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In NSF rankings of U.S. universities for R&D expenditures in FY 2017, UT-Austin ranks 6th for computer sciences, 8th for engineering, and 10th for mathematics & statistics as well as for geo, atmospheric & ocean sciences. (National Science Foundation, 11/20/18)

Austin continues to attract the most workers—for every 10,000 LinkedIn members in Austin, 212 arrived in the last 12 months. (LinkedIn, 11/12/18)

Austin is the Best Big City to Live in Right Now. (Money, 11/19/18)

Austin is the Best Place for Veterans to Live in ranking of the 100 largest U.S. cities based on 18 measures of employment, economy, quality of life, and health. (WalletHub, 11/5/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 fastest growing job markets in ranking of all 381 U.S. metropolitan areas for percent change over the last 5 years. (HowMuch.net, 10/31/18)

Austin is No. 6 on ranking Best Winter Vacation Destinations for Warm-Weather Lovers (WalletHub, 10/31/18)

Austin is one of the top 10 metro areas people are moving to based on residential real estate search activity in Q3 2018. (Redfin, 10/24/18)

Austin has the 7th fastest high tech software/services job growth in 2016 and 2017 among the 30 leading technology markets, while office rent growth is moderate (ranking 15th). (CBRE, 10/19/18)

Austin ranks No. 4 in a ranking of the Best Cities for Conferences in 2018. (SmartAsset, 10/9/18)

Austin ranks among the top Digital Economies of the Future, placing in the top 10 for Digital Infrastructure & Environment (No. 2) & Business Friendliness (No. 9). (fDi Intelligence, 10/8/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Best Foodie Cities in America. (WalletHub, 10/8/18)

Austin & Round Rock are among the 20 Fastest Growing Cities in America and Austin is the fastest growing large city in ranking based on 15 demographic and economic measures. (WalletHub, 10/1/18)

Texas is the No. 2 State for Doing Business and ranks 1st in categories including cost of doing business, corporate tax environment, and competitive labor environment, based on annual survey of site selection consultants. (Area Development, Q3/18)
Austin is featured on Cushman & Wakefield’s “Tech Cities 2.0” list as one of ten cities where technology is critical to the economy.  
(Cushman & Wakefield, 9/27/18)

Austin is one of the 15 Most Fun Cities in America.  
(WalletHub, 9/17/18)

Austin is the Best City to be a Game Developer.  
(ValueGamers, 9/16/18)

Austin ranks No. 2 on CNBC’s list of Cities Where Jobs are Plentiful and Businesses are Thriving.  
(CNBC, 9/13/18)

Austin is one of the Top 5 Most Livable State Capitals.  
(SmartAsset, 9/13/18)

Austin is 6th on list of 10 Cities Americans are Flocking to where Salaries are Rising.  
(CNBC, 9/11/18)

Texas is the top North American destination for foreign direct investment ($18.4 billion) & the top U.S. state for interstate projects ($8.7 billion) in 2017.  
(fDi Markets, 9/6/18)

Austin ranks 26th for Federally-funded science and engineering R&D at colleges and universities in 2016 among 204 metro areas, and Austin ranks 5th for share of new funds for S&E R&D from 2008 to 2016.  
(The State Science & Technology Institute, 9/6/18)

Austin is one of the 13 Most Tourist-Friendly Cities in the U.S.  
(Expedia, 9/5/18)

Austin is the 8th Best Place to Buy a House in ranking of the 63 largest U.S. cities.  
(WalletHub, 9/5/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Places to Retire according to assessment of 180 cities.  
(WalletHub, 8/14/18)

Austin is No. 1 in Linkedin’s ranking of U.S. Cities Attracting the Most Workers.  
(Linkedin, 8/10/18)

Austin is the No. 4 Most Pet-Friendly City in ranking of the 100 largest cities.  
(WalletHub, 8/7/18)

Austin is the 8th Safest City in America among cities with 300,000 or greater population.  
(SafeWise, 8/6/18)

Austin is the Biggest Boomtown in America in ranking of the U.S. metros seeing the biggest influx of people, work opportunities and business growth.  
(MagnifyMoney, 8/6/18)

Austin is one of 15 Large Cities with the Highest Share of Black Residents with STEM Bachelor’s Degrees.  
(Brookings Institution, 8/2/18)
Among the 150 largest U.S. metros, Austin ranks as the 8th Most Educated City in America.  
(WalletHub, 7/24/18)

Austin is the No. 6 Tech Talent Market based on its depth, vitality & attractiveness to tech employers & tech talent.  
(CBRE, 7/23/18)

Austin ranks No. 3 for Economic Growth Potential & is the No. 2 Tech Hub based concentration of tech jobs in Business Facilities’ 2018 Metro Rankings Report.  
(Business Facilities, 7/23/18)

The City of Austin is No. 5 on EPA ranking of the largest Local Government Green Power Users.  
(U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 7/23/18)

Texas ranks No. 2 for Business Climate & No. 3 for Economic Growth Potential in Business Facilities’ annual State Rankings Report.  
(Business Facilities, 7/23/18)

Austin is the 3rd Best City to Live In according to ranking of the 63 largest U.S. cities based on affordability, economy, education, health, quality of life & safety.  
(WalletHub, 7/23/18)

Austin ranks 9th for rate of financed growth firms, 2nd for rate of organic growth firms, & 7th for small business life expectancy in study of 1.3 million small businesses’ performance over the last 5 years in 25 major metros.  
(JPMorgan Chase Institute, 7/18)

Austin is No. 3 on Best Cities for Renters ranking.  
(smartasset, 7/12/18)

Texas is America’s Top State for Business.  
(CNBC, 7/10/18)

Austin is No. 3 Best Performing Economy in ranking of the top 40 U.S. metros.  
(Business Insider, 6/20/18)

Austin ranks 7th in North America & 52nd globally in Economic Performance Index ranking of the 300 largest global economies.  
(Brookings Institution, 6/13/18)

Austin is one of five large cities receiving an Outstanding Achievement Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.  
(U.S. Conference of Mayors, 6/9/18)

Austin will be the fastest growing top-50 metro economy through 2022, with average annual GMP growth of 3.7%.  
(U.S. Conference of Mayors, 6/8/18)

San Marcos is one of the 10 Best Places to Live for Under $40,000 a Year.  
(AARP The Magazine, 6-7/18)
Austin ranks 4th among the Winning Cities in Information Age America.  
(Forbes, 5/31/18)

Austin tops Forbes’ ranking of Cities Creating the Most Professional & Business Services Jobs with over 37% growth over the last 5 years.  
(Forbes, 5/29/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Places for Software Engineers to Live & Work based on salaries, cost of living & job opportunities.  
(SpareFoot, 5/22/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Destinations for Job Movers.  
(Glassdoor, 5/18/18)

Twenty Austin area high schools rank on Newsweek’s annual ranking of America’s Top High Schools and 10 receive Gold Medal status as a Top 500 nationally ranked high school.  
(Newsweek, 5/9/18)

Austin is No. 2 on annual America’s Best City for Jobs ranking of the 71 largest metro areas based on short-, medium-, and long-term job creation.  
(NewGeography.com/Forbes, 5/8/18)

Austin is No. 2 in Forbes’ annual ranking of America’s Best Cities for Jobs.  
(Forbes, 5/7/18)

Austin is the 12th on Cities with the Most Economic Class Diversity ranking of the 501 largest U.S. cities.  
(WalletHub, 5/3/18)

Austin is No. 4 on 10 Best Places for Military Retirees list.  
(Military.com, 5/2/18)

Austin is No. 2 on Best Places to Start a Business ranking of over 180 U.S. cities.  
(WalletHub, 4/30/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Places to Start a Small Business in ranking of over 175 metros using indicators signaling where startups have the best chance to survive & succeed.  
(RewardExpert, 4/26/18)

Austin is No. 3 in the U.S. & No. 14 globally in 2018 ranking of the 110 best Millennial Cities.  
(Nestpick, 4/18/18)

Austin is the Best Place to Live in U.S. in 2018.  
(U.S. News & World Report, 4/10/18)

Among the 50 largest metros, Austin ranks 6th for concentration of jobs in STEM occupations.  
(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 3/30/18)

Austin is the 2nd least expensive market for office fit out costs according to JLL’s survey of 59 North American markets.  
(JLL, 3/28/18)
Austin is the 2nd fastest growing large metro based on job growth in 2017.
(Urbanophile, 3/26/18)

The Austin MSA ranks in the top 10 among all metros for both numeric & percentage population increase in 2017 & Hays County was the 4th fastest growing county.
(U.S. Census Bureau, 3/22/18)

Austin, with 11.1 major concerts per 100k residents, is the No. 6 per capita concert market in the U.S.
(Seatgeek, 3/6/18)

Austin was one of the top U.S. markets for large (250,000 SF or more) office leases in 2017, with 4 deals taking a total of 1.2 million SF.
(CBRE, 2/28/18)

The Best Cities to Raise a Family in 2018 ranking includes Austin at No. 6 because of superior school quality & positive economic conditions.
(SmartAsset, 2/28/18)

Austin’s performance over the last 5 years ranks 3rd for growth, 8th for prosperity & 13th for inclusion in MetroMonitor rankings of the 100 largest U.S. metros; over the last 10 years, growth ranks 1st, prosperity 23rd & inclusion 6th.
(Brookings Institution, 2/20/18)

Austin is the Best State Capital to Live In based on 51 key indicators of affordability, economic strength, quality of education & health & overall living standards.
(WalletHub, 2/18/18)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Most Entrepreneurial Cities.
(FitSmallBusiness.com, 2/12/18)

Austin tech workers have the best standard of living.
(Hired, 2/9/18)

Austin has the 12th highest percentage of millennials who are college graduates (over 45%) in ranking of the 100 largest metro areas.
(Brookings Institution, 2/7/18)

Austin is one of 2017’s 5 Best Places for Veterans to Live.
(U.S. Dept. of Veteran’s Affairs, 1/30/18)

Austin has the 2nd highest share of millennials among the 100 largest U.S. metros.
(Brookings Institution, 1/24/18)

Austin is one of the 11 Best Places for Military Retirees.
(After55.com, 1/24/18)

Austin is the No. 9 on Best Places to Live & Work as a Moviemaker list.
(MovieMaker, 1/16/18)

Austin is the No. 9 Best-Performing City in annual assessment of Where America’s Jobs are Created & Sustained.
(Milken Institute, 1/10/18)
Austin is the 4th Best Metro Area for STEM Professionals.
(WalletHub, 1/10/18)

Lockhart is one of 18 Cities that Must be Seen in 2018.
(Expedia, 1/4/18)

Austin is the 11th Best Place to Find a Job in ranking of 182 U.S. cities based on job market & socio-economic conditions.
(WalletHub, 1/2/18)
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Austin ranks as the No. 5 Best City for Beer Drinkers.
(smartasset, 12/27/2017)

Austin is the No. 5 Best American College Town.
(WalletHub, 12/17/17)

Among the nation’s 100 largest metros, Austin has the 3rd largest increase in median household income over the decade since the recession began (8.8%, adjusted for inflation), according to data from Moody’s Analytics.
(The Associated Press, 12/14/17)

Austin is the No. 4 city where CIOs plan to add to their tech teams according to Technology IT Hiring Forecast.
(Robert Half International, 12/13/17)

Pflugerville’s National Night Out, an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships & neighborhood camaraderie, ranks No. 1 in Texas among cities with 50,000-100,000 population.
(National Association of Town Watch, 12/6/17)

Texas is No. 2 on Forbes’ Best States for Business ranking.
(Forbes, 11/28/17)

Austin tops ranking of Best Places in America for Veteran Small Business Owners.
(Thumbtack, 11/8/17)

Austin ranks 3rd among the 100 largest metros for the Share of Jobs that Require High Digital Skills.
(Brookings Institution, 11/15/17)

Austin is the Best Place for Veterans to Live.
(WalletHub, 11/6/17)

Austin has the No. 2 best performing metro economy according to the annual ACBJ Economic Index.
(American City Business Journals, 10/20/17)

Austin ranks 5th overall & 1st for talent according to Innovation that Matters study examining the health of startup communities in 25 leading innovation centers across the U.S.
(U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 10/13/17)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Foodie Cities in America.
(WalletHub, 10/10/17)

Austin is No. 11 on ranking of metros for investment in venture capital-backed startups & No. 9 for per capita investment.
(CityLab, 10/3/17)

Austin’s economy is the nation’s fastest growing among large cities (population over 300,000).
(WalletHub, 10/2/17)
(Area Development, Q3/17)

Buda is singled out as a housing market on the rise & offering strong opportunities to home buyers in Newmark Knight Frank’s 2018 Global Cities which includes Austin as one of the 40 leading cities monitored in the report.
(Newmark Knight Frank, 9/28/17)

Austin is No. 3 on ranking for Where Tech Salaries go the Furthest.
(Indeed, 9/27/17)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Cities for Recent College Grads in analysis of the 100 largest U.S. cities.
(NerdWallet, 9/27/17)

Austin is the best non-gateway city (i.e., excluding LA, NY, etc.) in the U.S. for commercial real estate investment.
(DLA Piper, 9/26/17)

Austin is the 9th Most Prosperous of the Country’s 100 Largest Cities & no Austin zip codes are classified as economically distressed according to the Distressed Communities Index.
(Economic Innovation Group, 9/25/17)

Austin ranks 6th for African-American & Hispanic median household income among the 53 metros with 1+ million population, while ranking 12th overall.
(NewGeography, 9/22/17)

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport ranks 6th among large airports on 2017 North American Airport Satisfaction Study.
(J.D. Power, 9/21/17)

Texas is the nation’s 2nd Most Diverse State based on 5 dimensions of diversity.
(WalletHub, 9/19/17)

Texas offers the Most Favorable Business Climate for the 7th consecutive year according to survey of C-suite executives.
(Development Counsellors International, 9/18/17)

Texas has the nation’s Best Corporate Tax Environment according to annual survey of site selectors.
(Area Development, 9/18/17)

Austin is No. 7 on ranking of the Most Popular Moving Destinations.
(United Van Lines, 9/12/17)

Austin’s Travis County is in the top 10 of the 2017 Talent Attraction Scorecard's ranking of large counties growing their skilled talent base.
(EMSI, 9/6/17)

Texas is the top-ranking state for all new cross-border investments (domestic & foreign investment originating from out of the state) announced in 2016, resulting in 28,000 jobs added.
(IBM Plant Location International, 9/5/17)
Austin is one of the 10 Best Places to Retire.  
(WalletHub, 8/15/17)

San Marcos is one of America’s 10 Best Small Cities to Move to before They Get Too Popular.  
(Thrillist, 8/11/17)

Austin is one of the Eight Big Tech Hubs—metros with the highest share of job postings in tech among metros with 1 million+ population.  
(Indeed, 7/25/17)

Austin is one of the 10 Most Educated Cities in America based on ranking of the 150 largest U.S. metropolitan areas.  
(WalletHub, 7/25/17)

Austin is No. 6 on Best Big Cities to Live In ranking.  
(WalletHub, 7/24/17)

San Marcos is No. 1 on SportsEvents magazine’s list of the Top 12 Outdoor Adventure Sports Spots.  
(SportsEvents, 7/21/17)

Austin is No. 8 on Tech Talent Scorecard ranking based on U.S. labor markets’ depth, vitality & attractiveness to companies seeking tech talent & to tech workers seeing employment.  
(CBRE, 7/18/17)

Texas is No. 4 on CNBC’s America’s Top States for Business 2017 ranking.  
(CNBC, 7/11/17)

Austin is the 2nd best city in the U.S. & the 13th best globally on Startup Cities Index ranking of the best cities to work in startups.  
(Nestpick, 7/8/17)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Fastest Growing Metro Economies of 2016.  
(Avalanche Consulting, 7/5/17)

Austin ranks 3rd among large Metros Creating the Most High Wage Jobs based on measures of the growth & vitality of the professional & business services sector.  
(New Geography/Forbes, 6/30/17)

Texas is 2nd Best Tax System for Entrepreneurship & Small Business.  
(Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, 6/21/17)

Austin is No. 5 on “Talent Attraction Scorecard” ranking of large metros based on how well they’re attracting & retaining skilled talent.  
(EMSI, 6/16/17)

Austin is the 3rd Best City for Gamers based on gamer & developer opportunities, internet quality & coverage & gaming environment.  
(WalletHub, 6/14/17)
Austin is a Top 10 Tech Market in Cushman & Wakefield’s inaugural “Tech Cities 1.0” report.
(Cushman & Wakefield, 6/8/17)

Austin is No. 2 on annual Kauffman Foundation Startup Activity Index.
(Kauffman Foundation, 5/18/17)

Austin is the 7th Best City for Jobs in ranking of the 70 largest U.S. metros.
(Forbes/NewEconomy, 5/17/17)

Austin is one of the Top 10 markets for Cleantech Venture Capital.
(Brookings Institution, 5/16/17)

Austin is the 3rd Best City to Start a Career.
(WalletHub, 5/16/17)

Austin is one of North America’s Most Competitive Cities for electronics (#2), IT & communications (#5) & life sciences (#5) investments.
(Site Selection, 5/8/17)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Most Diverse Large Cities in America.
(WalletHub, 5/4/17)

Austin is the 8th Best Place to Start a Business.
(WalletHub, 5/1/17)

Austin is the No. 4 on Best Cities for Job Seekers ranking that scored cities for job market favorability, salaries, work-life-balance & job security & advancement.
(Indeed, 5/1/17)

Austin is one of the top 10 metros in U.S. Clean Tech Leadership Index.
(Clean Edge, 5/16/17)

Austin is one of only 4 metros Achieving Inclusive Economic Growth.
(Brookings Institution, 4/27/17)

Austin is in the top 20 in Brookings ranking of metro areas for 2011-2016 cleantech patent activity.
(Brookings Institution, 4/26/17)

Texas is the Best State for Business—for the 13th year in a row.
(Chief Executive, 4/26/17)

Austin is No. 3 on America’s Top Small Business City in 2017 ranking.
(Biz2Credit, 4/25/17)

Austin is the No. 1 U.S. city on global ranking of the 100 Best Cities for Millennials based on measures representing business ecosystem, affordability, openness & recreation.
(Nestpick, 4/19/17)

Round Rock ranks as the 16th Best City to Live in America in 2017.
(Niche, 4/17/17)
Austin is No. 13 on Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking & 5th highest U.S. city in the ranking.
(Startup Genome, 4/12/17)

Austin is No. 6 on Metro Startup Economy Index (behind San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, New York & Boston).
(TechNet, 3/30/17)

Austin is the 11th most attractive metro for real estate investment in the Americas according to CBRE’s 2017 Global Investor Intentions Survey.
(CBRE, 3/21/17)

Austin is No. 3 City Creating the Most Tech Jobs in 2017 based on gains in tech industries & STEM occupations.
(New Geography/Forbes, 3/17/17)

Austin is No. 23 on global list of the 30 best cities for real estate investment.
(JLL, 3/14/17)

Austin is No. 2 on ranking of the “Sweet Spots” for professionals—cities offering strong job opportunity & affordable housing.
(Linkedin, 3/14/17)

Texas wins Site Selection magazine’s 2016 Governor’s Cup for Most New, Expanded Corporate Facilities.
(Site Selection, 3/17)

(Brookings Institution/TechCrunch, 3/8/17)

Austin comes in 3rd on Gallup’s “Good Jobs Rate” ranking based on the percentage of adults who work for an employer full-time.
(Gallup, 3/2/17)

Austin is 2nd for Growth & 12th for Prosperity & for Inclusion in 2017 Metro Monitor Index of Inclusive Economic Growth in the 100 largest U.S. metros.
(Brookings Institution, 3/2/17)

Austin ranks as the 5th best city Where Companies Thrive.
(American City Business Journals, 2/23/17)

Round Rock is the No. 3 Best City to Start a Family.
(LendEDU, 2/23/17)

Austin is one of America’s 20 Hardest Working Cities.
(WalletHub, 2/18/17)

Austin ranks as World’s No. 1 Tech City.
(Savills, 2/13/17)

Austin is the Best Place to Live in U.S. in 2017.
(U.S. News & World Report, 2/7/17)
Austin is one of the 10 Best Cities to Raise a Family.
(SmartAsset, 2/2/17)

Texas is in the Top 10 of the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index.
(Gallup, 2/1/17)

Austin is the Most Recession-Recovered Large City.
(WalletHub, 1/11/17)
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Austin is the No. 1 City for Job Seekers. (NerdWallet, 12/19/16)

Austin is the No. 2 Best-Performing City in annual assessment of Where America’s Jobs are Created & Sustained. (Milken Institute, 12/14/16)

Austin’s office leasing market tops Newmark Grubb Knight Frank Momentum Index ranking of metro markets with 1M+ population. (Development, Winter 2016/2017)

Austin ranks 9th on Kauffman Foundation’s Main Street Entrepreneurship Index. (Kauffman Foundation, 11/17/16)

Texas is the No. 4 State for Business, up from 6th place in 2015. (Forbes, 11/16/16)

Texas is the most business-friendly state according to Site Selection’s 2016 survey of site selectors & ties for 4th place in the magazine’s State Business Climate Ranking. (Site Selection, 11/2/16)

Austin ranks in the top quartile on the Center for Opportunity Urbanism’s Standard of Living Index. (NewGeography.com, 11/2/16)

Austin is the Best U.S. Market for Overall Real Estate Prospects in 2017. (PWC/Urban Land Institute, 10/26/16)

Austin is the No. 3 Tech City. (CBRE, 10/20/16)

Travelers love Austin—Austin ranks 2nd in destination experience satisfaction study. (J.D. Power, 10/19/16)

San Marcos lies at the center of the Next Great American Metropolis—the Austin-San Antonio corridor. (Forbes, 10/13/16)

Austin, with population projected to nearly double, will be the Fastest Growing Large Metro through 2040. (American City Business Journals, 10/11/16)

Austin is the Best American City for LGBT Seniors. (SeniorAdvice, 10/4/16)

Austin has the Fastest Growing Local Economy in ranking of the 64 largest U.S. cities. (WalletHub, 10/3/16)

The University of Texas is No. 4 on annual ranking of the World’s 100 Most Innovative Universities. (Reuters, 9/28/16)

Austin is No. 5 on ranking of the Most Talented U.S. Metros. (Avalanche Consulting, 9/27/16)
Austin is one of 34 leading Global Cities achieving rapid growth by attracting the talented, high value workers that all companies, across industries, want to recruit.
(Newmark Knight Frank, 9/22/16)

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport ranks 6th among large airports on 2017 North American Airport Satisfaction Study.
(J.D. Power, 9/21/17)

Money named Pflugerville the 12th best U.S. city to live in due to its strong economy, small town charm & easy access to big city amenities.
(Money, 9/17/16)

Austin is one of the top 3 metros Where Good Jobs are Being Created.
(CityLab, 9/2/16)

Austin is Best Place for Freelancers.
(nerdwallet, 8/30/16)

Austin is 2nd on list of the 20 Best Cities to Bootstrap an Online Business.
(highspeedinternet.com, 8/29/16)

Austin is 5th on Cities with the Highest Percentage of Homes in Positive Equity Territory ranking.
(Fannie Mae, 8/26/16)

Austin is No. 1 on Kauffman Index of Startup Activity.
(Kauffman Foundation, 8/25/16)

Austin is the top metro for health IT job growth—nearly 40% over the last 4 years—among 10 metros with notable health IT clusters.
(Brookings Institution, 8/23/16)

Austin is No. 3 on ranking of America’s Top Spots for Tech Job Growth.
(New York Times, 8/21/16)

Austin’s Travis County is the Region Doing the Best Job Attracting & Developing Talent.
(EMSI, 8/12/16)

Austin is America’s Best Place to Start a Business.
(CNBC, 8/11/16)

Austin is Where Tech Salaries Go the Furthest.
(Indeed, 8/11/16)

Austin is one of the Top 10 metros based on Advanced Industries’ Share of All Jobs.
(Brookings Institution, 8/4/16)

Texas is the best performer in Business Facilities’ Annual Rankings Report analyzing the most important benchmarks for sustainable growth in the 21st century.
(Business Facilities, 8/3/16)
Austin is in the top 10 of America’s Most Educated Cities.  
(WalletHub, 7/27/16)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Cities for Career Opportunities in 2016.  
(smartasset, 7/26/16)

Austin is the No. 2 on Top 10 Large Cities in America for Seniors list.  
(Senior Advice, 7/19/16)

Texas is 7th on Aerospace Manufacturing Attractiveness ranking.  
(PricewaterhouseCoopers, 7/14/16)

Texas is No. 2 on CNBC’s Top States for Business ranking.  
(CNBC, 7/12/16)

Texas is the No. 1 state in Site Selection’s 2016 Sustainability Rankings.  
(Site Selection, 7/7/16)

Austin is the 6th Best Paying City for Software Engineers when living costs are factored in.  
(Glassdoor, 7/6/16)

Austin is the No. 1 City for Tech Start-Ups.  
(Sungard Availability Services, 7/6/16)

Austin is No. 2 on global ranking of the Top Cities to Live & Work in Tech.  
(Fast Company, 7/5/16)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Mobile-Friendly U.S. Cities.  
(NerdWallet, 7/5/16)

Austin is No. 2 on list of Most Millennial-Friendly Cities for College Grads.  
(Huffington Post, 7/1/16)

Austin is the No. 5 North American market for Tech Talent Concentration.  
(CBRE, 6/30/16)

Austin is the 3rd Best City for Social Entrepreneurship.  
(Halcyon Incubator, 6/23/16)

Austin ranks 12th on global list of the Best Cities for Women Entrepreneurs.  
(Dell Future Ready Economics, 6/22/16)

West Lake Hills & Rollingwood rank as the No. 1 & No. 2 Best Places to Raise a Family in Texas.  
(Niche, 6/22/16)

Austin is No. 2 on the Kauffman Index of Growth Entrepreneurship.  
(Kauffman Foundation, 6/2/16)

Austin is No. 1 for STEM Job Growth.  
(RCLCO, 6/2/16)
Austin is No. 6 in “Innovation that Matters” ranking of the Top 25 Startup Hubs Positioned to Lead the Digital Economy.  
(U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 5/24/16)

Austin is one of the Top 20 Metro Areas for Graduates in Financial Services.  
(Site Selection Group, 5/23/16)

Austin is 6th on Glassdoor’s Best Cities for Jobs ranking.  
(Glassdoor, 5/18/16)

Austin is the 3rd Best City to Start a Career.  
(WalletHub, 5/17/16)

Austin is one of the top 10 metros in U.S. Clean Tech Leadership Index.  
(Clean Edge, 5/17/16)

Texas & North Carolina tie for Site Selection’s annual “Prosperity Cup” index of corporate project activity & business climate attractiveness.  
(Site Selection, 5/16)

Austin is No. 6 on list of most energy-efficient U.S. cities.  
(American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 5/10/17)

Austin is No. 6 on Best Cities for Jobs 2016 list.  
(Forbes, 5/10/16)

Texas is the Best State for Business—for the 12th year in a row.  
(Chief Executive, 5/9/16)

Austin is the Best Place for Small Business in the U.S.  
(American City Business Journals, 4/29/16)

Austin is one of the 10 Best Places for STEM Grads.  
(NerdWallet, 4/26/16)

Austin is No. 6 on Top 10 Cities for New College Grads ranking.  
(SmartAsset, 4/26/16)

Austin is one of America’s Top 20 Solar Cities.  
(Environment America, 4/6/16)

Austin is No. 7 on ranking of 50 Global Future-Ready Economies Enabling Innovation & Change Through Technology.  
(Dell, 4/4/16)

San Marcos is one of the 25 Best Places to Retire.  
(Forbes, 4/4/16)

Austin is one of America’s Fastest Growing Cities—4th in a ranking of 381 metro areas.  
(24/7 Wall St., 4/4/16)
Austin is No. 8 on Best Cities for Recent Grads list.
(NerdWallet, 3/28/16)

Austin has the 4th largest share of creative economy jobs among U.S. metros.
(Nesta, 3/17/16)

Austin is America’s Fastest-Growing City.
(Forbes, 3/8/16)

Austin is No. 6 on list of the 200 Most Educated Cities in America.
(ValuePenguin, 3/4/16)

Austin is No. 2 on U.S. News’ Best Places to Live ranking.
(U.S. News & World Report, 3/2/16)

Texas has the nation’s 2nd largest tech industry workforce.
(CompTIA, 3/1/16)

Austin is ranked No. 2 in the U.S. for retail real estate investment prospects.
(Marcus & Millichap, 3/16)

Round Rock is No. 4 on Best Affordable Places to Live list.
(Livability, 2/25/16)

Austin is the Best City for Young Families in 2016.
(ValuePenguin, 1/29/16)

Austin ranks 11th for Venture Capital Investment in 2015.
(National Venture Capital Association, 1/27/16)

Austin is 13th on global ranking of metros based on Venture Capital Investment and, on a per capita basis, Austin ranks 6th.
(Martin Prosperity Institute, 1/26/16)

Austin is the 2nd Best Metro for STEM Professionals in 2016.
(WalletHub, 1/26/16)

Austin is one of the Best Cities for Entrepreneurs & Investors & ranks 3rd for deal momentum over the last few years.
(Mattermark, 1/25/16)

Austin will be the Best Performing Large Metro Economy through 2021.
(U.S. Conference of Mayors, 1/20/16)

Austin is the 20th Fittest City in the U.S. & the Fittest City in Texas.
(ACSM American Fitness Index, 1/20/16)

Austin is the 3rd Best Place to Live & Work as a Moviemaker in 2016.
(Moviemaker.com, 1/20/16)
Austin ranks as the fifth Most Future-Ready City.
(Dell Future Ready Economics, 1/19/16)

Austin is the top U.S. destination for companies moving operations out of California.
(Spectrum Location Solutions, 1/14/16)

Austin tops “America’s Cities of the Future” ranking of cities most likely to prosper over the next decade.
(Forbes, 1/14/16)

Austin is the Best City for Young Entrepreneurs.
(NerdWallet, 1/4/16)

Austin ranks as the 3rd Best City to Find a Job in 2016.
(WalletHub, 1/4/16)
2015 RANKINGS

Austin ranks as the No. 1 on Forbes’ list of metros building the Most New Housing from 2010-2014.  
(Forbes, 12/17/2015)

Austin maintains a perfect score on the Human Rights Campaign’s 2015 Municipal Equality Index report.  
(Human Rights Campaign, 12/18/2015)

Austin is one of the metros Where U.S. Brainpower Tends to Cluster, ranking in the top 10 for shares of residents with engineering, computer science & math & visual & performing arts degrees.  
(CityLab, 12/14/15)

Austin is the No. 4 Best-Performing City in annual assessment of Where America’s Jobs are Created & Sustained.  
(Milken Institute, 12/8/15)

Austin has the 2nd Most Stable Housing Market in the U.S.  
(FreddieMac, 11/25/15)

Austin ranks 2nd among midsize metros in 2016 Top College Cities & Towns in America ranking.  
(American Institute for Economic Research, 11/20/15)

Austin is the No. 1 City for Black-Owned Small Businesses.  
(Thumbtack, 11/17/15)

Austin ranks as the Best City to Launch a Startup.  
(Smallbiztrends.com, 11/15/15)

Austin is one of the Top 20 Best Cities to Shop Local in 2015.  
(Yelp, 11/15/15)

Austin ranks 9th on America’s Best Cities for Veterans ranking.  
(WalletHub, 11/11/15)

Austin ranks No. 12 in the world in JLL’s Investment Intensity Index.  
(Jones Lang LaSalle, 11/4/15)

Austin ranked the 6th Best City for Conferences.  
(smartasset, 11/4/15)

Austin is one of North America’s top 5 Most Competitive Cities for the electronics & energy industries.  
(Conway Data, 10/28/15)

The City of Austin is No. 5 on EPA ranking of the largest Local Government Green Power Users.  
(U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 10/26/15)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Places for Black Entrepreneurs to Find Success.  
(GoodCall.com, 10/21/15)

Austin is No. 2 on ULI’s ranking of U.S. markets’ Overall Real Estate Prospects.  
(Urban Land Institute, 10/7/15)
Austin tops ranking of metropolitan areas for population growth attributable to migration.
(Forbes, 10/6/15)

The University of Texas at Austin is 46th on The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2015-2016 list the 800 best global universities.
(The Times Higher Education, 10/6/15)

Austin singled out as one of 4 U.S. Regions Quickly Becoming Major Tech Hubs.
(Mashable, 10/5/15)

San Marcos is No. 5 on Best Cities for Singles list.
(Livability, 10/5/15)

Austin ranks as the Fastest Growing Large City Economy since the Great Recession.
(WalletHub, 9/29/2015)

Austin ranks 3rd among U.S. Cities for Foreign Direct Investment Job Creation.
(IBM Plant Location International, 9/15/15)

Austin’s Travis County is the U.S. County Attracting the Most Newcomers in 2013.
(Headlight Data, 9/2/15)

Austin’s regional transit system, CapMetro, has been recognized for delivering one of 8 Genius Public Transportation Innovations for Happier Commutes.
(Ziptopia.com, 8/28/15)

Austin’s housing market ranked the healthiest among large cities with over 300,000 residents.
(WalletHub, 8/27/2015)

Austin ranks No. 5 in Conde Nast Traveler’s annual Friendliest Cities list.
(Conde Nast Traveler, 8/12/15)

Austin has one of the Highest Startup Densities in the Nation.
(Entrepreneur, 8/10/15)

Austin has the best across-the-board showing in Business Facilities’ annual Metro Rankings Report.
(Business Facilities, 8/5/2015)

Austin is 2015’s Best Large City to Live In.
(WalletHub, 8/4/15)

Texas has the nation’s Best Business Climate.
(Business Facilities, 7/30/15)

Austin is No. 4 on Top 10 Cities for Creatives ranking based on concentration of creative workers & affordability.
(Smartasset.com, 7/29/15)

Austin is on global list of 15 Airports You’ll actually Want to Have a Long Layover In.
(Business Insider, 7/29/15)
Austin is 14th on 2015 Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking. (Compass, 7/27/15)

Travis County has the 2nd fastest growing financial services sector in the nation. (HeadlightData, 7/15/15)

Austin ranked No. 9 on a list of best places to find a job. (Forbes, 6/28/2015)

Texas is No. 2 on CNBC’s annual America’s Top States for Business ranking. (CNBC, 6/24/15)

Austin is the No. 1 City for Creative Job Growth. (Center for an Urban Future, 6/15)

Austin will be the fastest growing large U.S. metro economy through 2021. (U.S. Conference of Mayors, 6/19/15)

Austin is one of the Top 10 Leading Locations for 2015, according to Area Development’s analysis of which U.S. cities are creating jobs & nurturing sustainable economic development. (Area Development, 6/18/15)

Austin is No. 3 on America’s Best Cities for Barbecue ranking. (Time, 6/8/15)

Austin is one of the 15 Hottest Metros for Advanced Industries. (Brookings Institution, 6/8/15)

Austin is the No. 1 U.S. city for Startup Activity in the latest annual Kauffman Index. (Kauffman Foundation, 6/4/15)

Austin is 14th on Best Places for STEM Grads ranking of 354 U.S. metros. (NerdWallet, 6/2/15)

Austin is one of the top 10 metros in Clean Edge’s 2015 Clean Tech Leadership Index. (Clean Edge, 6/2/15)

Texas is the Best State for Business for the 11th consecutive year. (Chief Executive, 6/1/15)

Texas offers one of the 3 Most Competitive Corporate Tax Environments. (Bloomberg BNA, 6/15)

Austin is among the 10 Best Metropolitan Areas for Finding a Job. (CareerBuilder, 5/28/15)

Austin is one of the most business-friendly cities in the U.S., ranking 12th among the 100 most populous cities. (MarketWatch, 5/22/15)

Austin is No. 3 in ranking of America’s Best BBQ Cities (Travel & Leisure, 5/22/15)
San Marcos & Georgetown are the fastest growing cities in U.S. with population of 50,000 or more & Austin is the fastest growing city with population of 250,000 or more based on growth from 2013 to 2014. (U.S. Census Bureau, 5/21/15)

Austin is No. 4 on Best Cities for Jobs ranking of markets for hiring opportunities, affordability & job satisfaction. (Glassdoor, 5/19/15)

Austin ranks 9th on 2015 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard. (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 5/19/15)

Austin named the 20th Most Diverse City in America in study of the 230 most populous cities. (WalletHub.com, 5/13/15)

Austin is the 4th Best City to Work for a Small Business. (WalletHub, 5/6/15)

Texas is No. 3 on ranking of the Top 10 Most Competitive States of 2014. (Site Selection, 5/15)

Austin—along with Berlin, Mexico City, Mumbai & Seoul—is singled out as a forward looking “Future City” Driving Growth through the Creative Economy. (Economist Intelligence Unit, 4/29/15)

Austin is the 6th Most Attractive North American Metro for Real Estate Investment. (CBRE, 4/23/15)

Austin has one of the 10 Most High-Tech Airports in the U.S. (Fodor’s Travel, 4/1/15)

Texas receives top grade on Innovation Scorecard’s ranking of Where American Pro-Innovation Policy Thrives. (Consumer Electronics Association, 4/15/15)

Austin is America’s Greatest Music City. (Thrillist.com, 4/14/15)

Austin added the Most Tech Jobs over the last 10 years. (Forbes, 4/14/15)

Austin is No. 6 on Gallup’s annual Well-Being Index of the Nation’s 100 Most Populous Communities. (Gallup, 4/6/15)

Austin ranked no. 13th on America’s Greenest Cities, a ranking the most environmental friendly cities. (NerdWallet, 4/14/15)

Austin is No. 4 in fDi Markets’ ranking of Large American Cities of the Future. (fDi Markets, 4/13/15)
Two Austin schools make list of the 50 Smartest Public High Schools in the U.S.: Westlake High School is No. 4 & Liberal Arts & Science Academy is No. 9.
(Niche/Business Insider, 4/2/15)

Austin ranks 3rd fastest growing metro in the nation.
(U.S. Census Bureau, 3/26/15)

Austin is one of the 5 Emerging Startup Cities of 2015.
(Investopedia, 3/25/15)

Austin is the Best City for Wildlife.
(National Wildlife Federation, 3/9/15)

Austin is one of the Nation’s Top 10 Cities for Electric Vehicles.
(ChargePoint, 3/2/15)

Texas wins Site Selection magazine’s 2014 Governor’s Cup for Most New, Expanded Corporate Facilities.
(Site Selection, 3/15)

Austin is the No. 1 Tech City in global ranking.
(Savills, 2/25/15)

Austin is one of 7 Cities Becoming Film Hotspots.
(Urbanful, 2/19/15)

Best BBQ Cities in America: Austin is No.1 & Lockhart is No. 3.
(Thrillist, 2/15/15)

Austin is the best performing city in analysis of 11 global cities with strong tech clusters.
(Wall St. Journal, 2/14/15)

Among large metros, Austin has the largest percentage of its workforce in the city center & has seen the greatest growth in city center employment.
(City Observatory.com, 2/13/15)

Austin will be the 6th Best Cities for Job Seekers in 2015.
(NerdWallet.com, 2/12/15)

Austin is 6th Best Labor Market in the U.S. for job seekers in ranking of 150 metro areas.
(CareerBuilder, 2/5/15)

Austin is 9th on ranking of the Top Commercial Real Estate Markets in the country.
(Coldwell Banker Commercial, 2/4/15)

Austin ranks No. 1 on the “Innovative Transportation Index” of Cities Where New Technologies & Tools Can Reduce Your Need to Own a Car.
(U.S. Public Interest Research Group, 2/4/15)

Austin is in the top 10 for advanced industries as a percent of total output & for advanced industries output growth & job growth.
(Brookings Institution, 2/3/15)
Round Rock is No. 1 on Best Affordable Places for Families to Live list.  
(Livability.com, 2/3/15)

Austin ranked 9th on Forbes’ list of U.S. Cities Where Hispanics Are Doing the Best Economically.  
(Forbes, 1/30/15)

Austin ranked 2nd on Forbes’ annual list of America’s Fastest-Growing Cities.  
(Forbes, 1/27/15)

Austin is the Best Place to Live & Work as a Moviemaker.  
(MovieMaker, 1/22/15)

(Brookings Institution, 1/22/15)

Austin is 11th on ranking of Cities Where African-Americans are Doing the Best Economically.  
(Forbes, 1/15/15)

Austin is one of the best U.S. Cities to Start a Business.  
(Popular Mechanics, 1/14/15)

Austin is the No. 2 city in the nation for STEM jobs.  
(Wallethub.com, 1/14/15)

Austin is one of the 14 Best Startup Cities in America.  
(Popular Mechanics, 1/14/15)

Austin singled out as one of 5 Cities Poised to be the Next Silicon Valley Tech Hub.  
(Forbes, 1/12/15)

Austin is the No. 2 Best-Performing City in annual assessment of Where America’s Jobs are Created & Sustained.  
(Milken Institute, 1/8/15)

Austin is one of 6 cities to watch in 2015 according to city-celebrating, smart-growth focused Urbanful.  
(Urbanful, 1/5/15)