



Top 20 Metro Areas for Recent College Graduates to Find Jobs

	Metropolitan area	Share of recent college grads with jobs*	Median wages (FTFY) for recent college grads*	Share of young people (22-26 year olds)
1	Portland-South Portland, ME	89.1%	\$34,000	6.1%
2	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	88.7%	\$35,000	7.6%
3	Lancaster, PA	88.1%	\$37,000	6.6%
4	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	88.0%	\$36,000	6.8%
5	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	86.8%	\$34,000	6.7%
6	Columbus, OH	86.7%	\$35,000	7.4%
7	Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	86.7%	\$35,000	6.4%
8	Salt Lake City, UT	86.1%	\$32,200	7.8%
9	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	85.9%	\$31,000	5.8%
10	Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	85.4%	\$38,000	6.9%
11	Wichita, KS	85.4%	\$35,000	7.1%
12	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	85.3%	\$36,000	7.0%
13	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	85.0%	\$36,000	6.7%
14	Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	85.0%	\$35,000	6.8%
15	Kansas City, MO-KS	84.7%	\$36,000	6.7%
16	Charleston-North Charleston, SC	84.6%	\$34,000	7.8%
17	Knoxville, TN	84.6%	\$30,000	6.6%
18	Chattanooga, TN-GA	84.5%	\$32,000	6.4%
19	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	84.2%	\$36,400	5.7%
20	Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Niagara Falls, NY	84.2%	\$31,000	6.9%

* Recent graduates are defined as individuals 22 to 26 years of age with a Bachelor's degree.

Note: This list is limited to the top 20 out of 100 largest metropolitan areas by population ranked by employment-to population ratio for recent college grads.

Sources: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of U.S. Census Bureau *American Community Survey*, 2009-2015 (pooled) data; Steven Ruggles, Katie Genadek, Ronald Goeken, Josiah Grover, and Matthew Sobek. *Integrated Public Use Microdata Series: Version 6.0* [dataset]. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2015.