

Top of the Charts

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)

Austin is one of America's three smartest cities, according to *bizjournals.com*. More than 40% of Austin adults have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

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, citing Mayor Will Wynn's efforts to make Austin the fittest city in the U.S. by 2010. (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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