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KUDOS FOR TRI-CITIES MSA *(Tri-Cities MSA - Kennewick-Pasco-Richland WA)*

- 📌 **Tri-Cities Ranked 29th “2008 Best Performing Small Cities”**
- Milken’s Institute September 2008 - Note: The Tri-Cities moved up 40 spots from last year’s ranking of 69th.
 - 📌 **Tri-Cities is the Fastest Growing Metro Area in Washington**
- approx 20% since 2000
 - 📌 **Tri-Cities Ranks 5th in Nation for Job Growth from June 07 to June 08**
- US Bureau of Labor Statistics 2008
 - 📌 **Job growth in the Tri-Cities increased by 25% over last decade; during same period, the Tri-Cities’ annual payroll doubled**
- Schau/ Regional Labor Economist (1997-2007)
 - 📌 **Tri-Cities Ranked “Best Place to Do Business” in Washington**
- Seattle Business Monthly 2005
 - 📌 **More Scientist/Engineers Per Capita in Nation**
- 1,600 PhDs among 7,000 engineers & scientists
 - 📌 **State of Washington Ranks 5th in Nation for Top States for Business**
- Forbes 2007
 - 📌 **Tri-Cities Ranked 137th out of 363 MSAs in “2008 MSA Economic Strength Ranking”-**
- POLICOM Corp 2008 - Note: Tri-Cities moved up 38 spots from 2007 and 131 spots since 2004)
 - 📌 **Tri-Cities Ranked 2nd in “Top 5 MSAs with Highest Concentration of Employment in Research, Testing, Medical Laboratories”** – *Business Facilities Magazine, July 2008*
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