

## 2018 RANKINGS

**In NSF rankings of U.S. universities for R&D expenditures in FY 2017, UT-Austin ranks 6<sup>th</sup> for computer sciences, 8<sup>th</sup> for engineering, and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> fastest high tech software/services job growth in 2016 and 2017 among the 30 leading technology markets, while office rent growth is moderate (ranking 15<sup>th</sup>).**

(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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 IN THE NEWS 2015-2018**



**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> for Federally-funded science and engineering R&D at colleges and universities in 2016 among 204 metro areas, and Austin ranks 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> for rate of financed growth firms, 2<sup>nd</sup> for rate of organic growth firms, & 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> in North America & 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 IN THE NEWS 2015-2018



**Austin ranks 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> for concentration of jobs in STEM occupations.**

*(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 3/30/18)*

**Austin is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> for growth, 8<sup>th</sup> for prosperity & 13<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in MetroMonitor rankings of the 100 largest U.S. metros; over the last 10 years, growth ranks 1<sup>st</sup>, prosperity 23<sup>rd</sup> & inclusion 6<sup>th</sup>.**

(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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 IN THE NEWS 2015-2018**



**Austin is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Find a Job in ranking of 182 U.S. cities based on job market & socio-economic conditions.**

(WalletHub, 1/2/18)

## 2017 RANKINGS

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> overall & 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## AUSTIN IN THE NEWS 2015-2018



**Texas is No. 3 in annual Top States for Doing Business ranking & ranks No. 1 for Cost of Doing Business, Corporate Tax Environment, Favorable Regulatory Environment & Competitive Labor Environment.**  
(*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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> for African-American & Hispanic median household income among the 53 metros with 1+ million population, while ranking 12<sup>th</sup> overall.**  
(NewGeography, 9/22/17)

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

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

**Texas offers the Most Favorable Business Climate for the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> best city in the U.S. & the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Best City for Gamers based on gamer & developer opportunities, internet quality & coverage & gaming environment.**

(WalletHub, 6/14/17)

## AUSTIN IN THE NEWS 2015-2018



**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> Best City to Live in America in 2017.**

(Niche, 4/17/17)

**Austin is No. 13 on Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Austin ranks 6<sup>th</sup> for Largest Absolute Increase in Tech Jobs 2013-2015.**

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

**Austin comes in 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> for Growth & 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 IN THE NEWS 2015-2018**



**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)

## 2016 RANKINGS

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 IN THE NEWS 2015-2018



**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> on list of the 20 Best Cities to Bootstrap an Online Business.**

(highspeedinternet.com, 8/29/16)

**Austin is 5<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Best City for Social Entrepreneurship.**  
(Halcyon Incubator, 6/23/16)

**Austin ranks 12<sup>th</sup> 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)

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**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 6<sup>th</sup> on Glassdoor’s Best Cities for Jobs ranking.**

(Glassdoor, 5/18/16)

**Austin is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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—4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> for Venture Capital Investment in 2015.**  
(National Venture Capital Association, 1/27/16)

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

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

**Austin is one of the Best Cities for Entrepreneurs & Investors & ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Fittest City in the U.S. & the Fittest City in Texas.**  
(ACSM American Fitness Index, 1/20/16)

**Austin is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Place to Live & Work as a Moviemaker in 2016.**  
(Moviemaker.com, 1/20/16)

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Most Stable Housing Market in the U.S.**  
(FreddieMac, 11/25/15)

**Austin ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 11/14/15)

**Austin ranks 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 IN THE NEWS 2015-2018**



**Austin tops ranking of metropolitan areas for population growth attributable to migration.**  
(*Forbes*, 10/6/15)

**The University of Texas at Austin is 46<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> on 2015 Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking.**  
(Compass, 7/27/15)

**Travis County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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)

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**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 9<sup>th</sup> on 2015 City Energy Efficiency Scorecard.**  
(American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, 5/19/15)

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

**Austin is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. 13<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Best Cities for Job Seekers in 2015.**

(NerdWallet.com, 2/12/15)

**Austin is 6<sup>th</sup> Best Labor Market in the U.S. for job seekers in ranking of 150 metro areas.**

(CareerBuilder, 2/5/15)

**Austin is 9<sup>th</sup> 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)

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**Round Rock is No. 1 on Best Affordable Places for Families to Live list.**  
(Livability.com, 2/3/15)

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

**Austin ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

**Austin ranks No. 1 in the U.S. & No. 38 globally for 2013-2014 Economic Performance.**  
(Brookings Institution, 1/22/15)

**Austin is 11<sup>th</sup> 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)