

Top of the Charts

Austin listed among the top 10 greenest cities in the U.S. according to the Austinist as found through a survey by Popular Science. (February 2008)

Austin was listed as the best area in the country for purchasing a home by Yahoo Finance's Entrepreneur.com because of its incredible job growth and very stable home prices despite the downturn nationwide. (January 2008)

According to *MovieMaker* magazine, Austin is the #1 city in America to live and make movies, due to its industry infrastructure and "film friendly" attitude. (January 2008)

Travel+Leisure named Austin's Lake Austin Spa Resort as one of the top 10 coziest spas with the most inviting treatments in the country. (January 2008)

Forbes.com ranked Austin as the 3rd best city for jobs in America for 2008. (January 2008)

Austin ranked as one of the top metro areas in the nation for those looking for jobs on the internet by The Conference Board. (December 2007)

In a national survey of the top 10 green cities in the country by EarthLab Foundation, Austin ranked ninth. (December 2007)

Austin listed as the fourth breakout city of 2007 on *bloggingsocks.com* due to its cutting-edge business, eclectic social scene and high frequency in news stories. (November 2007)

Austin's perfect weather and great courses helped the city to be named #1 Golf City in America on CNN's *golf.com*. (November 2007)

Austin named first in the nation in producing and reading blogs by Scarborough Research. (October 2007)

Austin's *Cibo* named top restaurant in the U.S. for eating out with or making friends by USA Today. (October 2007)

Earthtimes.org lists Austin as the number 6 city in the U.S. for people who eat organic food. (October 2007)

Austin named number one of the top 27 environmentally friendly cities to live in by U.S. Private Communities.

Austin ranked number one of the 10 Great Neighborhoods in America for its preservation of it's neighborhood's while supporting development and sustainability by The American Planning Association.

Town Lake is the reason Austin was named the #1 city in America to watch fireworks on the water by the Denver Post. (June 2007)

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport listed among best spots for airport dining around the U.S. on Condé Nast's *Portfolio.com*. (September 2007)

Great wines and Southern hospitality combine to rocket Austin and the Texas Hill Country to #2 on Orbitz.com's list of the Top Ten Fastest Growing Wine Regions.

Forbes.com cites Austin's nightlife, culture and low cost of living as major reasons it appears again on Forbes' annual list of Best Places for Singles. (September 2007)

Austin is one of the hottest entrepreneurial regions in the country, according to *Inc. Magazine*'s annual Inc. 500 ranking, which spotlights companies with the biggest revenue growth from 2003 to 2006. (September 2007)

National Geographic Adventure names Austin as Texas' #1 Adventure Town in their list of "50 Best Places to Live & Play." (September 2007)

Moody's Economy.com rates Austin as the best place for business in the U.S. (August 2007)

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)

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

Fast Company magazine lists Austin as a "Startup Hub" with a creative, young population and a high number of wi-fi internet spots per capita. (July 2007)

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

Sherman's Travel lists Austin at #5 among its Top Ten Easy Spring Getaways (May 2007)

Conde Nast Traveler includes the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort & Spa on the 2007 Hot List celebrating the best and most promising new hotels in the world. (May 2007)

Kiplinger's Personal Finance rates Austin among the top five cities in the country for young singles, as part of their "Best Cities for Every Stage of Your Life." (June 2007)

Austin-Bergstrom International Airport was named Best Domestic Airport at the 2006 Airports Council International Airport Service Quality Awards held in Dubai.

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

Bizjournals.com names Austin #7 among the top job markets for young adults. Austin has added 62,100 jobs in the past five years. (April 2007)

Austin is ranked sixth on a list of the 10 U.S. cities that have integrated renewable sources of energy such as solar, wind and hydro electricity into daily life, according to SustainLane.com. (April 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)

Men's Journal names Austin as one of the top five places to "embrace urban life." (April 2007)

Austin ranks #2 on *Prevention Magazine*'s list of the "top ten cities for taking a stroll." (March 2007)

Austin is the #3 city in America for independent filmmaking, according to a recent list released at the Sundance Film Festival by *MovieMaker* magazine.

Austin is ranked #17 among *Cooking Light*'s Top 20 Healthiest Cities in America. Cities were judged on nutrition, physical health and holistic well-being. (January/February 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)

National Geographic Traveler dubs Austin "The Best Little City in America" in a feature article published in the November/December 2006 issue.

Continental Magazine names Austin "Sports Center: The Most Sports-Crazed City in the World" (due to the avid fanaticism of UT sports supporters!) (September 2006)

Paste Magazine's "The Best 24 Hours on Television" issue names PBS show and Austin original *Austin City Limits* as the best place for music on television.

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.

Expansion Management magazine puts the Austin area first among U.S. cities in the magazine's fourth annual Mayors Challenge rankings of the best cities for future business locations.

Money magazine lists Austin as #2 among the 10 best places to live, judging on financial, educational and quality of life criteria, among others. (July 2006)

Kiplinger's ranks Austin #5 among their list of 50 Smart Places to Live. (June 2006)

Sperling's BestPlaces and msn.com rate Austin among "8 Cheap Places You'd Want to Live." The survey highlights citywide economic prospects and cultural atmosphere. (July 2006)

Men's Journal ranks Austin #2 among America's Heart Healthy Cities (August 2006)

Expansion Magazine marks Austin as the #1 metropolitan location for future businesses. (August 2006)

Sperling's BestPlaces named Austin #9 among the Top Ten "Chill" Cities. The survey created a "chill index" based on the behavior of the city's residents and social opportunities the city provided. (July 2006)

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) places Austin at #8 among America's top 10 vegetarian/vegan-friendly large cities. (April 2006)

Men's Journal ranks Austin number two among the "50 Best Places to Live" based on potential for adventure, attractiveness, and affordability. (April 2006)

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