

## **List ranks area among fastest growing in the country**

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The growing job market in Southeast Texas put the Beaumont-Port Arthur area among one of the fastest growing regions in 2008, according to a national list released this week.

NewGeography.com, a Web site that analyzes places people live and work, ranked the area No. 40 out of 96 midsize cities, and No. 150 out of 335 total cities.

The Web site compiled the list based on employment data the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported from November 1996 to January 2008, according to the Web site.

An area with 150,000 to 450,000 jobs qualified as midsize.