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Dubuque Named 15th ‘Best-Performing’ Small Metro

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Milken Institute’s 2011 Best-Performing Cities Index ranks the Dubuque metropolitan area 15th out of 179 small U.S. metropolitan areas. Dubuque moved up 40 spots from 2010’s 55th place ranking.

The 2011 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index ranks U.S. metropolitan areas by how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. The components include job, wage and salary, and technology growth. According to the institute, these components give a good indication of the underlying structural performance of regional economics in most years. [Click here](#) for details on the Dubuque metropolitan area’s scores.

The index includes both long-term (five years) and short-term (one year) measurements of employment and salary growth. There are also four measurements of technology output growth, which are included because of technology's crucial role in creating good jobs and driving regional economies. The index ranks 379 metropolitan areas, grouped into large (population of more than 200,000) and small (population of less than 200,000) metros. For more information, visit: <http://bestcities.milkeninstitute.org>

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