

## PEER CITY COMPARISONS

Ranking of 70 Large Cities	Memphis		Nashville		Atlanta		New Orleans	
	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank	Amount	Rank
<b><u>Educational Attainment:</u></b>								
People 25 Years and Over with a Bachelor's Degree	23.1%	<b>53</b>	32.5%	<b>23</b>	42.9%	<b>6</b>	31.0%	<b>26</b>
People 25 Years and older with High School diploma	80.5%	<b>44</b>	85.0%	<b>21</b>	81.7%	<b>38</b>	82.3%	<b>33</b>
<b><u>Housing:</u></b>								
Occupied Housing Units That are Owner-occupied	56.4%	<b>35</b>	57.9%	<b>29</b>	46.8%	<b>59</b>	46.8%	<b>59</b>
Housing Units That Were Built in 1939 or Earlier	7.9%	<b>39</b>	10.6%	<b>36</b>	11.6%	<b>33</b>	24.9%	<b>24</b>
Housing Units That Were Built in 2000 or Later	3.4%	<b>42</b>	7.5%	<b>17</b>	8.2%	<b>14</b>	1.7%	<b>55</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>								
Median Household Income (In 2003 I.A. Dollars)	32,399	<b>57</b>	42,298	<b>25</b>	37,385	<b>50</b>	31,369	<b>62</b>
<b><u>Poverty:</u></b>								
People Below Poverty Level, Past 12 Months	24.6%	<b>10</b>	16.8%	<b>37</b>	27.8%	<b>5</b>	23.2%	<b>12</b>
Children < 18 Years Below Poverty Level, Past 12 Months	38.5%	<b>7</b>	27.2%	<b>30</b>	48.1%	<b>1</b>	38.1%	<b>8</b>
<b><u>Families</u></b>								
Households: Married-Couple Families With Own Children	12.6%	<b>54</b>	27.2%	<b>43</b>	10.0%	<b>65</b>	9.5%	<b>67</b>

Source: **American Community Survey - 2004 Ranking Tables**

<b><u>Other Comparisons of Metropolitan Areas</u></b>	<b><u>Memphis</u></b>	<b><u>Nashville</u></b>	<b><u>Atlanta</u></b>	<b><u>New Orleans</u></b>
Population (2005) in millions	1.26	1.42	4.92	1.32
Population per square mile	275.79	250.14	587.12	418.45
Physicians per 100,000 persons (2003)	296.81	370.89	259.47	459.79
Hospital beds per 100,000 persons (2003)	325.95	327.89	196.77	434.94

Source: **U.S. Census: State and Metropolitan Area Data Book: 2006**

Cost of Living Index (United States = 100)	85.30	88.00	92.40	92.80
Salary Index Index (United States = 100)	92.21	94.24	106.21	86.48
Affordability Index (United States = 100)	1.08	1.07	1.15	0.93

Source: **www.bestplaces.net**