/d
Freeport, IL	46,435	\$700	\$775	\$75
Fremont, NE	36,744	\$582	\$661	\$79
Fremont, OH	60,179	\$634	\$725	\$91
Gaffney, SC	56,024	\$621	\$649	\$28
Gainesville, TX	38,761	\$698	\$904	\$206
Galesburg, IL	52,069	\$556	\$617	\$61
Gallup, NM	74,098	\$593	\$626	\$33
Garden City, KS	41,099	\$616	\$691	\$75
Gardnerville Ranchos, NV	47,536	\$725	\$792	\$67
Georgetown, SC	60,773	\$625	\$704	\$79
Gillette, WY	48,320	\$1,004	\$1,109	\$105
Glasgow, KY	53,138	\$593	\$640	\$47
Glenwood Springs, CO	75,087	n/d	\$895	n/d
Gloversville, NY	54,105	\$658	\$699	\$41
Grants, NM	27,349	\$618	\$676	\$58
Great Bend, KS	27,385	\$623	\$725	\$102
Greenville, TN	68,335	\$632	\$678	\$46

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Greenfield Town, MA	70,862	n/d	\$741	n/d
Greensburg, IN	26,524	\$669	\$764	\$95
Greenville, MS	48,958	\$575	\$627	\$52
Greenville, OH	52,196	\$613	\$684	\$71
Greenwood, MS	41,676	\$563	\$610	\$47
Greenwood, SC	94,485	\$673	\$694	\$21
Grenada, MS	21,666	\$559	\$597	\$38
Guymon, OK	21,853	\$626	\$724	\$98
Hailey, ID	27,837	n/d	\$760	n/d
Hannibal, MO	39,175	\$595	\$668	\$73
Harrison, AR	45,100	\$600	\$672	\$72
Hastings, NE	31,457	\$593	\$673	\$80
Hays, KS	29,013	\$609	\$697	\$88
Heber, UT	27,714	\$584	\$665	\$81
Helena, MT	77,414	\$719	\$791	\$72
Helena-West Helena, AR	19,930	n/d	\$590	n/d
Henderson, NC	44,614	\$589	\$617	\$28
Hereford, TX	19,195	\$611	\$724	\$113
Hermiston-Pendleton, OR	87,892	n/d	\$729	n/d
Hillsdale, MI	45,830	n/d	\$769	n/d
Hilo, HI	194,190	\$703	\$757	\$54
Hobbs, NM	69,999	\$820	\$1,027	\$207
Holland, MI	113,847	n/d	\$814	n/d
Hood River, OR	22,885	\$540	\$624	\$84
Houghton, MI	38,712	\$614	\$713	\$99
Hudson, NY	62,122	\$658	\$735	\$77
Huntingdon, PA	45,750	\$603	\$676	\$73
Huntington, IN	36,706	\$596	\$659	\$63
Huntsville, TX	84,013	\$632	\$704	\$72
Huron, SD	18,169	\$596	\$692	\$96
Hutchinson, KS	63,794	\$590	\$654	\$64
Hutchinson, MN	35,882	\$703	\$786	\$83
Indiana, PA	87,706	\$719	\$834	\$115
Indianola, MS	27,496	\$526	\$568	\$42
Ionia, MI	64,294	n/d	\$601	n/d
Iron Mountain, MI-WI	30,438	\$665	\$794	\$129
Jackson, OH	32,748	n/d	\$665	n/d
Jackson, WY-ID	33,271	\$711	\$787	\$76
Jacksonville, IL	40,133	\$642	\$696	\$54
Jacksonville, TX	50,902	\$570	\$642	\$72
Jamestown, ND	21,129	\$623	\$754	\$131
Jamestown-Dunkirk-Fredonia, NY	132,053	\$617	\$685	\$68
Jasper, IN	54,969	\$669	\$778	\$109
Jefferson, GA	61,870	n/d	\$707	n/d
Jesup, GA	29,949	\$670	\$707	\$37
Junction City, KS	36,713	n/d	\$714	n/d
Juneau, AK	32,406	\$832	\$961	\$129
Kalispell, MT	94,924	\$619	\$718	\$99
Kapaa, HI	70,475	\$716	\$778	\$62
Kearney, NE	54,868	\$601	\$682	\$81
Keene, NH	76,115	\$742	\$811	\$69



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Kendallville, IN	47,618	\$618	\$696	\$78
Kennett, MO	31,344	\$446	\$486	\$40
Kerrville, TX	50,562	\$655	\$723	\$68
Ketchikan, AK	13,787	\$773	\$852	\$79
Key West, FL	77,136	\$715	\$723	\$8
Kill Devil Hills, NC	39,219	\$537	\$568	\$31
Kingsville, TX	32,590	\$629	\$726	\$97
Kinston, NC	58,485	\$605	\$650	\$45
Kirksville, MO	29,972	\$517	\$568	\$51
Klamath Falls, OR	65,455	\$622	\$683	\$61
Laconia, NH	60,305	\$692	\$748	\$56
La Grande, OR	25,691	\$581	\$672	\$91
LaGrange, GA	69,469	\$700	\$776	\$76
Lake City, FL	67,857	\$633	\$671	\$38
Lamesa, TX	13,372	\$558	\$749	\$191
Laramie, WY	37,811	\$674	\$726	\$52
Las Vegas, NM	28,239	\$579	\$574	-\$5
Laurel, MS	84,891	\$635	\$728	\$93
Laurinburg, NC	35,576	\$583	\$658	\$75
Lawrenceburg, TN	42,274	\$556	\$614	\$58
Lebanon, MO	35,439	\$537	\$599	\$62
Levelland, TX	23,577	\$667	\$992	\$325
Lewisburg, PA	44,874	\$696	\$771	\$75
Lewisburg, TN	31,269	\$589	\$695	\$106
Lewistown, PA	46,552	\$613	\$685	\$72
Lexington, NE	26,066	\$565	\$641	\$76
Liberal, KS	23,465	\$609	\$703	\$94
Lincoln, IL	29,746	\$645	\$744	\$99
Lock Haven, PA	39,745	\$618	\$749	\$131
Logan, WV	35,348	n/d	\$799	n/d
Logansport, IN	38,438	\$582	\$646	\$64
London, KY	127,316	\$605	\$642	\$37
Los Alamos, NM	17,682	\$1,378	\$1,467	\$89
Ludington, MI	28,824	n/d	\$694	n/d
Lufkin, TX	87,750	\$654	\$739	\$85
Lumberton, NC	134,760	\$548	\$594	\$46
Macomb, IL	31,880	\$616	\$721	\$105
Madison, IN	32,494	\$630	\$708	\$78
Madisonville, KY	46,376	\$728	\$784	\$56
Magnolia, AR	23,933	\$621	\$729	\$108
Malone, NY	51,262	\$703	\$761	\$58
Malvern, AR	33,368	n/d	\$645	n/d
Manitowoc, WI	80,160	\$698	\$790	\$92
Marietta, OH	61,213	n/d	\$813	n/d
Marinette, WI-MI	65,012	\$595	\$710	\$115
Marion, IN	68,569	\$656	\$692	\$36
Marion, NC	44,965	n/d	\$617	n/d
Marion, OH	65,720	\$681	\$729	\$48
Marquette, MI	67,676	\$688	\$778	\$90
Marshall, MN	25,665	\$653	\$743	\$90
Marshall, MO	23,347	\$556	\$599	\$43

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Marshall, TX	67,336	\$733	\$954	\$221
Marshalltown, IA	40,866	\$693	\$764	\$71
Martin, TN	34,373	\$560	\$591	\$31
Martinsville, VA	65,792	\$548	\$600	\$52
Maryville, MO	23,081	\$595	\$616	\$21
Mason City, IA	50,878	\$646	\$737	\$91
Mayfield, KY	37,618	\$577	\$643	\$66
Maysville, KY	17,166	\$614	\$777	\$163
McAlester, OK	44,626	\$684	\$777	\$93
McComb, MS	52,687	\$525	\$589	\$64
McMinnville, TN	39,969	\$606	\$689	\$83
McPherson, KS	29,241	\$652	\$794	\$142
Meadville, PA	87,175	\$613	\$692	\$79
Menomonie, WI	44,305	\$645	\$726	\$81
Meridian, MS	106,201	\$605	\$704	\$99
Merrill, WI	28,493	\$624	\$723	\$99
Mexico, MO	25,887	\$580	\$623	\$43
Miami, OK	32,105	\$537	\$587	\$50
Middlesborough, KY	27,778	\$601	\$600	-\$1
Milledgeville, GA	54,418	\$567	\$636	\$69
Mineral Wells, TX	28,096	\$692	\$811	\$119
Minot, ND	77,959	\$626	\$916	\$290
Mitchell, SD	23,304	\$580	\$683	\$103
Moberly, MO	25,072	\$562	\$644	\$82
Montrose, CO	40,873	\$639	\$696	\$57
Morehead City, NC	68,811	\$541	\$580	\$39
Morgan City, LA	53,162	\$841	\$969	\$128
Moscow, ID	38,411	\$575	\$635	\$60
Moses Lake, WA	93,147	\$622	\$690	\$68
Moultrie, GA	46,102	\$517	\$573	\$56
Mountain Home, AR	40,857	\$577	\$632	\$55
Mountain Home, ID	26,094	\$542	\$595	\$53
Mount Airy, NC	72,968	\$572	\$619	\$47
Mount Pleasant, MI	70,616	\$599	\$676	\$77
Mount Pleasant, TX	32,506	\$643	\$670	\$27
Mount Sterling, KY	45,967	\$583	\$675	\$92
Mount Vernon, IL	38,534	\$661	\$776	\$115
Mount Vernon, OH	61,167	\$680	\$776	\$96
Murray, KY	38,282	\$573	\$612	\$39
Muscatine, IA	42,903	\$758	\$886	\$128
Muskogee, OK	69,966	\$650	\$728	\$78
Nacogdoches, TX	65,301	\$590	\$671	\$81
Natchez, MS-LA	52,203	\$553	\$629	\$76
Natchitoches, LA	39,166	\$592	\$636	\$44
Newberry, SC	37,783	\$599	\$648	\$49
New Castle, IN	48,995	\$586	\$614	\$28
New Castle, PA	88,771	\$664	\$732	\$68
New Philadelphia-Dover, OH	92,788	\$575	\$683	\$108
Newport, OR	46,406	n/d	\$640	n/d
Newport, TN	35,374	\$566	\$605	\$39
Newton, IA	36,872	\$640	\$679	\$39

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New Ulm, MN	25,292	\$611	\$712	\$101
Nogales, AZ	46,695	\$717	\$824	\$107
Norfolk, NE	48,445	\$610	\$705	\$95
North Platte, NE	37,063	\$594	\$675	\$81
North Vernon, IN	28,000	\$636	\$669	\$33
North Wilkesboro, NC	68,838	\$580	\$631	\$51
Norwalk, OH	58,714	\$657	\$727	\$70
Oak Harbor, WA	79,275	\$629	\$682	\$53
Ogdensburg-Massena, NY	111,400	\$683	\$772	\$89
Oil City, PA	53,529	\$635	\$699	\$64
Okeechobee, FL	39,149	\$594	\$654	\$60
Olean, NY	78,600	\$657	\$730	\$73
Oneonta, NY	61,128	\$679	\$740	\$61
Ontario, OR-ID	53,195	\$561	\$633	\$72
Opelousas, LA	83,709	\$612	\$664	\$52
Orangeburg, SC	90,090	\$650	\$680	\$30
Oskaloosa, IA	22,370	\$623	\$685	\$62
Othello, WA	19,179	n/d	\$689	n/d
Ottawa, KS	25,611	n/d	\$679	n/d
Ottawa-Peru, IL	150,895	\$680	\$784	\$104
Ottumwa, IA	43,993	\$648	\$717	\$69
Owatonna, MN	36,573	\$737	\$755	\$18
Owosso, MI	68,933	\$589	\$659	\$70
Oxford, MS	52,930	\$660	\$715	\$55
Oxford, NC	58,500	n/d	\$781	n/d
Ozark, AL	49,484	n/d	\$960	n/d
Paducah, KY-IL	97,820	\$721	\$801	\$80
Pahrump, NV	42,282	\$833	\$924	\$91
Palatka, FL	72,143	\$652	\$668	\$16
Palestine, TX	57,627	\$700	\$792	\$92
Pampa, TX	23,044	\$793	\$926	\$133
Paragould, AR	43,694	\$557	\$664	\$107
Paris, TN	32,204	\$585	\$655	\$70
Paris, TX	49,523	\$647	\$759	\$112
Parsons, KS	20,960	\$520	\$633	\$113
Payson, AZ	53,119	\$670	\$752	\$82
Pecos, TX	14,349	\$600	\$776	\$176
Peru, IN	35,954	\$604	\$653	\$49
Picayune, MS	55,224	\$555	\$607	\$52
Pierre, SD	22,063	\$650	\$742	\$92
Pinehurst-Southern Pines, NC	93,077	n/d	\$692	n/d
Pittsburg, KS	39,290	\$552	\$608	\$56
Plainview, TX	34,720	\$579	\$647	\$68
Platteville, WI	51,829	\$570	\$656	\$86
Plattsburgh, NY	81,632	\$721	\$774	\$53
Plymouth, IN	47,107	\$603	\$673	\$70
Point Pleasant, WV-OH	57,413	\$717	\$721	\$4
Ponca City, OK	45,478	\$656	\$757	\$101
Pontiac, IL	37,903	\$686	\$814	\$128
Poplar Bluff, MO	42,972	\$568	\$608	\$40
Portales, NM	19,536	\$566	\$610	\$44

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Port Angeles, WA	72,715	\$637	\$691	\$54
Port Clinton, OH	41,154	n/d	\$754	n/d
Port Lavaca, TX	21,797	n/d	\$1,157	n/d
Portsmouth, OH	77,258	\$619	\$665	\$46
Pottsville, PA	145,797	\$651	\$721	\$70
Price, UT	20,660	\$712	\$763	\$51
Prineville, OR	20,998	\$600	\$800	\$200
Pullman, WA	46,827	\$719	\$830	\$111
Quincy, IL-MO	77,126	\$638	\$723	\$85
Raymondville, TX	21,903	\$580	\$624	\$44
Red Bluff, CA	63,067	\$639	\$724	\$85
Red Wing, MN	46,423	\$696	\$810	\$114
Rexburg, ID	50,905	\$529	\$569	\$40
Richmond, IN	67,671	\$641	\$675	\$34
Richmond-Berea, KY	104,166	\$613	\$687	\$74
Rio Grande City, TX	62,955	\$485	\$547	\$62
Riverton, WY	40,703	\$673	\$784	\$111
Roanoke Rapids, NC	73,433	\$557	\$614	\$57
Rochelle, IL	52,085	\$746	\$827	\$81
Rockingham, NC	45,733	\$548	\$616	\$68
Rock Springs, WY	45,010	\$948	\$1,124	\$176
Rolla, MO	44,847	\$623	\$681	\$58
Roseburg, OR	106,972	\$630	\$707	\$77
Roswell, NM	65,878	\$590	\$648	\$58
Russellville, AR	85,152	\$595	\$665	\$70
Ruston, LA	47,617	\$636	\$698	\$62
Rutland, VT	60,086	\$682	\$761	\$79
Safford, AZ	37,957	\$782	\$746	-\$36
St. Marys, GA	52,027	\$666	\$821	\$155
Salem, OH	105,686	n/d	\$662	n/d
Salina, KS	61,820	\$628	\$669	\$41
Sandpoint, ID	41,585	n/d	\$645	n/d
Sandusky, OH	75,828	\$637	\$674	\$37
Sanford, NC	59,662	\$716	\$725	\$9
Sault Ste. Marie, MI	38,321	\$644	\$673	\$29
Sayre, PA	61,784	\$676	\$841	\$165
Scottsbluff, NE	38,532	\$601	\$690	\$89
Scottsboro, AL	52,665	\$609	\$655	\$46
Searcy, AR	78,592	\$644	\$699	\$55
Sedalia, MO	42,225	\$574	\$611	\$37
Selinsgrove, PA	40,323	\$576	\$622	\$46
Selma, AL	41,711	\$606	\$668	\$62
Seneca, SC	75,192	\$745	\$860	\$115
Seneca Falls, NY	34,884	\$671	\$855	\$184
Sevierville, TN	95,110	\$498	\$529	\$31
Seymour, IN	43,705	\$667	\$764	\$97
Shawano, WI	46,101	n/d	\$582	n/d
Shawnee, OK	71,811	\$554	\$636	\$82
Shelby, NC	97,076	\$620	\$685	\$65
Shelbyville, TN	46,627	\$617	\$696	\$79
Shelton, WA	60,711	\$629	\$706	\$77

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Sheridan, WY	30,032	\$715	\$747	\$32
Show Low, AZ	108,101	n/d	\$694	n/d
Sidney, OH	48,951	\$779	\$889	\$110
Sikeston, MO	38,903	\$579	\$627	\$48
Silver City, NM	29,096	\$643	\$749	\$106
Snyder, TX	17,328	\$765	\$1,124	\$359
Somerset, KY	63,825	\$575	\$628	\$53
Somerset, PA	76,218	\$609	\$697	\$88
Sonora, CA	53,831	n/d	\$746	n/d
Spearfish, SD	24,657	\$536	\$612	\$76
Spencer, IA	16,515	\$626	\$723	\$97
Spirit Lake, IA	16,935	\$553	\$670	\$117
Starkville, MS	49,414	\$618	\$655	\$37
Statesboro, GA	72,087	\$570	\$608	\$38
Steamboat Springs, CO	23,865	n/d	\$863	n/d
Stephenville, TX	40,147	\$536	\$613	\$77
Sterling, CO	22,524	\$596	\$678	\$82
Sterling, IL	56,876	\$601	\$656	\$55
Stevens Point, WI	70,482	\$676	\$750	\$74
Stillwater, OK	80,264	\$648	\$769	\$121
Storm Lake, IA	20,578	\$593	\$681	\$88
Sturgis, MI	60,946	\$691	\$724	\$33
Sulphur Springs, TX	35,921	\$627	\$712	\$85
Summerville, GA	24,939	\$562	\$586	\$24
Summit Park, UT	39,105	n/d	\$738	n/d
Sunbury, PA	93,944	\$635	\$692	\$57
Susanville, CA	31,749	\$732	\$809	\$77
Sweetwater, TX	15,093	\$612	\$755	\$143
Tahlequah, OK	48,341	\$550	\$629	\$79
Talladega-Sylacauga, AL	92,208	\$727	\$839	\$112
Taos, NM	33,084	\$565	\$578	\$13
Taylorville, IL	33,892	\$609	\$683	\$74
The Dalles, OR	25,515	n/d	\$664	n/d
Thomaston, GA	26,256	\$590	\$630	\$40
Thomasville, GA	44,959	\$659	\$757	\$98
Tiffin, OH	55,669	\$598	\$655	\$57
Tifton, GA	40,704	\$595	\$691	\$96
Toccoa, GA	25,480	\$601	\$686	\$85
Torrington, CT	184,993	\$778	\$832	\$54
Traverse City, MI	147,610	\$668	\$745	\$77
Troy, AL	33,389	\$625	\$725	\$100
Truckee-Grass Valley, CA	98,893	\$749	\$786	\$37
Tullahoma-Manchester, TN	101,344	\$669	\$745	\$76
Tupelo, MS	139,723	\$632	\$667	\$35
Twin Falls, ID	103,732	\$554	\$608	\$54
Ukiah, CA	87,869	\$634	\$667	\$33
Union City, TN-KY	37,206	\$731	\$646	-\$85
Urbana, OH	39,128	\$650	\$750	\$100
Uvalde, TX	27,117	\$541	\$613	\$72
Valley, AL	34,076	\$587	\$639	\$52
Van Wert, OH	28,462	\$599	\$678	\$79

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Vermillion, SD	13,932	\$582	\$655	\$73
Vernal, UT	36,867	\$787	\$937	\$150
Vernon, TX	12,973	\$619	\$726	\$107
Vicksburg, MS	57,063	\$704	\$799	\$95
Vidalia, GA	36,273	\$562	\$618	\$56
Vincennes, IN	37,938	\$605	\$703	\$98
Vineyard Haven, MA	17,356	n/d	\$878	n/d
Wabash, IN	32,252	\$572	\$643	\$71
Wahpeton, ND-MN	22,927	\$605	\$729	\$124
Wapakoneta, OH	45,841	\$649	\$751	\$102
Warren, PA	40,703	\$639	\$728	\$89
Warrensburg, MO	54,362	\$578	\$646	\$68
Warsaw, IN	78,564	\$768	\$899	\$131
Washington, IN	32,729	\$575	\$628	\$53
Washington, NC	47,585	\$619	\$676	\$57
Washington Court House, OH	28,800	n/d	\$616	n/d
Watertown, SD	27,938	\$596	\$697	\$101
Watertown-Fort Atkinson, WI	84,395	\$640	\$705	\$65
Wauchula, FL	27,469	\$541	\$592	\$51
Waycross, GA	54,506	\$576	\$623	\$47
Weatherford, OK	29,500	n/d	\$784	n/d
West Plains, MO	40,173	\$529	\$589	\$60
Whitewater-Elkhorn, WI	103,527	\$619	\$681	\$62
Williston, ND	32,130	\$904	\$1,593	\$689
Willmar, MN	42,285	\$613	\$675	\$62
Wilmington, OH	41,835	\$924	\$762	-\$162
Wilson, NC	81,401	\$692	\$792	\$100
Winnemucca, NV	17,279	n/d	\$1,011	n/d
Winona, MN	51,097	\$642	\$725	\$83
Wisconsin Rapids-Marshfield, WI	73,608	\$799	\$798	-\$1
Woodward, OK	21,529	\$664	\$924	\$260
Wooster, OH	115,537	\$670	\$774	\$104
Worthington, MN	21,590	\$607	\$682	\$75
Yankton, SD	22,684	\$617	\$722	\$105
Zanesville, OH	85,818	\$627	\$696	\$69
Zapata, TX	14,319	n/d	\$1,012	n/d

n/d = Areas were not classified as micropolitan areas in 2009.

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