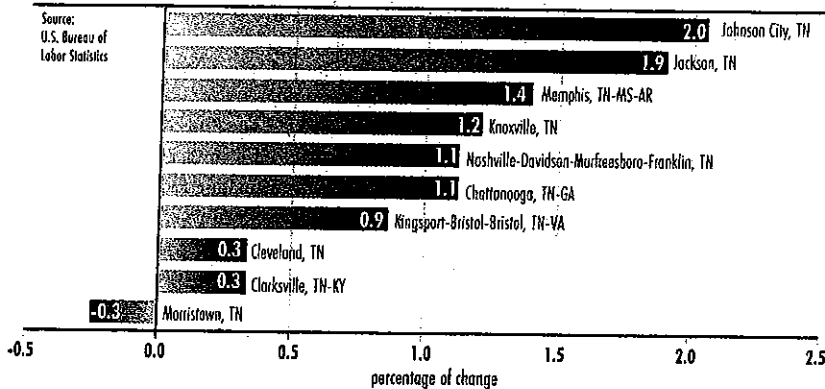


# About Jackson and Tennessee

## Tennessee Metropolitan Area Job Growth: 2006 to 2007

Source:  
U.S. Bureau of  
Labor Statistics



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### Top 20 Small Metros

#### 1. PROVO-OREM, UTAH

2. Reno-Sparks, Nev.

3. Naples, Fla.

4. Anchorage, Alaska

5. Jackson, Tenn.

6. Gainesville, Fla.

7. Las Cruces, N.M.

8. Burlington, Vt.

9. Flagstaff, Ariz.

10. Fargo-Moorhead, N.D.

11. St. Cloud, Minn.

12. Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, Ark.

13. Lawrence, Kan.

14. Ocala, Fla.

15. Tallahassee, Fla.

16. Green Bay, Wis.

17. Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah, Wis.

18. Charlottesville, Va.

19. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, Texas

20. Redding, Calif.

Source: National Policy Research Council, September 2007

## 2007 LEGISLATIVE QUOTIENT™

By Bill King, Chief Editor

# When Shaping the Business Climate, Numbers Speak Louder Than Words

Our 12th annual Legislative Quotient™ examines the impact each of the 50 state legislatures have on local business climates

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Tennessee was listed as the state with the second best business climate in the Southeast in 2008, according to Site Selection magazine.

The rankings are listed in the magazine's November issue. North Carolina was ranked No. 1. Alabama and Texas tied for third place.

The list is compiled using several factors, including asking site selectors "to rank the factors most important to them when determining a location for a new facility. The top three factors are ease of permitting and regulatory procedures, transportation infrastructure and existing work-force skills," according to the release.

Here's the list of the top ten:

- 1. North Carolina
- 2. Tennessee
- 3. Alabama
- 4. Texas
- 5. Indiana
- 6. Florida
- 7. Ohio
- 8. Virginia
- 9. Illinois
- 10. Georgia

The story and other ranking can be viewed online at [www.siteselection.com](http://www.siteselection.com).

2007 Overall Rank	STATE	General Tax Bite Rank	5-Year Tax Improvement Rank	Infrastructure Spending Rank	Managing the Debt Rank	Spending on Itself Rank	Right to Work
1	Texas	3	1	23	2	1	Yes
2	Wyoming	12	2	12	8	26	Yes
3	Nevada	4	3	35	14	17	Yes
4	Washington	6	7	13	27	8	No
5	Mississippi	5	16	25	10	2	Yes
6	Tennessee	11	6	41	1	14	Yes
7	Oklahoma	10	11	19	20	15	Yes
8	South Dakota	2	5	25	36	29	Yes
9	Florida	7	12	34	13	25	Yes
10	Georgia	17	8	39	4	7	Yes