

Best In The Nation!

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Misc. Grooviness

Austin again makes Men's Journal's list of "50 Best Places to Live"— this time at number 35. The city also received the "Best Nightlife" accolade, beating out New York City; was third on the city with the "Best Women"; fourth "Fastest Growing Cities" and fifth "Smartest" city. (April 2005)

-According to Dog Fancy Austin is one of the top 10 cities to be a dog. (November 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 number two spot on Vegetarian Times' "Ten Greenest Cities" list. (July/August 2005)



Arts

-Alamo Drafthouse is the number one theatre in America, according to Entertainment Weekly, calling it, "movie-geek heaven." (August 12, 2005)

-Local film director Robert Rodriguez is one of the nation's 25 most influential Hispanics, according to Time magazine. (August 16, 2005)

American Style magazine chooses Austin eighth as a "Top 25 US 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)

Sperling's Best Places touts Austin at the 4th most unwired city and the University of Texas at Austin at the 3rd most unwired college or university in the nation.

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

Visa USA Inc.'s 2004 "Innovation Index" names Austin places Austin first on the "Top 10 Places Where Ideas Happen." (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)

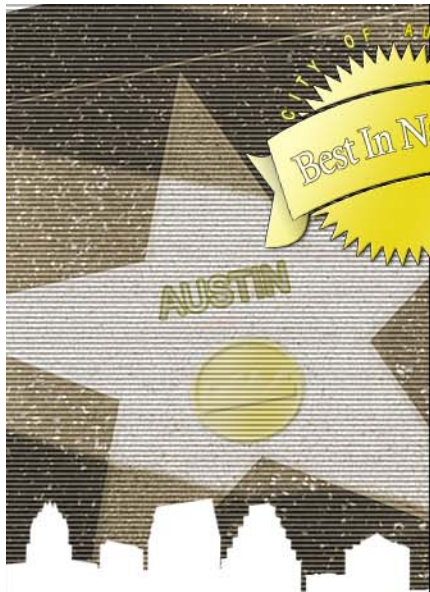
-Austin is number one for the second consecutive year on Hispanic magazine's, "Top 10 Cities for Hispanics to Live In" list. (August 2005)



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)



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★ 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 number two on its "top 10 top 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."

★ Environmental

Austin ranks eighth of "America's Cleanest Cities," according to Reader's Digest. (July 2005)

★ 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)

★ 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)

Publishers Weekly magazine bestows Book People with its coveted Bookseller of the Year award. (March 2005)

According to a study by UHAUL International Inc., Austin ranked third on its list of fastest growing cities, sighting a growth spurt of about 6.4 percent in 2004.

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

MovieMaker magazine names Austin as number two in its "Top 10 Cities For MovieMakers," an annual ranking of the "best cities for independents to live and make movies." The Capital City has appeared on this notable list for five consecutive years. (Winter 2005)

The J.D. Power and Associates 2003 Global Airport Satisfaction Study scored Austin-Bergstrom International Airport highest of all airports its size. Additionally, ABIA ranked in the top airports of any size worldwide for overall satisfaction. (Winter 2004)

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