



Yuba City Ranked Top 10 by the Milken Institute

Top 10 Best-Performing Small Cities



- **Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)/Metropolitan Division (MD)**
- Bend-Redmond, OR (MSA) 1 1 **Steady**
- St. George, UT (MSA) 2 4 **+2**
- Gainesville, GA (MSA) 3 10 **+7**
- San Rafael, CA (MD) 4 3 **-1**
- Wenatchee, WA (MSA) 5 36 **+31**
- Elkhart-Goshen, IN (MSA) 6 39 **+33**
- **Yuba City, CA (MSA) 7 45 +38**
- Bellingham, WA (MSA) 8 76 **+68**
- Columbus, IN (MSA) 9 7 **-2**
- Auburn-Opelika, AL (MSA) 10 6 **-4**

Yuba City, CA, sees its health care industry continue to grow, helping the metro become a Top 10 performer. Health care, tourism, manufacturing, high-tech sectors, and all things housing-related set the top performers apart in this year's Small Cities ranking.



#7 YUBA CITY, CA

Gained 38 spots

JOB GROWTH (2011-16)	25TH
JOB GROWTH (2015-16)	10TH
WAGE GROWTH (2010-15)	57TH
WAGE GROWTH (2014-15)	22ND
SHORT-TERM JOB GROWTH (8/2016-8/2017)	39TH
HIGH-TECH GDP GROWTH (2011-16)	25TH
HIGH-TECH GDP GROWTH (2015-16)	104TH
HIGH-TECH GDP CONCENTRATION (2016)	82ND
NUMBER OF HIGH-TECH INDUSTRIES (LQ>=1) (2016)	6TH

Yuba City, CA, gained 38 ranks to place seventh in this year's BPC Small Cities index, breaking into the Top 10 for the first time. The concentration of high-tech industries gains 14 places over the previous index. The metro increased all but one of the nine indicators over the 2016 ranking.

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ASSETS

- The economy is stable because of Beale Air Force Base.
- Diversification of the metro's economy to include health care will help the long-term growth potential of Yuba City.

LIABILITIES

- Yuba is highly dependent on a few industries for employment.

A growing new sector for the metro is the health care industry. The overall health care sector totals 7,770 employees in Yuba City. If Yuba health care can create a new major source of employment, this will go a long way in reducing the local economy's dependence on the military and farming. Yuba's health care system benefits from an aging population and continued population growth.²¹⁰ The largest employer in the metro is Fremont-Rideout Health Group with 2,276 staff.²¹¹ The health care industry added 420 new jobs this year. As job growth has continued since 2013, the social assistance sector has come back and in the last five years added 1,710 new jobs to the sector.



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Rank	116	92	68	26	45	7
5-yr Job Growth ¹	167	172	148	127	60	10
1-yr Job Growth ²	103	86	54	34	39	25
5-yr Wages & Salaries Growth ³	89	108	114	72	91	22
1-yr Wages & Salaries Growth ⁴	148	124	64	33	79	57
Short-Term Job Growth ⁵	82	25	66	47	83	39
5-yr Relative HT GDP Growth ⁶	70	76	65	30	83	104
1-yr Relative HT GDP Growth ⁷	34	31	40	46	173	25
High-Tech GDP LQ ⁸	75	68	81	85	84	82
# of HT GDP LQs Over 1 ⁹	37	57	11	26	20	6

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