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Best for business: The full list and rankings

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Following is the complete list of the 101 metro areas as ranked in MarketWatch's 2009 annual "Best Cities for Business" survey. An asterisk denotes a tie score.

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Rank	Metro area	Score	...	Rank	Metro area	Score
1	Des Moines, Iowa	851		51	Miami	497
2	Washington, D.C.	796		52	Knoxville, Tenn.	495
3	Omaha, Neb.	788		53	Provo, Utah	493
4	Minneapolis-St. Paul	746		54	Rochester, N.Y.	491
5	Boston	739		55	Cleveland	489
6	Boise, Idaho	728		56	Columbia, S.C.	481
7	Denver	726		57	Virginia Beach, Va.	480
8	Salt Lake City	723		58	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	476
9	Dallas-Ft. Worth	713		59	Palm Bay, Fla.	472
10	Bridgeport, Conn.	709		60	Portland, Ore.	470
11	Houston	704		61	Baton Rouge, La.	469
12	Madison, Wis.	703		62	Oxnard, Calif.	468
13	New York	697		63	Buffalo, N.Y.	467
14	Richmond, Va.	687		*64	Hartford, Conn.	462
*15	Raleigh, N.C.	679		*64	Los Angeles	462
*15	Nashville, Tenn.	679		66	Allentown, Pa.	449
17	Austin, Texas	658		67	Greenville, S.C.	445
18	Charlotte, N.C.	646		68	Lancaster, Pa.	443
19	Columbus, Ohio	645		69	Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.	441
20	Milwaukee, Wis.	643		70	Honolulu	440
21	Kansas City, Mo.	631		71	New Haven, Conn.	438
22	Little Rock, Ark.	627		72	Akron, Ohio	422

23	Pittsburgh, Pa.	619	*73	Albuquerque, N.M.	416
24	Oklahoma City	615	*73	Modesto, Calif.	416
25	Tulsa, Okla.	607	*75	Toledo, Ohio	408
26	St. Louis	599	*75	Grand Rapids, Mich.	408
27	San Jose	598	77	Colorado Springs, Colo.	407
*28	Philadelphia	594	78	Cape Coral, Fla.	399
*28	Jacksonville, Fla.	594	79	Wichita, Kan.	398
30	Memphis, Tenn.	589	*80	Greensboro, N.C.	395
31	Seattle	580	*80	Albany, N.Y.	395
32	Birmingham, Ala.	578	82	Lakeland, Fla.	393
33	Indianapolis, Ind.	571	83	McAllen, Texas	385
34	Harrisburg, Pa.	569	84	Springfield, Mass.	384
35	Atlanta	568	85	Sacramento, Calif.	372
36	Jackson, Miss.	559	*86	Dayton, Ohio	364
37	Portland, Maine	558	*86	Providence, R.I.	364
*38	Chattanooga, Tenn.	557	88	Bradenton, Fla.	348
*38	San Antonio, Texas	557	89	Syracuse, N.Y.	346
40	San Francisco	554	90	El Paso, Texas	340
41	Phoenix	550	91	Riverside, Calif.	331
42	Ogden, Utah	544	92	New Orleans	325
43	San Diego	537	93	Bakersfield, Calif.	312
44	Baltimore	535	94	Detroit	303
45	Cincinnati	531	95	Tucson, Ariz.	298
46	Orlando, Fla.	526	96	Augusta, Ga.	297
47	Charleston, S.C.	521	97	Worcester, Mass.	286
48	Las Vegas	520	98	Stockton, Calif.	280
49	Louisville, Ky.	512	99	Scranton, Pa.	267
50	Chicago	510	100	Fresno, Calif.	233
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