

Table 2:
Fastest Growing Large Metro Areas 2008-9, compared with growth in 2005-6
 (among 102 metropolitan areas over 500,000)

Meto Area*	2008-9 Growth	2005-6 Growth	Difference
1 Raleigh	3.2	4.8	-1.56
2 Austin	3.1	4.4	-1.33
3 Provo	2.9	6.0	-3.08
4 McAllen, TX	2.8	2.7	0.01
5 Houston	2.5	3.5	-1.04
6 Dallas	2.3	3.1	-0.82
7 Charlotte	2.3	4.2	-1.95
8 Durham NC	2.1	2.2	-0.11
9 Denver	2.1	2.0	0.11
10 San Antonio	2.0	2.9	-0.87
11 Ogden, UT	2.0	2.5	-0.48
12 Charleston SC	1.9	2.7	-0.84
13 New Orleans	1.8	-24.8	26.65
14 Washington, DC	1.8	0.7	1.14
15 Phoenix	1.8	4.2	-2.38
16 El Paso	1.7	1.7	0.04
17 Portland OR	1.7	1.9	-0.19
18 Salt Lake City	1.7	2.7	-0.99
19 Atlanta	1.7	3.5	-1.83
20 Nashville	1.7	2.7	-1.00

Source: Author's analysis of US Census Estimates, 2009 (released March 23, 2010)