

Destination Austin.



Austin Tops the Top 10 Lists.



10 BEST BIG CITIES

*CNN.Money.com
2006*

1. Colorado Springs, CO
2. **Austin, TX**
3. Mesa, AZ
4. Raleigh, NC
5. San Diego, CA
6. Virginia Beach, VA
7. Omaha, NE
8. Columbus, OH
9. Wichita, KS
10. New York, NY

TOP 10 CITIES FOR MOVIEMAKERS

*MovieMaker Magazine
Winter 2005*

1. New York, NY
2. **Austin, TX**
3. Philadelphia, PA
4. New Orleans, LA
5. Portland, OR
6. Chicago, IL
7. Los Angeles, CA
8. Miami, FL
9. Baltimore, MD
10. Orlando, FL

TOP HEALTHIEST CITIES IN AMERICA

*Sperling's
July 2006*

1. San Jose, CA
2. Washington, DC
3. San Francisco, CA
4. Seattle-Bellevue, WA
5. Salt Lake City, UT
6. Oakland, CA
7. Sacramento, CA
8. Orange County, CA
9. Denver, CO
10. **Austin, TX**

50 SMART PLACES TO LIVE

*Kiplinger.com June
2006*

1. Nashville, TN
2. Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
3. Albuquerque, NM
4. Atlanta, GA
5. **Austin, TX**
6. Kansas City
7. Asheville, NC
8. Ithaca, NY
9. Pittsburgh, PA
10. Iowa City, IA

TOP 10 WIRELESS CITIES

*LiveScience.com
June 2005*

1. Seattle-Bellvue-Everett-Tacoma, WA
2. San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland, CA
3. **Austin, TX**
4. Portland, OR-Vancouver, WA
5. Toledo, OH
6. Atlanta, GA
7. Denver, CO
8. Raleigh-Durham, NC
9. Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
10. Orange County, CA

THE 50 CLEANEST CITIES IN AMERICA

*Readers Digest
July 2005*

1. Portland, OR
2. San Jose, CA
3. Buffalo, NY
4. Columbus, OH
5. San Francisco, CA
6. Denver, CO
7. Rochester, NY
8. **Austin, TX**
9. Orlando, FL
10. San Diego, CA

TOP 50 SMARTEST CITIES

*Austin Business Journal
June 2006*

1. Seattle, WA
2. San Francisco, CA
3. **Austin, TX**
4. Colorado Springs, CO
5. Minneapolis, MN
12. Arlington, TX
35. Dallas, TX
38. Houston, TX
40. San Antonio, TX
48. El Paso, TX

TOP 10 METROS FOR FUTURE BUSINESS LOCATIONS

Expansion Magazine 8/2006

1. **Austin-Round Rock, TX**
2. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WIS
3. Raleigh-Cary, NC
4. Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX
5. Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land, TX
6. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-WVA
7. Madison, WS
8. Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA
9. Pittsburgh, PA
10. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ

TOP 10 CITIES FOR WALKING

*Prevention Magazine
April 2006*

1. Portland, OR
2. Colorado Springs, CO
3. Madison, WI
4. Boise City, ID
5. Las Vegas, NV
6. **Austin, TX**
7. Virginia Beach, VA
8. Anchorage, AK
9. Fremont, CA
10. Raleigh, NC

TOP 10 HOT CITIES

Entrepreneur.com 9/2005

1. Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
2. Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill, NC-SC
3. Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC
4. Las Vegas, NV-AZ
5. Indianapolis, IN
6. Washinton-Baltimore-DC-MD-VA-WV
7. Atlanta, GA
8. Nashville, TN
9. **Austin-San Marcos, TX**
10. Memphis, TN-AR-MS

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Relationships

Austin is the top of the top 10 metro areas containing the highest percentage of women from 18 to 44. According to the study Austin is 45 percent female. (July 2005) Singles are happy—Sperling's BestPlaces names Austin "The Best City for Dating" (May 2004)



Active

Runner's World names Austin 11th of the "25 Best Running Cities in America." (July 2005) and "the Coolest Host City" for the annual Motorola Marathon. (January 2004)

Condé Nast Traveler's readers choose Barton Creek Resort and Spa as having one of the top 100 Golf Courses in the world (June 2005)

The American Hiking Society named the Barton Creek Greenbelt 2nd on its "Top 10 Walking Trails." Each of the trails named can be completed in 60 to 90 minutes and are within 10 to 15 miles of a major metro area. (May 2005)

The city proves it's a world-class destination for "fat-tire fun," when **Men's Journal** makes Austin's trails #2 on its list of "The Ten Best Fall Mountain Bike Rides."



Food

Tyson Cole, owner & chef of South Austin restaurant Uchi, is one of "America's 10 Best New Chefs," according to **Food & Wine** magazine's annual ranking. (July 2005)

USA Today declares the Saviour Texas Hill Country Wine and Food Festival one of the most notable food and wine festivals in the country. (January 27, 2005)



Music & Nightlife

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 1, 2005)

Entertainment Weekly declares local radio station KGSR as one of five "Great Old-School Radio" stations, citing "an only-in-Austin blend of alt-country, hippie jams, singer-song-writers, and lots of Willie Nelson, of course." (October 21, 2005)

Austin's Mean-Eyed Cat bar makes **Condé Nast Traveler** magazine's annual "Hot Nights" list. The bar is one of only 35 bars or clubs from around the world named in the publication, including nine from the US. Oslo nightclub made the list in 2004. (May 2005)

Sports Illustrated recognized the Longhorn hangout of Scholz Beer Garten as 18 of the "25 Best Sports Bars in America," noting the bar as being the oldest continuously operated business in Texas.



Travel & Leisure

Austin joins the likes of Bermuda, Hilton Head, South Beach and Yellowstone as one of **MSNBC's** "top 10 memorial getaways." (May 26, 2005)

For the first time, Lake Austin Spa Resort ranks 10th on **Travel & Leisure** magazine's list of the world's best spas, as voted by readers. (August 2005)

-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 2005)

-Austin earns the #2 spot on **Vegetarian Times'** "Ten Greenest Cities" list. (July/August 2005)

American Style magazine chooses Austin #8 in the "Top 25 U.S. Arts Destination." (June 2005)



Business & Technology

Austin-based companies, Whole Foods Market (ranked 30) and National Instruments (ranked 40) make **Fortune magazine's** list of "100 Best Companies to Work For." (January 24, 2005)

Austin is among the coolest cities for young professionals, according to Kiplinger.com. The website cited University of Texas, the city's musicians, margaritas and cheap rent as contributing factors to the Capital City's cool factor. (September 2005)

Austin came in sixth 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)

The Austin area ranked third on **Forbes magazine's** "Best Places" for business and careers, giving the Capital City high marks for education attainment, net migration to the area and the cost of doing business in the region. (May 2005)

Austin again makes an appearance on **Forbes** magazine's "The Top 10 Places for Business" – this time ranking third. (May 24, 2004)



Families & Relocation

Austin is the "Best Large City for Relocating Families," according to **The Worldwide Employee Relocation Council (ERC)**, Primacy Relocation and Sperling's BestPlaces. (June 2004)

Austin is #1 for the second consecutive year on **Hispanic magazine's**, "Top 10 Cities for Hispanics to Live In" list. (August 2005)