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Augusta-Richmond County MSA in the Top Ten for "Cities Winning the Battle For Information Jobs 2014"

NewGeography.com, a site devoted to analyzing and discussing the places where people live and work, has named Augusta on their list of "Cities Winning the Battle for Information Jobs in 2014" for midsize cities.

Augusta was listed in tenth place on the Mid-Sized MSA List for 2014, a jump of *70 positions* over 2013's list when Augusta was listed 80th. It was the largest jump in position of all the 92 cities surveyed on the Mid-Sized MSA List.

Savannah was #64 on the Mid-Sized List, with Columbus, GA making the list of the Small Sized MCA list at # 116. Atlanta was #16 on the Large Sized MSA list. For all three

lists combined of small, midsize and large, Augusta was #35, Atlanta was #40, Savannah #230 and Columbus #251 of all the 317 cities nationwide.

Henry Ingram, Chairman of the Augusta Economic Development Authority, said, "The information jobs in Augusta began with the recruitment of ADP, Zapata Technologies, RSI and several more. These companies have helped with the increase of information and technical jobs in Augusta during the past year."

Scott Poag, Project Manager for the Augusta Economic Development Authority, said, "With the Cyber Command moving their operations from Fort Meade, Maryland to Fort Gordon in Augusta, we expect to see more activity in military contractors and information jobs. The Development Authority has already begun the recruitment process for these military contractors for the Augusta-Richmond County area, and I am confident that more information jobs will be coming in the very near future."

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http://www.newgeography.com/content/004335-midsize-cities-information-jobs-2014-best-cities-rankings

The entire list of Cities Winning The Battle For Information Jobs 2014 (Mid-Size Cities) is listed on the following pages:

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THE CITIES WINNING THE BATTLE FOR INFORMATION JOBS 2014

2014 MSA Info Ranking - Midsized MSAs	Area	2014 Weighted INDEX	2013 Information Employment	20012-13 Info Growth	2014 Ranking Change from 2013 - Midsized MSAs
1	Provo-Orem, UT	93.0	9.8	10.5%	3
2	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	90.3	3.2	5.4%	1
3	Madison, WI	85.5	12.6	1.9%	2
4	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-Goleta, CA	84.7	4.3	-0.8%	(2)
5	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT NECTA	83.7	12.0	5.9%	13
6	Baton Rouge, LA	83.2	5.5	6.4%	1
7	Huntsville, AL	82.8	2.7	3.8%	2
8	Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	79.0	3.7	2.8%	3
9	Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville, SC	78.4	5.2	2.0%	20
10	**Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC**	**77.7**	**3.1**	**5.6%**	**70**
11	El Paso, TX	77.2	5.8	-2.8%	13
12	Boise City-Nampa, ID	74.6	4.5	3.1%	29
13	Lincoln, NE	73.1	2.5	-1.3%	59
14	Worcester, MA-CT NECTA	71.8	3.6	0.0%	9
15	Springfield, MA-CT NECTA	71.0	3.9	6.3%	13
16	Tallahassee, FL	69.6	3.4	2.0%	10
17	Spokane, WA	69.0	2.9	-3.3%	(1)
18	Tacoma, WA Metropolitan Division	69.0	2.9	3.6%	55
19	Knoxville, TN	68.7	5.6	-0.6%	8
20	McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	68.7	2.1	-1.6%	23
21	Ann Arbor, MI	68.2	4.1	2.5%	12
22	Jackson, MS	67.7	4.7	-3.4%	(12)
23	Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	64.8	4.4	3.1%	30
24	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	63.9	6.2	2.2%	21
25	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	63.1	3.1	1.1%	12
26	Gary, IN Metropolitan Division	62.8	2.1	3.3%	14
27	Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC	62.0	6.7	-0.5%	(10)
28	Akron, OH	61.5	3.9	1.7%	20
29	Santa Rosa-Petaluma, CA	61.3	2.6	2.6%	(15)
30	Montgomery, AL	60.3	2.2	0.0%	2
31	Columbia, SC	60.3	5.4	-0.6%	36
32	York-Hanover, PA	60.2	1.8	1.9%	(11)

33	Winston-Salem, NC	59.4	2.0	3.5%	44
34	Springfield, MO	58.9	3.9	2.7%	0
35	Anchorage, AK	58.5	4.5	1.5%	25
36	Mobile, AL	57.6	2.0	1.7%	27
37	Toledo, OH	57.3	3.4	-1.0%	(12)
38	Asheville, NC	56.6	1.9	0.0%	(26)
39	Ogden-Clearfield, UT	56.4	2.1	-3.1%	(33)
40	Boulder, CO	56.3	8.4	0.0%	(10)
41	Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	56.3	5.1	-1.9%	(2)
42	Corpus Christi, TX	54.6	2.1	-1.6%	14
43	Fort Wayne, IN	54.6	3.3	-3.0%	(30)
44	Trenton-Ewing, NJ	53.6	5.4	-4.1%	(43)
45	North Port-Bradenton-Sarasota, FL	52.1	3.3	-1.0%	24
46	Fresno, CA	50.7	3.8	0.9%	(26)
47	Bakersfield-Delano, CA	50.2	2.5	-7.4%	(28)
48	Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	46.7	2.5	0.0%	17
49	Shreveport-Bossier City, LA	45.9	2.4	1.4%	8
50	Tucson, AZ	44.2	4.3	1.6%	0
51	Framingham, MA NECTA Division	44.0	5.3	-3.6%	(15)
52	Kansas City, KS	43.4	15.2	3.2%	(6)
53	Canton-Massillon, OH	43.4	1.7	0.0%	(9)
54	Lexington-Fayette, KY	42.8	5.6	-5.1%	4
55	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	42.4	8.3	-3.1%	(6)
56	Colorado Springs, CO	42.2	6.9	-5.0%	(21)
57	*Chattanooga, TN-GA*	*41.9*	*2.8*	*-2.3%*	*30*
58	Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	40.7	4.9	1.4%	18
59	Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	40.6	1.8	-3.5%	9
60	Green Bay, WI	38.5	1.9	-3.4%	(9)
61	Lancaster, PA	37.7	3.1	0.0%	9
62	Calvert-Charles-Prince George's, MD	37.4	5.2	-5.5%	(47)
63	Lafayette, LA	37.2	2.5	-5.1%	22
64	*Savannah, GA*	*37.1*	*1.3*	*-4.8%*	*0*
65	Peoria, IL	35.2	2.2	-8.3%	(34)
66	Syracuse, NY	34.4	4.5	-3.6%	(12)
67	Tulsa, OK	33.6	7.7	-2.5%	(8)
68	Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	33.3	7.1	-2.3%	14
69	Albuquerque, NM	32.9	7.4	-7.9%	(61)
70	Reading, PA	32.7	1.3	-4.9%	(48)
71	Beaumont-Port Arthur, TX	31.2	1.4	-2.3%	7
72	Pensacola-Ferry Pass-Brent, FL	30.8	2.3	-2.8%	12
73	Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	30.0	3.6	-2.7%	(2)
74	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	29.3	1.5	-4.2%	(19)
75	Lake County-Kenosha County, IL-WI Metro Div	28.1	3.7	-5.1%	(37)
76	Greensboro-High Point, NC	26.2	4.9	-7.0%	(34)
77	Roanoke, VA	25.5	1.7	-5.5%	(15)
78	Wichita, KS	25.3	4.3	0.0%	12
79	Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach, FL	23.8	1.8	-6.9%	(32)
80	Stockton, CA	23.5	1.9	-6.6%	3

81	Portland-South Portland-Biddeford, ME NECTA	22.2	3.1	-2.1%	10
82	Evansville, IN-KY	21.3	1.9	-3.4%	(3)
83	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	21.3	7.0	-2.8%	(17)
84	Baltimore City, MD	20.9	3.8	-4.2%	(32)
85	Wilmington, DE-MD-NJ Metropolitan Division	20.5	4.4	-4.3%	(10)
86	Dayton, OH	19.7	8.5	-3.8%	0
87	Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	17.4	1.9	-5.0%	(26)
88	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	17.3	2.0	-3.2%	1
89	Reno-Sparks, NV	16.9	1.9	-3.4%	(8)
90	Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	13.3	3.8	-3.4%	(16)
91	Modesto, CA	12.1	0.9	0.0%	0
92	New Haven, CT NECTA	9.5	4.1	-4.7%	(4)

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