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Houston No. 2 U.S. city for young adults starting career

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Texas has become the country's mecca for young job seekers, with Austin and Houston as the hub.

Texas placed three cities in the Top 5 among metro areas offering the widest range of opportunities for men and women getting started in their careers, according to a new On Numbers report from **American City Business Journals**. Researchers compiled the rankings from various U.S. Census Bureau data.

Austin led the country with a 9.8 "opportunity score" for young workers, followed by Houston at No. 2. Washington D.C., was No. 3, followed by Raleigh, N.C.; Dallas-Fort Worth; Boston; and Oklahoma City.

Houston earned the No. 2 ranking with an overall "opportunity score" for young workers of 8.5. Other statistics provided for Houston include: 24.5 percent of the population is in the 18-34 age range; a jobless rate of 10.4 percent in the 16-34 age range and 1.23 percent annual job growth from 2006-2011.

The On Numbers report analyzed 65 metros with populations exceeding 800,000. The study's 10-part formula gave superior marks to places with strong growth rates, moderate costs of living, and substantial pools of young adults who are college-educated and employed.

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