

Destination Austin.



Austin Tops the Top 10 Lists.

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AUSTIN TEXAS
A GREAT PLACE
TO LIVE, LEARN,
WORK, PLAY
AND
ENJOY LIFE!

Austin Title

TOP 10 BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK CITIES IN AMERICA

Forbes October 2008

1. **Austin, TX**
2. San Antonio, TX
3. Indianapolis, IN
4. Houston, TX
5. Charlotte, NC
6. Columbus, OH
7. Dallas, TX
8. Minne/St. Paul. MN
9. Denver, CO
10. Portland, OR

TOP 10 GREENEST CITIES IN AMERICA

Popsci.com Feb 2008

1. Portland, OR
2. San Francisco, CA
3. Boston, MA
4. Oakland, CA
5. Eugene, OR
6. Cambridge, MA
7. Berkeley, CA
8. Seattle, WA
9. Chicago, IL
10. **Austin, TX**

TOP 10 CITIES IN MAYOR'S CHALLENGE RESEARCH*

Expansion Mgmt, 2007

1. **Austin, TX**
2. Minneapolis, MN
3. Raleigh, NC
4. Washington, DC
5. Kansas City, MO
6. **Richmond, VA**
7. Pittsburgh, PA
8. Omaha, NE
9. Fargo, ND
10. Seattle, WA

TOP 10 BEST CITIES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY

Kiplinger.com June 2008

1. Houston, TX
2. Raleigh, NC
3. Omaha, NE
4. Boise, ID
5. Colorado Springs, CO
6. **Austin, TX**
7. Fayetteville, NC
8. Sacramento, CA
9. Des Moines, IA
10. Provo, UT

TOP 10 BEST CITIES TO HAVE A BABY IN AMERICA

FitPregnancy - 2008

1. Portland, OR
2. Minneapolis. MN
3. San Francisco, CA
4. Seattle, WA
5. Denver, CO
6. Boston, MA
7. Omaha, NE
8. Virginia Beach, VA
9. **Austin, TX**
10. Albuquerque, NM

TOP 10 GOLF CITIES IN AMERICA

Golf Magazine/Nat'l Foundation of Golf, Dec 2007

1. **Austin, TX**
2. Columbus, OH
3. Las Vegas, NV
4. Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
5. Orlando, FL
6. **Seattle, WA**
7. San Jose, CA
8. Atlanta, GA
9. Portland, OR
10. Rochester, NY

TOP 10 BEST PLACES TO LIVE IN AMERICA

CNN Money.com July 2008

1. Plymouth, MN
2. Ft. Collins, CO
3. Naperville, IL
4. Irvine, CA
5. Franklin Township, NJ
6. Norman, OK
7. **Round Rock, TX**
8. Columbia, MD
9. Overland Park, KS
10. Fishers, IN

TOP BRAINIEST CITIES IN AMERICA

American City Business Journals

1. Madison, WI
2. Washington, DC
3. San Jose, CA
4. Bridgeport-Stamford, CT
5. Boston
6. San Fran-Oakland, CA
7. Minne-St. Paul, MN
8. Raleigh, NC
9. Seattle, WA
10. Colorado Spgs, CO
11. Albany, NY
12. **Austin, TX**

TOP 10 MOST RECESSION-PROOF CITIES IN AMERICA

Forbes.com April 2008

1. Oklahoma City, OK
2. San Antonio, TX
3. **Austin, TX**
4. Houston, TX
5. Charlotte, NC
6. Dallas, TX
7. San Jose, CA
8. Raleigh, NC
9. Salt Lake City, UT
10. Seattle, WA

TOP 10 BEST CITIES FOR MEN IN AMERICA

Men's Health Magazine July 2008

1. Raleigh, NC
2. San Jose, CA
3. Madison, WI
4. Boise, ID
5. Salt Lake City, UT
6. Fargo, ND
7. **Austin, TX**
8. Seattle, WA
9. Anchorage, AK
10. Honolulu, HI

*Overall Ranking based on Fitness, Quality of Life & Health

More Austin Accolades
On Reverse Side

Austin Accolades & Rankings

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Sources of information include AustinTexas.org and Austin-Chamber.org
Information is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.



Housing, Jobs & Technology

Forbes Magazine named Austin No. 3 city on a list of "recession-proof" cities due to its strong housing market, low unemployment rates and growth in agriculture, energy and manufacturing (May 2008)

Forbes used data supplied by Moodyseconomy.com and Global insight to rank Austin the winner (#1) among the country's most economically healthy large metros. (Jan 30 2008)

Forbes.com ranks Austin #3 in its Top 10 Cities for jobs in America for 2008. (January 2008)

Travel & Leisure readers were surveyed to determine America's Favorite City. Boston took the top honors overall, but Austin ranked high in many categories including attractive people, athleticism, intellect, friendliness and, of course, live music. (Sept 2008)

Salary.com survey ranked Austin #13 out of 69 cities as a place to build wealth. (June 2008)



Families & Relocation

AARP The Magazine. Austin is one of the top four cities to watch as a retirement-friendly community, according to (July 2007)

Worldwide ERC and Primacy Relocation gave Austin the #5 ranking as the best large city for relocating families in its 2007 Best Cities for Relocating Families list (June 2007)



Environment

U.S. News and World Report ranked Austin one of the 10 "greenest" retirement destinations. (April 2008)

MSN.com gives Austin top billing among America's Greenest Cities, citing the city's green energy program and climate protection plan. (June 2007)

Natural Home Magazine ranks Austin #2 among America's Top Ten Eco-friendly Communities. These "neighborhoods you want to live in" feature walkability, green planning and outdoor orientation. (January/February 2007)



Education

US News ranks The University of Texas at Austin #18 on America's Best Graduate Schools 2008(out of 100).

Newsweek lauds the University of Texas as "Hottest for Saving America's Schools," for excellence in education reform, in the 2007 Top 25 Universities" poll (August 2007).

The US Census Bureau reports that Austin ranks 5th among the most educated cities in the U.S. 45.1% of the population has a college degree, or higher.



Relationships

Forbes.com ranks Austin as the 5th best city in America for couples. (February 2008)

Best Cities for Dating - Austin, TX takes home the grand prize on Sperling's Best Cities for Dating 2007. Austin scores relatively high in everything, from frequency of dating partners to the number of establishments to meet people.



Lifestyles - Recreation - Health

Men's Health Magazine ranks Austin #7 overall Best City for Men based on Fitness, Quality of Life & Health (July 2008)

Golf.com Austin, the cultural and economic pride of Texas, is a great city. No surprise there. But the Lone Star State capital is also a great golf city. Ranked #1, it has the nation's best combination of weather, name designs, and affordable, accessible golf.

Golf Digest ranks Barton Creek Resort & Country Club's Fazio Canyons course among the top 100 in the nation (May 2007)

Latina Magazine ranks Austin 10th among the top 25 healthiest cities. The magazine lauds the city's many public parks, exercise facilities and low stress factor. (April 2007)

Prevention Magazine ranked Austin #2 on its list of the "top ten cities for taking a stroll." (March 2007)

Cooking Light ranked Austin #1 in its Top 20 Healthiest Cities in America. Cities were judged on nutrition, physical health and holistic well-being. (January/February 2007)