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- Texas is the No. 3 State to Start a Business in analysis based on data reflecting tax policies, the growth rate of small businesses, the likelihood of business survival, overall economic health, and workforce-related statistics. (B2B Reviews, 12/18/24)
- Austin is America's Pickleball Capital in 2024 according to analysis produced by in-person leisure learning marketplace TeachMe.To. (TeachMe.To, 12/15/24)
- Austin is one of the Top 10 Best Cities for Singles in 2025 based on comparison more than 180 U.S. cities across 35 key indicators of dating-friendliness. (WalletHub, 12/3/24)
- Austin is No. 3 on ranking of the Top 100 Cities Where America's Happiest Workers Thrive based on survey of 3,000 workers across the nation on job satisfaction. (resume.io, 11/19/24)
- OpenTable's Top 100 Restaurants of 2024 list includes 10 in Texas and 7 of those are in Austin. (OpenTable, 11/19/24)
- Texas has the No. 1 State Business Climate. In addition to garnering the overall ranking, Texas was first in the Executive Survey portion of the rankings. (Site Selection, 11/24)
- Austin is No. 1 on WalletHub's list of the Best Cities for Veterans to Live which compares the 100 largest U.S. cities across 19 key indicators including the number of military skill-related jobs, veteran income growth, and the availability of VA health facilities, and other variables. (WalletHub, 11/7/24)
- Austin is the No. 2 City with the Healthiest Population in ranking of the 46 largest cities across 8 measures related to chronic health conditions. (Forbes Advisor, 10/28/24)
- Austin is the Best College Town in America according to ranking of 400 U.S. cities based on 31 key indicators of academic, social and economic opportunities for students. (WalletHub, 10/28/24)
- Austin is one of the Top Innovation Hubs to Watch: "Austin's innovation landscape brings together research, development, and collaboration, positioning it as a 'hub of hubs' where groundbreaking advancements flourish." (Business Facilities, 10/16/24)
- Austin is the U.S. metro area with the highest share (nearly one-quarter) of remote/hybrid workers in 2023. Dominant industries in Austin like business and financial services and information technology offer remote opportunities and, at the same time, Austin's strong economy and quality of life attract professionals from around the country. (Coworking Mag, 10/1/24)
- The University of Texas at Austin ties for 7th in Top Public Schools 2025 (U.S. News & World Report, 9/23/24)
- Austin is one of the Top 10 Coffee Cities in America in ranking of the 100 largest cities based 12 indicators of "coffee-lover friendliness." (WalletHub, 9/18/24)
- Austin ranked No. 5 overall in CBRE's 2024 Scoring Tech Talent report, moving up one spot as its tech talent workforce grew 29.1% between 2018 and 2023, the highest growth rate of any U.S. tech market. Austin also ranks in the top 10 for workers specialized in AI. (CBRE, 9/4/24)
- Austin is the 16th best city in the world for entrepreneurs and the 6th best in the U.S. (SumUp, 8/22/24)
- Austin is No. 5 on World's Best Nightlife Cities ranking. (TimeOut, 8/14/24)
- Austin ranks No. 2 among the top 50 metros for improvements in income among those born to low-income families in income mobility study measuring changes in household income for people born to low-income parents across successive generations. (Opportunity Insights, 7/25/24)
- Austin is the best city in the U.S. to start a business, ranking in the top 10 for five out of the eight factors providing evidence that a city encourages innovation and entrepreneurship. (USA Today, 7/24/24)
- Austin is America's Top Rental Market in ranking of cities and towns with 75,000+ population within the 50 largest metro areas for availability of affordable renting options, job opportunities, commute times, and access to urban amenities. (Realtor.com, 7/24/24)
- Austin is 5th on America's Boomtowns: Top Cities for Economic Growth ranking of 31 cities with 500,000+ population for performance over the last 4 years on key economic and social indicators. (CoworkingCafé, 7/2/24)

- Austin is No. 8 in Most Educated Cities in ranking of the 150 largest metro areas based on 11 measures representing educational attainment, attainment gaps, and quality of education (public schools and higher education). (WalletHub, 7/2/24)
- Austin has the Best Business Climate among large metro areas in annual ranking report from Business Facilities. (Business Facilities, 6/27/24)
- Texas ranks as the Top State for the Semiconductor Industry according to Business Facilities' ranking based on factors pertinent to site selection teams for business relocation and expansion investments. (Business Facilities, 6/25/24)
- Austin is No. 15 on Resonance's 2024 America's Best Cities "place power" ranking based on statistical performance and qualitative evaluations by locals, visitors and prospective residents to determine the most desirable places to live, work or visit. Outdoors and nightlife were highlighted rankings (both at 8th). (Resonance Consultancy, 6/25/24)
- Austin ranks 3rd among markets offering the best combo of wages, hiring, and affordability for new college graduates according to analysis of ADP data representing more than 4 million people aged 20 to 29 at 27,000+ employers in the 55 largest U.S. metros. (ADP Research, 6/24/24)
- Texas ranks as the Best Business Climate. A focus on economic strength, regulatory and tax climate, infrastructure, and workforce availability is central to the Best Business Climate designation. (Business Facilities, 6/24/24)
- Austin is No. 11 in the U.S. and No. 27 globally in annual Global Startup Ecosystem Ranking. (Startup Genome, 6/10/24)
- Austin is one of the Top 10 Energy Star Cities ranking of metro areas with the most Energy Star certified buildings. (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 5/22/24)
- Austin is No. 3 on U.S. Smart Cities in 2024 ranking based on metrics related to connectivity and infrastructure, sustainability and the tech job market for the nation's 48 largest cities analyzed by PropTechOS. (SmartCitiesDive, 5/30/24)
- Austin is No. 9 on Best Places to Live in America in 2024-2025 ranking according to U.S. News & World Report analysis of the 150 largest cities. (U.S. News & World Report, 5/21/24)
- Austin is one of the 15 Friendliest Cities in the South according to Southern Living's readers poll focused on places with 40,000 or more population. Weird, lively, laidback, inviting, and genuine were words readers used to describe Austin. (Southern Living, 5/21/24)
- Three of the four fastest growing cities with 50,000 or more population in 2023 were in the Austin metro area: Georgetown ranked No. 1 with 10.6% growth over the last year, Kyle ranked No. 2 with 9.0%, and Leander ranked No. 4 with 7.6%. (U.S. Census Bureau, 5/15/24)
- Austin is No. 3 on ranking of 2024's Most Popular Boating Cities in America based on boat rental and charter activity on Austin's expansive waterways, notably Lake Austin and Lake Travis. (getmyboat.com, 5/15/24)
- Austin is No. 1 in Top Rental Markets for College Graduates in ranking of 313 cities in the 50 largest metro areas based on rental affordability and availability, job market favorability, culture, and liveliness. (Realtor.com, 5/7/24)
- Austin is the Best City to Start a Business in ranking of the 46 most populous metros based on startup activity including startup job creation, overall economic growth, and other indicators. (USA Today, 4/30/24)
- For the 20th year in a row, Texas was named the Best State for Business in annual survey of U.S. CEOs. (Chief Executive, 4/24/24)
- Austin ranks 7th on Hottest Job Markets list from the Wall Street Journal and stands out as having the highest labor force participation rate among large metros. (Wall Street Journal, 4/8/24)
- Austin is one of The World's Top Startup Cities, ranking 16th globally and 8th nationally based on analysis of the scale and maturity of their venture capital ecosystem over the past six years. (Pitchbook, 4/18/24)
- Austin is No. 3 on annual ranking of the United States Most Dynamic Metros based on data for area growth, young-firm prevalence and employment, education, income and other factors summarizing a region's vitality. (Heartland Forward, 4/3/24)
- Science, technology, engineering & math occupations account for 11.5% of all jobs in Austin in 2023, making Austin the 5th most concentrated in STEM among large U.S. metros. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 4/3/2024)
- Austin ranked No. 4 among top metros for net tech employment job gains, and the metro ranked No. 3 among the top cities for tech economic impact as a percent of the local economy with 22.2%. (CompTIA, 4/3/23)
- Austin, ranking as the 8th largest Innovation Geography globally and 3rd in the Americas, is also the No. 1 Market to Watch globally based in its low tax environment, strong cultural scene, improving air connectivity, Big Tech presence, and the highly regarded University of Texas at Austin. (JLL, 3/25/24)
- Austin the IDC Smart Cities North America Award winner in the Smart Buildings category for Whisper Valley, the largest sustainable community of zero-energy capable homes in the nation. (International Data Corporation, 3/24/24)
- East Eleventh Street in Austin ranks at No. 3, in "The 30 coolest streets in the world" ranking from urban culture-focused publisher Time Out. (Time Out, 3/13/24)
- Austin is the Best City for Entrepreneurs in ranking of the top 50 American cities based on small business funding opportunities and tax burden. (The Zebra, 3/11/24)
- Austin ranks 4th among U.S. Cities that Could Incubate the Next Great Quantum Technology Ecosystem in examination of regions with the research, entrepreneurship, ready workforce, and pro-innovation institutions needed to join the top echelon of quantum hotspots (Chicago, Colorado, Massachusetts and California). (The Quantum Insider, 3/4/24)
- Austin ranks No. 1 for Growth, No. 4 for Prosperity, and No. 6 for Inclusion in annual Metro Monitor rankings based on economic performance data over the last decade in the nation's 54 largest metro areas. (Brookings Institution, 3/5/24)
- Austin is one of the Top 10 Hardest-Working Cities in America in ranking of the 116 largest U.S. cities on measures of employment, work schedules, volunteering and other measures. (WalletHub, 2/19/24)
- Austin is the Best-Performing City in annual assessment of economic growth and access to opportunities in U.S. metropolitan areas. Austin's success is due to its labor market performance and a robust tech sector exhibiting fast and balanced growth. (Milken Institute, 2/6/24)