

## Labor Force

Metropolitan Statistical Area	Labor Force (thousands)*		Change	
	2008	2007	Number	% Change
New York-Northern New Jersey	9414.72	9319.64	95.08	1.02%
Los Angeles-Long beach	6560.20	6554.31	5.89	0.09%
Chicago-Naperville	4994.29	4901.89	92.40	1.88%
<b>Dallas-Fort Worth</b>	<b>3153.63</b>	<b>3099.05</b>	<b>54.58</b>	<b>1.76%</b>
Washington D.C.-Arlington, VA	3020.43	2981.66	38.77	1.30%
Philadelphia-Camden	2983.73	2948.17	35.56	1.21%
Miami-Fort Lauderdale	2859.23	2825.303	33.93	1.20%
Houston-Sugarland	2794.75	2733.141	61.61	2.25%
Atlanta-Sandy Springs	2778.67	2729.964	48.71	1.78%
Boston-Cambridge	2495.74	2483.2	12.54	0.50%
San Francisco-Oakland	2266.84	2230.363	36.48	1.64%
Detroit	2106.59	2153	-46.41	-2.16%
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale	2100.64	2051.96	48.68	2.37%
Seattle-Tacoma	1859.77	1824.869	34.90	1.91%
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1849.85	1848.476	1.37	0.07%
Riverside	1820.22	1794.851	25.36	1.41%
San Diego-Carlsbad	1567.39	1468.198	99.20	6.76%
St. Louis	1437.83	1448.869	-11.04	-0.76%
Baltimore-Towson	1407.07	1397.61	9.46	0.68%
Denver-Aurora	1403.47	1397.211	6.26	0.45%

\*Annual, not seasonally adjusted

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS

- ▶ Dallas-Fort Worth has the fourth largest labor force in the United States.
- ▶ The region experienced an annual growth rate of nearly two percent in 2007.
- ▶ The region continues to attract the best and brightest from around the globe.