Top Talent Clusters for Mid-Sized Metros (500K-250K)

For this week's **"By the Numbers,"** we release the third segment of our talent cluster analysis. This week examine the **top clusters for mid-sized metros (500K-250K).** As we've done the past two weeks, we list the *top three* mid-sized regions for each cluster.

Our rankings are based on three criteria: size of the labor force, LQ, and salary. Check out last week's entry for an explanation of these criteria.

Talent Clusters: Top Mid-sized Metros

Talent Cluster	Metro
Advertising & Marketing	Spokane, WA
Arts	Trenton, NJ
Business & Financial Services	Spokane, WA
Design	Holland, MI
Education	Spokane, WA
Engineering	Spartanburg, SC
Legal	Lafayette, LA
Media	Spokane, WA
Medical Professionals	Savannah, GA
Medical Therapists	Springfield, MO
Research & Science	Salem, OR
Technology	Port St. Lucie, FL

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Next week, we will release our final set of talent clusters for small metros. If you would like more detail or a complete list of rankings for regions, contact Steven or David.

Advertising & Marketing

Rank	Metro
1	Spokane, WA
2	Savannah, GA
3	Holland, MI

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Arts

Rank	Metro
1	Trenton, NJ
2	Erie, PA
3	Durham, NC

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Business & Financial Services

Rank	Metro
1	Spokane, WA
2	Savannah, GA
3	Salem, OR

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Design

Rank	Metro
1	Holland, MI
2	Springfield, MO
3	Savannah, GA

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Education

Rank	Metro
1	Spokane, WA
2	Spartanburg, SC
3	Springfield, MO

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Engineering

Rank	Metro
1	Spartanburg, SC
2	Holland, MI
3	Lafayette, LA

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Legal

Rank	Metro
1	Lafayette, LA
2	Savannah, GA
3	Spokane, WA

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Media

Rank	Metro
1	Spokane, WA
2	Springfield, MO
3	Hagerstown, MD

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Medical Professionals

Rank	Metro
1	Savannah, GA
2	Spokane, WA
3	Salem, OR

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Medical Therapists

Rank	Metro
1	Springfield, MO
2	Spokane, WA
3	Holland, MI

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Research & Science

Rank	Metro
1	Salem, OR
2	Spokane, WA
3	Savannah, GA

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.

Technology

Rank	Metro
1	Port St. Lucie, FL
2	Brownsville, TX
3	Huntington, OH

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2005. Creative Class Group, 2007.