

TABLE 2. DEVELOPING METRO AREAS LED THE LIST OF FASTEST-GROWING GLOBAL METROPOLITAN AREAS IN 2011

Highest and Lowest Economic Performance Index Rankings, 200 Largest Metropolitan Areas, 2010-2011

Highest		Change, 2010-2011 (%)		Lowest		Change, 2010-2011 (%)			
Metro Area	Region	Income	Employment	Metro Area	Region	Income	Employment		
1	Shanghai	Developing Asia-Pacific	9.8	5.8	161	Nottingham-Derby	Western Europe	0.7	0.0
2	Riyadh	Middle East and Africa	7.8	6.3	162	Philadelphia	North America	0.7	0.0
3	Jiddah	Middle East and Africa	7.0	5.5	163	Florence	Western Europe	0.6	0.0
4	Izmir	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	5.5	5.6	164	Rotterdam-Amsterdam	Western Europe	1.0	-0.2
5	Hangzhou	Developing Asia-Pacific	5.8	5.5	165	Glasgow	Western Europe	0.7	0.0
6	Ankara	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	5.4	5.7	166	Newcastle	Western Europe	0.5	0.0
7	Istanbul	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	5.3	5.6	167	Bologna	Western Europe	0.4	0.0
8	Shenzhen	Developing Asia-Pacific	6.5	4.9	168	Fukuoka-Kitakyushu	Developed Asia-Pacific	-0.2	0.4
9	Santiago	Latin America	5.7	4.9	169	Birmingham, UK	Western Europe	0.6	-0.1
10	Shenyang	Developing Asia-Pacific	11.6	1.7	170	Riverside	North America	0.2	0.1
11	Wuhan	Developing Asia-Pacific	9.8	2.5	171	Memphis	North America	0.4	-0.1
12	Nanjing	Developing Asia-Pacific	9.3	2.7	172	Des Moines	North America	-0.2	0.2
13	Mumbai	Developing Asia-Pacific	6.2	4.3	173	Cardiff-Newport	Western Europe	0.4	-0.1
14	Tianjin	Developing Asia-Pacific	8.4	2.2	174	Denver	North America	-0.9	0.5
15	Foshan	Developing Asia-Pacific	6.7	3.0	175	Birmingham, US	North America	0.3	-0.1
16	Buenos Aires	Latin America	7.3	2.5	176	Nagoya	Developed Asia-Pacific	-0.8	0.4
17	Jakarta	Developing Asia-Pacific	5.5	3.0	177	Liverpool	Western Europe	0.2	-0.1
18	Casablanca	Middle East and Africa	3.3	3.8	178	Sapporo	Developed Asia-Pacific	-0.1	0.0
19	Houston	North America	5.5	2.5	179	Las Vegas	North America	-0.3	0.1
20	Kuala Lumpur	Developing Asia-Pacific	1.0	4.9	180	Kyoto	Developed Asia-Pacific	-0.4	0.1
21	Guangzhou	Developing Asia-Pacific	5.5	2.5	181	Osaka-Kobe	Developed Asia-Pacific	-0.6	0.1
22	Monterrey	Latin America	3.1	3.6	182	Hiroshima	Developed Asia-Pacific	-0.4	0.0
23	Hong Kong	Developed Asia-Pacific	4.6	2.8	183	Indianapolis	North America	0.3	-0.4
24	Xi'an	Developing Asia-Pacific	8.4	0.6	184	Sendai	Developed Asia-Pacific	-1.1	0.2
25	Lima	Latin America	4.7	2.5	185	Alexandria	Middle East and Africa	-0.4	-0.3
26	Taichung	Developed Asia-Pacific	4.7	2.5	186	New Orleans	North America	-3.6	1.4
27	Beijing	Developing Asia-Pacific	3.0	3.3	187	San Francisco	North America	-0.6	-0.2
28	Belo Horizonte	Latin America	3.1	3.2	188	Cairo	Middle East and Africa	-0.5	-0.3
29	Bogota	Latin America	4.0	2.6	189	Atlanta	North America	0.4	-0.9
30	Ulsan	Developed Asia-Pacific	4.6	2.2	190	Kansas City	North America	-0.6	-0.5
31	Stuttgart	Western Europe	5.1	1.9	191	Richmond	North America	0.2	-1.0
32	Bucharest	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	1.0	4.0	192	Valencia	Western Europe	-0.2	-0.9
33	Warsaw	Eastern Europe and Central Asia	5.2	1.7	193	Barcelona	Western Europe	0.2	-1.2
34	Brasilia	Latin America	2.6	3.1	194	Naples	Western Europe	-0.1	-1.1
35	Chongqing	Developing Asia-Pacific	8.1	0.0	195	Madrid	Western Europe	0.1	-1.4
36	Dallas	North America	3.7	2.4	196	Sacramento	North America	-0.8	-1.0
37	Sao Paulo	Latin America	3.0	2.6	197	Seville	Western Europe	-0.3	-2.0
38	Bangkok	Developing Asia-Pacific	3.3	2.4	198	Dublin	Western Europe	-0.3	-3.0
39	Singapore	Developed Asia-Pacific	3.5	2.3	199	Lisbon	Western Europe	-2.8	-2.4
40	Stockholm	Western Europe	4.0	2.0	200	Athens	Western Europe	-4.8	-3.5

Source: Brookings analysis of data from Oxford Economics, Moody's Analytics, and U.S. Census Bureau

The United States and United Kingdom collectively accounted for one-half of the bottom 40 metro performers, which registered either lackluster growth or small losses in income and employment. Overall, U.K. economic growth in 2011 was very modest, reflecting continued weakness in domestic demand and the housing market, effects of public sector spending cuts, and instability among European trading partners. Yet Sheffield (ranked 141st) managed