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Columbia's Economic Recovery Among Nation's Strongest

Brookings Institution reports Columbia to be among the nation's strongest metros. The Washington-based think tank, in its quarterly report on economic conditions, ranked Columbia in the top tier of metropolitan areas, while Charleston ranked in the middle tier with the Greenville-Mauldin-Easley area.

The report looks primarily at fourth-quarter 2009 to first-quarter 2010 changes in employment, unemployment, gross metro product and the real housing price index.

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