

The Top 29 Reasons why Austin is a great place to live

- Austin ranks as the 4th Best City in Overall Standard of Living by Expansion Management, June 2006
- Austin ranks 2nd among the Top 10 Best Big Cities in the country by [cnn.money.com](#), 2006
- Austin ranks as the 3rd Smartest City in the country by [Bizjournals.com](#), June 2006
- Austin ranks in the Top 5 "Smart Places to Live" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance and the Austin Business Journal, June 06'
- Austin ranked 28th in Best Places for Business and Careers by [Forbes](#), May 2006
- Austin ranks 2nd in the 50 Best Places to Live by [Men's Journal](#), March 2006
- Austin ranks 6th in the Top 10 Cities for Walking by [Prevention magazine](#), August 2006
- Austin ranks as the Best Place to Live in America for Hispanics by [Hispanic magazine](#) for the second year in a row, August 05'
- Austin ranks as the 2nd Best Place to Live for Moviemakers by [Moviemaker Magazine](#), December 2005
- Austin ranks 3rd Best Wireless Place to Live in America by [Livescience.com](#), June 2005
- Austin ranks 2nd among the 10 Best Places to Live, judging on financial, educational and quality of life criteria by [Money magazine](#), July 2006
- Austin was included in the 8 Cheapest Places You'd Want to Live survey by [Sperling's BestPlaces.com](#) and [msn.com](#), July 06'
- Austin ranks 2nd among the 50 Best Places to Live comparing the combinations of adventure, attractiveness, and affordability by [Men's Journal](#), April 2006
- Austin was voted the Best Place to Live for Future Business Locations by [Expansion Magazine](#), August 06'
- Austin ranks 9th in the Top 10 Hot Cities for Entrepreneurs by [Entrepreneur.com](#), September 05'
- According to [DogFancy](#) Austin is one of the Top 10 Cities to Be a Dog, November 2005
- Austin ranks 8th of America's Cleanest Cities by [Reader's Digest](#), July 2005
- Austin ranks 10th in the Top 10 Healthiest Cities in America by [Sperling's](#), July 2006
- Austin ranks 11th in the 25 Best Running Cities in America poll by [Runners World](#), July 2005
- Austin makes the cut as one of 50 Fabulous Gay-Friendly Places to Live by [Gregory A. Kompe](#), December 2005
- Austin ranks 2nd on [Vegetarian Times' Ten Greenest Cities](#) list, July/August 2005 [Pollstar](#) names Austin City Limits Music Festival the "Festival of the Year" during it's annual Concert Industry Awards, February 2006
- [American Way magazine](#) features "The Top 10 Lists of Great American Music" and Austin appears on three of the lists including "great music towns," "great bigger-is-better music festivals" for the Austin City Limits Music Festival and "sacred ground" for [Threadgill's restaurant](#), June 2005
- Austin ranks 6th in a study by [Silicon Valley](#) naming the nation's Top Tech Hubs. The study compared business and quality-of-life issues, claiming Austin has affordable housing, electricity and state taxes, September 2005
- Austin is among the Coolest Cities for Young Professionals according to [Kiplinger.com](#), September 2005
- Austin ranks 1st among U.S. cities in the fourth annual [Mayors Challenge](#) rankings of the Best Cities for Future Business Locations by [Management magazine](#)
- Each year, [Intel](#) ranks the Top 100 U.S. Cities and Regions with the Greatest Number of Commercial and Public Wireless Internet Access Points and Austin ranks third, October 2006
- Austin ranks 3rd in a list of America's Most Innovative Cities by the [Wall Street Journal](#)

