



# AUSTIN'S ACCOLADES & RANKINGS

## **JOBS & EMPLOYMENT**

- Austin has been named the top performing large city for employment growth and sustainability in the U.S. by the Milken Institute. (Milken Institute, January, 2014)
- According to Nerdseekers, Austin is the BEST city for job seekers. (2014)
- Austin ranked the 5th top city in the country for U.S. veterans to find employment, according to a recent USAA and Hiring Our Heroes study. (November, 2013)
- Austin's unemployment rate dropped to 5.2 percent last month, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. (September, 2013)
- Austin, Texas ranked the 4th best large city in the country for working women, according to a new report from personal finance service Nerd-Wallet.com. (May, 2013)
- Texas - 3rd Best Income Growth (Bureau of Economic Analysis, March 2012)
- Austin #1 for highest job levels in a decade. In fact 4 of the Top 5 are in Texas. (Business Journals On Numbers, Dec 2011)
- Austin is 12th in percentage of workers with jobs in science, technology, engineering & mathematics. (Forbes, Aug 2011.)

## **BUSINESS**

- Nerdwallet.com ranks Austin 3rd Best City to Start a Business (April 2013)
- Austin ranks third for office investment over the next five years. (Grubb & Ellis, January, 2012)
- Texas - #1 for Exports for the 10th year in a row (KXAN, February 2012)
- Austin places 8th on MarketWatch's annual Best Cities for Business list. (December, 2011)
- Austin ranks in the top 10 of U.S. "Innovation Cities" in an annual global ranking. (2thinknow, November 2011)
- Texas is the Best State for Business for the 7th consecutive year. (Chief Executive Magazine, May 2011)
- Texas offers the second Best State Tax System for Entrepreneurship & Small Businesses. (April 2011)
- According to Under 30 CEO, Austin is one of the top ten cities in America for young entrepreneurs. (January 2011)

## **HOUSING & REAL ESTATE**

- #7 on Most Affordable Housing Markets
- #1 Top Market according to Forbes
- Top 5th healthiest housing in 2013 according to Biz Journals.
- Austin has been ranked as one of the top commercial real estate markets in the country. (Urban Land Institute, November 2013)
- Austin ranks #2 on the Forbes list of Best Cities to buy a home right now. (April 2012)
- Austin is ranked the #2 Healthiest Market for Home Builders. (Builder Magazine, March 2011)
- Austin is forecast to have the 10th strongest commercial real estate market nationally for the next four years. (Grubb & Ellis Co. January 2011)

## **EDUCATION**

- UT ranks as the 4th-best undergrad program and the 10th best graduate program for Architecture. (April 2014, Design Intelligence magazine)
- According to Forbes, the University of Texas is One of America's Top Colleges in 2013.
- The University of Texas ranked number 26th out of the top 100 schools in the world according to the 2013 report from The Center for World University Rankings. In the U.S., the Longhorns placed 7th for public universities. (June, 2013)
- UT Austin - #1 on Colleges & Universities List (Austin Business Journal, April 2012)
- U.S. News & World Report has recognized St. Edward's as one of "America's Best Colleges." (January 2012)





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## LIFESTYLE, SPORTS & EVENTS

- Austin is #1 Aspirational City in the U.S. According to the The Daily Beast, Austin is a “magnet of opportunity.”
- Fodor’s names Enchanted Rock State Park as one of the 7 Best Hikes in the US (June 2013)
- The American College of Sport Medicine ranks Austin the 11th Fittest City in America and number 1 fittest city in Texas in their latest American Fitness Index (May 2013)
- Matador Network names Austin #2 best beer town in America (May 2013)
- Priceline.com ranks Austin #7 on its list of America’s Most Pet-Friendly Cities for Travelers (April 2013)
- MovieMaker Magazine ranks Austin #1 on its list of “Ten Best Cities in the U.S. to Live, Work, and Make Movies (January 2013)
- Austin ranked #4 for Healthiest Cities for Women. (Women’s Health Magazine , Feb 2012)
- Austin was ranked the 9th fittest large city in the country in a new study by MapMyFitness. (March 2012)
- Austin - 3rd Hottest City in the World for Music (The Atlantic, March 2012)
- Austin - 5th Best BBQ City in America (Travel - US News, February 2012)
- Austin - World’s Best Cities for Street Food (The Atlantic, January 2012)

## ENVIRONMENT

- According to Southern Living Magazine, Austin is one of the tastiest cities.
- Bloomberg rates Austin-Round Rock as the second best American Boomtown.
- Business Insider ranks Austin the 9th most innovative city (February 2013)
- According to The Business Journals, Austin is the #1 top city for young adults in the US. (May, 2013)
- In a recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau, both Austin and Travis County ranked high on the list for fastest-growing areas. (April, 2013)
- Texas - #10 Cleanest Energy (Austin Business Journal, April 2012)

## TECHNOLOGY

- Austin ranked 11th in the country for clean technology leadership (2013 Clean Technology Leadership Index reported by Clean Edge)
- Austin is in the Top 10 American Cities of the Future 2011-2012. (fDi Intelligence, May 2011)
- Austin was ranked a top place to find information technology talent by site-selection advisory firm KLG Advisors. (May 2011)
- Known for it’s technology sector, Austin is ranked 10th for the highest paying computer jobs. (May 2011)
- Austin is ranked the 2nd IT Startup Hotspot. (PayScale, January 2011)

## FAMILIES AND RELOCATION

- CQ Press names Austin’s crime rate as the fourth lowest in the nation among cities with more than 500,000 people (February 2013)
- Austin takes top spot out of 100 best places to live. (Relocate America, August, 2011)
- Austin ranks #8 in 10 best cities to stay young. (CBS Money Watch, January 2012)
- Austin has the 6th lowest crime rate among cities with 500,000 or more people and Round Rock comes in 11th with 100,000 or more people. (CQ Press, December 2011)

## RELATIONSHIPS

- On top 10 list of great cities for Valentine’s Day dining (Trulia, February, 2014)
- Austin ranked #1 in America’s Best Cities for Dating. (Yahoo Travel, Feb 2012)
- Austin ranked 4th Best City To Find A Date In 2012 (The Daily Beast, January 2012)