



The Top 20 Reasons Why it ROCKS To Live in Central Texas

2018 Media Accolades and Honorable Mentions

We all know that Austin is the Live Music Capital of the world. Centered in the heart of Texas, Austin and the surrounding area is hustling and bustling with arts, activities, awesome people, and yes, a tad of weirdness. In the recent decades it's grown from an oversized college town to one of the nation's largest cities, annually making a splash with rock star fame in the worldwide press. Below are some of the latest reasons, hot off the press why Central Texas is a pretty awesome place to call home.

Economy and Business

#4 Best Metro Area for STEM Professionals *WalletHub*, January 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-metro-areas-for-stem-professionals/9200/>

Top 10 fastest growing job markets *HowMuch.net*, October 2018
<https://howmuch.net/articles/cities-adding-the-most-jobs>

Austin is the fastest growing large city in America
WalletHub, October 2018 | <https://wallethub.com/edu/fastest-growing-cities/7010/>

Ranked #6 Among the top tech talent markets *CBRE*, October 2018
www.cbre.com/research-and-reports/Scoring-Tech-Talent-in-North-America-2018

Austin & Round Rock are among the 20 Fastest Growing Cities in America *WalletHub*, October 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/fastest-growing-cities/7010/>

Lifestyle and Culture

Among The Top 13 Most Tourist-Friendly Cities *Expedia*, September 2018
<https://viewfinder.expedia.com/features/16-tourist-friendly-cities-u-s/>

Among the 15 Most Fun Cities in America *WalletHub*, September 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-winter-holiday-destinations/7930/>

Listed in the Top 10 Best Foodie Cities *WalletHub*, October 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-foodie-cities/7522/>

#6 Best Winter Vacation Destinations for Warm-Weather Lovers

WalletHub, October 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-winter-holiday-destinations/7930/>

#6 of The Best Cities to Raise a Family *SmartAsset*, February 2018
<https://smartasset.com/mortgage/best-cities-to-raise-a-family-2018>

Among the Hardest-Working Cities in America

WalletHub, February 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/hardest-working-cities-in-america/10424/>

#17 Healthiest Cities *WalletHub*, February 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/healthiest-cities/31072/>

Best Place to Live in the U.S. *News & World Report*, April 2018
<https://realestate.usnews.com/places/rankings/best-places-to-live>

#3 Best City to Live In *WalletHub*, July 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-large-cities-to-live-in/14358/>

#8 of the Top 10 Places to Retire *WalletHub*, August 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-places-to-retire/6165/>

#4 Most Pet-Friendly City *WalletHub*, August 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/most-pet-friendly-cities/5562/>

#6 of 10 Cities Americans are Flocking to where Salaries are Rising *CNBC*, September 2018
www.cnn.com/2018/09/11/top-10-us-cities-where-salaries-are-rising.html

Best Place for Veterans to Live *WalletHub*, November 2018
<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-veterans/8156/>

Best Big City to Live in Right Now
Money, November 2018 | <http://time.com/money/5453709/best-big-cities/>

The University of Texas is #5 of Colleges with the Best Student Life in America
Niche, December 2018 | www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-student-life/

