

## Top of the Charts

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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