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Indicator	Direction	Comparables
a. Nonfarm employment	▲	▽
b. Unemployment rate	▲	▲
c. Educational attainment	▲	▲
d. Post secondary degrees	▲	▲

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Indicator A: Nonfarm Employment (in thousands)

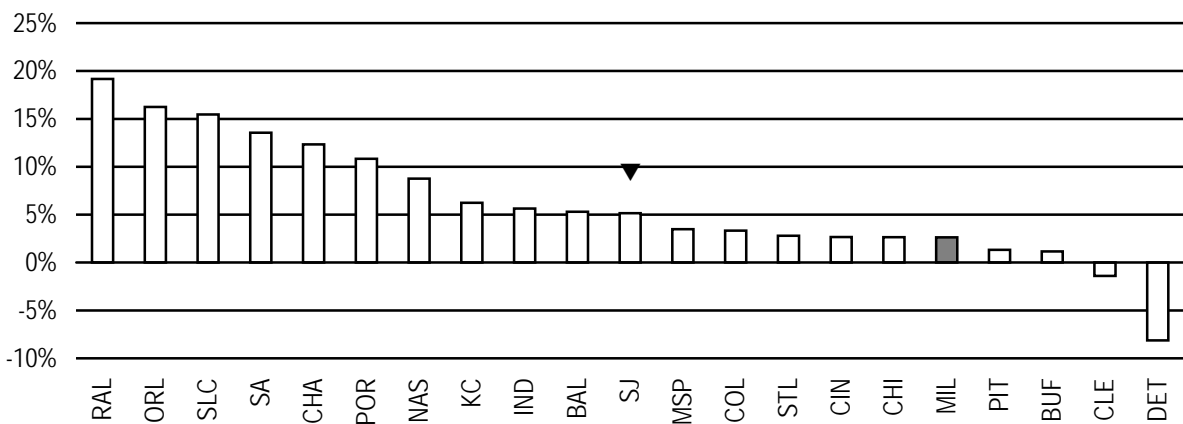
Ranked highest to lowest by percent change in nonfarm employment, 2003 to 2008

Status:

- ▲ Nonfarm employment in the metro area rose 2.6% in the 2003 to 2008 period, a gain of 21,800 jobs.
- ▽ Milwaukee's job gain in this period trailed the median 5.1% growth posted for the comparables group.

Comparable Metro	2003	2008	% chg.
Raleigh	436.7	520.4	19.2%
Orlando	928.0	1,078.7	16.2%
Salt Lake City	556.2	642.2	15.5%
San Antonio	751.3	853.2	13.6%
Charlotte	765.2	859.6	12.3%
Portland	934.3	1,035.5	10.8%
Nashville	697.6	758.7	8.8%
Kansas City	958.6	1,018.4	6.2%
Indianapolis	865.5	914.3	5.6%
Baltimore	1,248.9	1,315.1	5.3%
San Jose	870.3	915.1	5.1%
Minneapolis-St. Paul	1,723.8	1,783.8	3.5%
Columbus	910.6	940.9	3.3%
St. Louis	1,321.2	1,358.1	2.8%
Cincinnati	1,016.0	1,043.0	2.7%
Chicago	4,412.2	4,528.8	2.6%
Milwaukee	830.4	852.2	2.6%
Pittsburgh	1,134.0	1,149.1	1.3%
Buffalo	545.5	551.8	1.2%
Cleveland	1,074.1	1,059.1	-1.4%
Detroit	2,066.8	1,898.8	-8.1%
Median	928.0	1,018.4	5.1%

Nonfarm Employment Change - 2003 to 2008



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Indicator B: Unemployment Rate (percent)

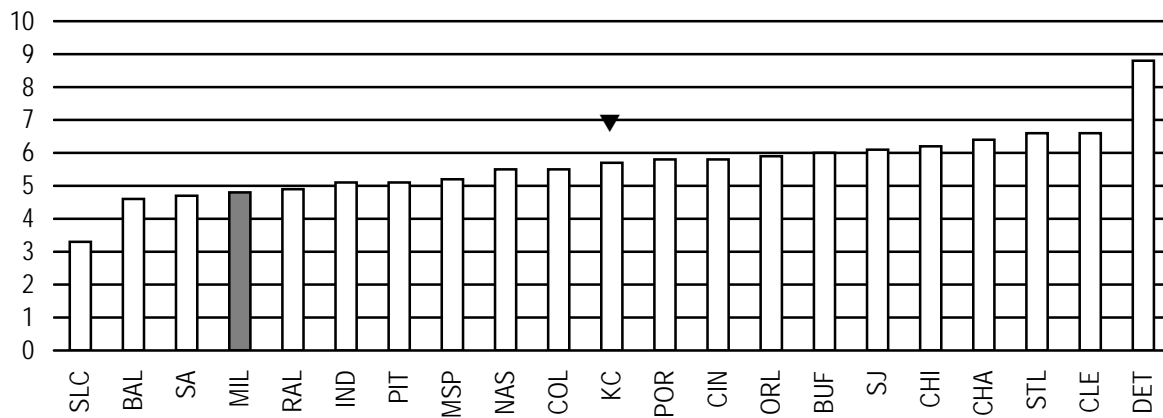
Ranked lowest to highest by 2008 percent unemployment

Status:

- ▲ At 4.8%, metro Milwaukee's unemployment rate fell 1.3 percentage points over the 2003 to 2008 period.
- ▲ Metro Milwaukee's 2008 unemployment rate ranked fourth lowest among the comparables group.

Comparable Metro	2003	2008	% pt. chg.
Salt Lake City	5.8	3.3	-2.5
Baltimore	4.8	4.6	-0.2
San Antonio	6.1	4.7	-1.4
Milwaukee	6.1	4.8	-1.3
Raleigh	5.4	4.9	-0.5
Indianapolis	4.8	5.1	0.3
Pittsburgh	5.9	5.1	-0.8
Minneapolis-St. Paul	4.7	5.2	0.5
Nashville	4.7	5.5	0.8
Columbus	5.3	5.5	0.2
Kansas City	6.0	5.7	-0.3
Portland	8.3	5.8	-2.5
Cincinnati	5.3	5.8	0.5
Orlando	5.1	5.9	0.8
Buffalo	5.9	6.0	0.1
San Jose	8.4	6.1	-2.3
Chicago	6.8	6.2	-0.6
Charlotte	6.3	6.4	0.1
St. Louis	5.8	6.6	0.8
Cleveland	6.0	6.6	0.6
Detroit	7.2	8.8	1.6
Median	5.9	5.7	0.1

Percent Unemployed - 2008



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Indicator C: Educational Attainment

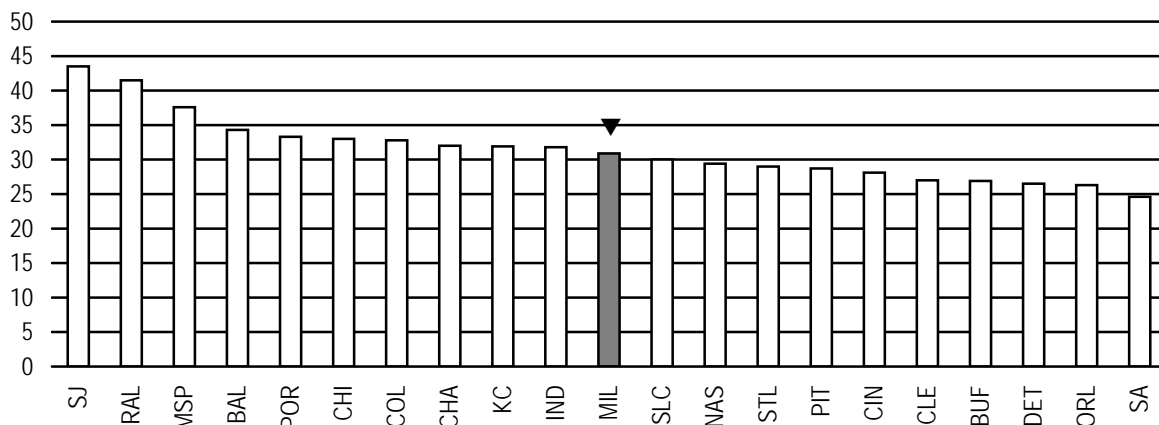
Ranked highest to lowest by percent of population age 25 & above with bachelor's degree or higher, 2008

Status:

- ▲ The percentage of those age 25 and over with a bachelor's degree or higher rose from 27% in 2000 to 30.9% in 2008 in the Milwaukee area.
- ▲ Metro Milwaukee's percentage of those with a bachelor's degree or higher ranked at the mid-point of metros in the comparables group.

Comparable Metro	% high school graduate or higher	% associate's degree or higher	% bachelor's degree or higher	% graduate or professional degree
San Jose	85.3	50.8	43.5	19.2
Raleigh	89.8	49.3	41.5	14.1
Minneapolis-St. Paul	92.7	46.5	37.6	12.1
Baltimore	87.7	40.3	34.3	14.6
Portland	90.0	41.4	33.3	11.7
Chicago	85.5	39.6	33.0	12.5
Columbus	89.5	39.4	32.8	11.4
Charlotte	86.4	39.9	32.0	9.9
Kansas City	90.1	39.2	31.9	11.4
Indianapolis	88.7	38.9	31.8	10.7
Milwaukee	88.9	38.1	30.9	10.5
Salt Lake City	88.9	38.6	30.0	10.3
Nashville	85.7	35.4	29.4	9.8
St. Louis	88.4	36.9	29.0	10.8
Pittsburgh	90.8	37.9	28.7	10.8
Cincinnati	87.4	36.0	28.1	10.4
Cleveland	88.0	34.3	27.0	10.0
Buffalo	88.7	38.5	26.9	11.9
Detroit	87.1	34.1	26.5	10.4
Orlando	87.5	36.1	26.3	8.5
San Antonio	81.7	31.5	24.6	8.6
Median	88.4	38.6	30.9	10.8

Percent of Population Age 25+ with Bachelor's Degree or Higher - 2008



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Indicator D: Post Secondary Degrees Conferred per 100,000 Population, 2006-2007

Ranked high to low by total degrees conferred per 100,000 population, 2006-2007

Status:

- ▲ On a population adjusted basis, the number of post secondary degrees conferred in the metro area rose from 841 degrees per 100,000 population in academic year 2001-02 to 972 per 100,000 in 2006-07.
- ▲ Metro Milwaukee's number of degrees per 100,000 for 2006/07 ranked at the middle of the comparable group.

Comparable Metro	Associate's	Bachelor's	Post graduate	Total
Buffalo-Niagara Falls	304.92	728.62	570.61	1,604.15
Orlando	524.38	585.75	139.30	1,249.44
Columbus	154.36	783.05	311.41	1,248.82
Pittsburgh	295.26	570.86	361.02	1,227.15
St. Louis	276.71	461.53	480.63	1,218.87
Salt Lake City	326.92	595.60	264.66	1,187.19
Minneapolis-St. Paul	265.64	482.80	351.61	1,100.04
San Jose	233.60	419.68	400.54	1,053.82
Baltimore	173.89	482.02	389.67	1,045.57
Nashville	177.55	553.49	264.64	995.68
Milwaukee	175.52	539.47	256.58	971.57
Chicago	193.03	401.99	363.53	958.55
Cincinnati	185.23	495.61	235.70	916.54
Raleigh	153.65	540.15	196.65	890.45
Portland	249.20	349.32	215.19	813.71
Cleveland	196.76	289.42	206.69	692.88
Kansas City	219.28	315.47	150.44	685.19
Indianapolis	147.99	318.42	200.74	667.14
Charlotte	200.92	349.24	100.64	650.80
San Antonio	189.43	320.42	139.75	649.60
Detroit	202.98	208.64	186.47	598.09
Median	200.92	482.02	256.58	971.57

Post Secondary Degrees Conferred per 100,000 population - 2006-07

