

Table 1
Job growth in New Orleans area
has lagged behind New Orleans' peers
for five decades.

Metropolitan Area	Increase in Jobs 1950-97
Houston	457%
Atlanta	449%
Norfolk-Virginia Beach	285%
Peer Group Average	284%
Nashville	257%
Charlotte	230%
Richmond	204%
Greensboro-Winston Salem	185%
Memphis	170%
New Orleans	142%
Birmingham	105%

Sources: US Census Bureau &
US Bureau of Economic Analysis