

Top of the Charts

Austin continues to gain favorability as one of the nation's top travel destinations. But don't take our word for it – check out what leading publications and research firms are saying:

- *Outside* magazine names Austin the fourth best city to live in among the top 20 places in the U.S. (July 2009)
- After evaluating the costs of goods throughout the world, Frommer's Global Price Index lists Austin as one of the cities where visitors get more for their money. (July 2009)
- The Mother Nature Network recognizes Austin as one of the 10 greenest cities in the country. (July 2009)
- Austin lands the number one spot as the top U.S. city for job growth, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (June 2009)
- Austin makes the list as one of the best cities for recession recovery on Forbes.com. (June 2009)
- Austin is recognized as one of the eight ideal places for foodies to retire by *Where to Retire* magazine. (May/June 2009)
- Pitney Bowes Business Insight names Austin America's top retail city. (May 2009)
- The Austin Film Festival made *MovieMaker* magazine's list of the top 25 festivals worth the fee. (April 2009)
- *AmericanStyle* magazine readers ranked Austin #15 on the list of top art destinations in the country. (April 2009)
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Austin was the second-fastest-growing metropolitan area between 2007 and 2008. (March 2009)
- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was named the third best performing airport in North America in airport service quality by Airports Council International (ACI). (March 2009)
- Forbes.com names Austin among America's Best Cities for the Outdoors due to the mix of mild weather, plentiful park land and assortment of outdoor activities. (February 2009)
- Austin is named one of the Top 10 Budget Travel Destinations for 2009 by *Budget Travel Magazine*. (January 2009)
- *Runner's World* ranks the Austin Marathon and Half Marathon #1 on the magazine's inaugural list of the "Top 10 Greenest Races," lauding the race for implementation of reduced trash, increased recycling, natural cleaning products, composting and use of solar power. (October 2008)

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