Top Reasons Why

Austin Is A Great Place To Live

Austin is truly a city with heart and soul. It brims with both southern tradition and quirky eccentricity. The area is politically charged and culturally rich. A high-tech big city meets a low-key college town. A city far from ordinary, it's the kind of place where you check your worries at the city limits sign, trade in fancy suits for something a bit more casual and prepare for experiences you'll find only in Austin. Below is a listing of the most recent acknowledgments and accolades that Austin has received from official studies, public opinion polls, online news and print media at both state, national and even global levels.

Economy

Austin remains the **#1 Best Place to Live in the U.S.** for the third year in a row, due to its robust job market, quality of life, value and overall desirability.
U.S. News, April 2019 | usnews.com

In the annual report, Where America's Jobs are Created and Sustained, Austin is ranked the **#3 Best Performing City**.
The Milken Institute, January 2019 | milkeninstitute.org

When adjusted for cost of living, Austin has the nation's **Highest Average Tech Worker Salary.**
Hired, June 2019 | hired.com

With the highest startup density and best nonemployer growth, Austin is the **#1 Best U.S. City for Startups.**
CommercialCafe. June 2019 | commercialcafe.com

32.7% of Austin startups are owned by women, making it the **#2 City With the Most Female Entrepreneurs.**
Seek Capital, April 2019 | seekcapital.com

With a three-year revenue growth rate of 259%, Austin is the **#2 Hottest Startup City in America.**
Inc., August 2019 | inc.com

Austin's booming development projects, deep pool of talent and attractive lifestyle make it the **#1 Best U.S. Market for Overall Real Estate Prospects**.
Urban Land Institute, September 2019 | americas.uli.org

Austin's population increased by 2.5% from 2017 to 2018, making it the **Fastest Growing Major Metropolitan Area** in the country for the eighth consecutive year.
U.S. Census Bureau, April 2019

Among America's 100 largest cities, Austin has the best business environment, making it the overall **#4 Best Place to Start a Business.**
WalletHub, May 2019 | wallethub.com

With a 15.1% increase in privately-held companies surpassing $1 million in revenue, Austin is the **#1 Metro With the Biggest Jump in Private Million-Dollar Businesses.**
LendingTree, July 2019 | lendingtree.com

Education

Austin remains the **#1 Best College City in America**, earning high marks across the key indicators of academic, social and economic opportunities for students.
WalletHub, December 2019 | wallethub.com

The University of Texas at Austin is the **#1 Best College in Texas** due to its high graduation rate, academic quality, affordability and diverse campus life.
BestColleges.com, 2019 | bestcolleges.com

The University of Texas at Austin is one of **America's 50 Best Universities**, with an impressive #5 ranking in business programs, which includes the #1 ranked accounting program.
U.S. News, September 2019 | usnews.com

The University of Texas at Austin is among the top 2% **Best Global Universities**, based on 13 key indicators that measure academic research performance and reputation.
U.S. News, September 2019 | usnews.com

Graded rigorously on criteria such as college readiness, academics, teachers, health/safety, facilities and athletics, Eanes ISD is the **#1 Best School District** in Texas.
Niche, 2019 | niche.com

Austin ISD's Liberal Arts and Science Academy is the **#1 Best College Prep Public High School** in Texas.
Niche, 2019 | niche.com

Ranked second in quality of education and attainment gap, Austin is the overall **#9 Most Educated City in America.**
WalletHub, July 2019 | wallethub.com

Food And Entertainment

With the most award-wining craft breweries in Texas and an equally impressive beer-and-food-pairing game, Austin is the **World's #1 Beer Travel Destination.**
Vinepair, January 2019 | vinepair.com

The Old Settler's Music Festival (#5) and the Austin City Limits Music Festival (#9) are two of the **10 Best Music Festivals in North America.**
USA Today's 10Best, March 2019 | 10best.com

Mexican restaurant Suerte combines traditional Mexican cooking techniques with locally-sourced ingredients and is ranked the **#2 Best New Restaurant in America.**
Food & Wine, May 2019 | foodandwine.com

Austin's top-notch food scene includes award-winning barbecue, extensive taco menus and pillowy dougnuts, making it the **Best Food City in Texas.**
Thrillist, March 2019 | thrillist.com

With its storied film history, indie film festivals, arthouse theaters and welcoming community, Austin climbs up to the **#8 Best Place to Live and Work As a Moviemaker.**
MovieMaker, January 2019 | moviemaker.com

Having a little bit of everything for everyone, Austin is one of the **15 Most Fun Cities in America.**
WalletHub, September 2019 | wallethub.com

In a comparison of America's 100 most populated cities, Austin is hailed as a city that "truly has it all", making it one of the **Best U.S. Cities for Live Music.**
ClickitTicket, May 2019 | clickitticket.com

Austin originals Franklin Barbecue and La Barbecue both made the list of the **Best BBQ Joints in America.**
Thrillist, August 2019 | thrillist.com

In a study that compares the three most-reviewed brunch spots in America's 50 largest metro areas, Austin is the **Least Expensive City for Brunch Mimosas.**
Sky Blue Credit, August 2019 | skybluecredit.com

Ranked on affordability, diversity, accessibility and quality, Austin is one of the **10 Best Foodie Cities in America.**
WalletHub, October 2019 | wallethub.com

Lifestyle And Environment

Austin is the **#1 State Capital to Live In** for the third year in a row, based on its affordability, economic well-being, quality of education, health and overall quality of life.
WalletHub, February 2019 | wallethub.com

Rounding out the list of **Top 10 Metros for Sustainable Development**, Austin is a proven leader in both green initiatives and corporate social responsibility.
Site Selection Magazine, July 2019 | siteselection.com

Austin is the **#4 Most Pet-Friendly City in America**, with the second-best score for pet health and wellness.
WalletHub, August 2019 | wallethub.com

Ranked first in transportation and green infrastructure and second in connectivity, Austin is the **#1 Smart City in Texas.**
AT&T All Home Connections, February 2019 | attsavings.com

Austin is the **#1 Best City for Dating**, with the highest percentage of singles who report satisfaction with their dating opportunities.
Apartment List, February 2019 | apartmentlist.com

With over 250 live music venues, an aquarium, a zoo, art galleries, unique shops and boutiques, beautiful parks, wineries, craft breweries and so much more, Austin is one of the **6 Best Places for a Weekend Getaway in the South.**
Trips to Discover, April 2019 | tripstodiscover.com

Austin is the **#4 Place Where People With Disabilities Are Faring Best**, based on a study that compares statistics such as employment rate and median household income between disabled and non-disabled populations.
MagnifyMoney, February 2019 | magnifymoney.com

The City of Austin ranks 5th on the EPA's Green Power Partnership **Top 30 Local Government** list, with green power electricity comprising 100% of the city's total electricity use.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, October 2019 | epa.gov

Austin is the **#2 Best Place for Veterans to Live**, based on veteran-specific metrics relating to employment, economy, quality of life and health.
WalletHub, November 2019 | wallethub.com

In a comparison of U.S. cities with over 300,000 residents, Austin is the **#2 Best Big City to Live In.**
WalletHub, July 2019 | wallethub.com

Based on the quality of local attractions, tourism statistics and travel site reviews, Austin easily makes the list of **North America's 10 Most Romantic Cities.**
DatingAdvice.com, February 2019 | datingadvice.com

Austin is one of the **15 Happiest Cities in America**, scoring well across the metrics of emotional and physical well-being, income and employment.
WalletHub, March 2019 | wallethub.com

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