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Jobs & Employment

- Austin ranked 4th of the 200 largest U.S. metros based on how well they are creating and sustaining jobs and economic growth. 2011 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index, December 2011.
- Texas tops Forbes' list of the best states for jobs and Moody's Analytics forecasts employment will expand 2.9% annually through . Forbes, December, 2011.
- Texas Leads Nation in Veteran Employment. Texas Veterans Commission, September 2011.
- Austin ranked 5th on a list of U.S. metros with the most healthy employment outlooks. Manpower Employment Outlook Survey, September 2011.
- America's 20 Geekiest Cities: Austin places 12th for percentage of workers with jobs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Forbes, August 2011.
- Austin is ranked #1 among 65 large metros for job growth. New Geography, April 2011.
- Austin ranks as America's 5th Strongest Job Market. Business Journals On Numbers, April 2011.
- Austin is the 2nd Best City to Find a Job. Ajilon Professional Staffing, March 2011.
- Austin is ranked America's 3rd Best Job Market. Forbes, January 2011.
- Austin ranks 2nd on the Milken Institute's Best-Performing Cities 2010: Where America's Jobs are Created and Sustained. Milken Institute, October 2010.
- Austin ranked in the Top 10 for Best Quality of Life by Portfolio.com, May 2010.

Business

- Austin ranks third for office investment over the next five years. Grubb & Ellis, January, 2012
- Austin places 8th on MarketWatch's annual Best Cities for Business list. Marketwatch, December, 2011
- Texas ranked 3rd on 2011 Small Business Survival Index ranking of state policy climates for entrepreneurship. Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, November 2011.
- Austin ranks in the top 10 of U.S. "Innovation Cities" in an annual global ranking. 2thinknow, November 2011.
- "America's 20 Can-Do Capitals" puts Austin at No. 10 among the 200 largest cities based on business development, sustainability, livability, and transportation and infrastructure. The Daily Beast, August 2011.
- Forbes calls Austin America's No. 1 "boom town". Forbes Magazine, July 2011.
- Austin was named a top 10 emerging commercial real estate market. Real Estate Forum, June 2011.
- Austin ranks 4th in annual "economic strength" ranking. POLICOM Corp, May 2011.
- Texas is the Best State for Business for the 7th consecutive year. Chief Executive Magazine, May 2011.
- Texas offers the second Best State Tax System for Entrepreneurship & Small Businesses. Small Business & entrepreneurship Council, April 2011.
- Austin leads the nation in Small Business Vitality rankings. Business Journal, April 2011.
- Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is ranked 3rd in North America and 5th globally in its size class according to the annual Airport Service Quality Awards. Airports Council International, March 2011.
- Austin is the 10th Fastest-Growing Exporter in the U.S. July 2010.
- Austin tops multiple Business Facilities Metro Rankings: #1 for Quality of Life, #1 for Renewable Energy Availability, and #2 among Greenest Metros. Business Facilities, July, 2010.
- Texas ranked as the Best State for Business by Chief Executive, June 2010.

Housing

- Austin is one of the top 5 Real Estate Markets to Watch. 2012 PwC & the Urban Land Institute forecast. October 2011.
- Austin's favorable employment and housing market conditions put it among Top 10 Towns for Working Towards a Home Purchase. Move.com, August, 2011.
- Austin is one of top 10 markets in the U.S. for Realtors--it has the highest per capita sales, the fastest moving inventory, and the greatest median price gain. Inman, August 2011.

TEXAS HAS BEST BUSINESS CLIMATE IN THE U.S.

Texas has the best business climate in the U.S., according to Site Selection magazine. Executives who participated in the survey ranked Texas the best state in 2011 for business based on its lack of red tape, financial assistance and government cooperation with businesses.

TIME Magazine World recently featured a full-length article titled Red State, Green City: How Austin Has Become America's Clean-Tech Hub, and is expected to run in the national print edition at the end of January 2012.

AUSTIN LEADS NATION IN SMALL BUSINESS VITALITY RANKINGS

Austin is the U.S. market that is most conducive to the creation and development of small businesses, according to the latest "On Numbers" rankings in The Business Journal. Austin has outstanding statistical records in categories with a direct impact on small business activity: population, employment, and small business growth. May 2011

Texas adds 732,800 jobs over the last 10 years, no other state tops 100,000 Texas has enjoyed an unequalled economic boom the past 10 years. The inventory of private-sector jobs in Texas increased by 732,800 between April 2001 and the same month this year, according to an On Numbers analysis of new federal employment data. No other state registered an increase of more than 100,000 private-sector jobs during the decade. The Business Journals On Numbers, May 2011.

AUSTIN #5 ON "CITIES ON THE EDGE" LIST OF AMERICAN CITIES POISED FOR GREATNESS IN SPORTS, ARTS, MUSIC AND CULTURE

Spearling's Best Places, Austin, TX: Known for its "Keep Austin Weird" tagline, Austin may soon boast about greatness instead. The "Live Music Capital of the World" ranks fourth in the category of indie music and nails the top spot in the city category with a high percentage of young, well-educated residents, a healthy economy and substantial green building activity. May 2011

- Austin takes top spot out of 100 best places to live. Relocate America, August, 2011.
- Austin is ranked the #2 Healthiest Market for Home Builders. Builder Magazine, March 2011.
- Austin is among the 10 Best Cities to Invest in Office Real Estate. Grubb & Ellis, January 2011.

Lifestyle, Sports & Events

- Round Rock makes list of Top 10 Perfect Suburbs. CNBC, August 2011
- Austin is one of the top 10 Healthiest Cities for Women. Women's Health Magazine, January 2012.
- Austin ranks 12th on new "America's Best Cities" list focused on quality of life metrics. BusinessWeek.com, September 2011.
- Austin places in top 20 for population growth over the last decade, adding nearly 467,000 metro area residents. Rice University. July 2011.
- Austin ranks 5th on "Cities on the Edge" list of American cities poised for greatness in sports, arts, music and culture. Spearling's Best Places, May 2011.
- Austin ranks 3rd on the Best Cities for Staying Young survey of the 50 largest metros. RealAge, April 2011.
- Austin has the 2nd highest well-being of any metropolitan area with more than one million residents. Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, March 2011.
- Austin is the 4th Best City to Live, Work and Make Movies. MovieMaker, March 2011.
- Austin is one of the Best American Cities to Live and Work. Business Review USA, January 2011.
- Austin places 4th on Farmer's Insurance Most Secure Place to Live. Spearling's BestPlaces, December 2010.
- Austin ranks #12 on America's 25 Best Cities for Shopping list in 2011. Forbes, December 2010.
- Austin is rated among America's 10 Most Affordable Cities by Forbes, November, 2010.
- Austin was named in Travelocity's Top 10 Fall Hotspots, September 2010.
- Austin ranked as the #3 Dog-Friendly City in the US by dogfriendly.com, May 2010.
- Austin ranks 1st on the list of the Best Cities for the Next Decade by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, July 2010.
- Austin ranks 1st on the list of the Ten Best Places for Your Future by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, July 2010.
- Austin ranked in the Top 10 for Best Quality of Life by Portfolio.com, May 2010.

Environment

- Austin has the 6th lowest crime rate among cities with 500,000 or more population and Round Rock comes in 11th safest among cities with 100,000 or more population. CQ Press, December 2011.
- Austin is One of the Top Generators for Green Jobs. The Brookings Institution. July 2011.
- Austin is ranked as the #1 metropolitan area for 24-hour particle pollution and has some of the cleanest air in the country. American Lung Association, State of the Air, May 2011.
- Dell ranks #1 in Newsweek's 2010 Green Rankings. Newsweek, December 2010.
- Austin is one of the 10 hottest cities for Clean-Tech Job Activity. Clean Edge, Clean Tech Job Trends, 2010.
- Texas is ranked #1 for U.S. Wind Power Capacity added. U.S. Department of Energy, August 2010.
- The American Lung Association's State of the Air 2010 report ranked Austin among the Cleanest Air Cities. April 2010.

Education

- U.S. News & World Report has recognized St. Edward's as one of "America's Best Colleges.", January 2012.
- St. Edward's University has been named to the 2012 Best Colleges: Region by Region by The Princeton Review. January 2012.
- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board designated Texas State University as an emerging research university. January 2012.
- UT Austin ranks 8th on 2011 Top 25 Graduate Entrepreneur Programs list. Entrepreneur, October 2011.
- St. Edward's University is recognized as one of "America's Best Colleges". Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP), 2011.
- UT Austin ranks on Kiplinger's Best Values in Public Colleges 2011. Kiplinger's Personal Finance, February 2011.
- UT Austin named 9th Best Graduate Program for Entrepreneurs. Entrepreneur, October 2010.
- Austin ranked 7th on Daily Beast's America's Smartest Cities list, November 2010.
- Austin ranked 6th among America's Smartest Cities by CNNMoney.com, October 2010.
- Austin has the 6th Highest Percentage of Residents with a College Degree in the United States according to CNNMoney.com and the U.S. Census Bureau. October 2010.
- University of Texas at Austin was named the 12th Best Executive M.B.A. Program by The Wall Street Journal, September 2010.

Technology

- Austin ranks among nine metropolitan areas with a strong supply of IT talent, low competition and favorable employment costs. KLG Advisors, April 2011.
- Austin is in the Top 10 American Cities of the Future 2011-2012. fDi Intelligence, May 2011.
- Austin was ranked the 8th Most Socially Networked City in the U.S. Men's Health, March 2011.
- Austin is ranked the 2nd IT Startup Hotspot. PayScale, January 2011.
- Austin is named the Best City for Telecommuters. AOL DailyFinance, December 2010.
- Austin ranks 4th for the Most Business Users of Social Networks in a Netprospect report, September 2010.
- Austin ranked #2 on the list of America's Most Innovative Cities by Forbes, May 2010.

AUSTIN LEADS IN SMALL BUSINESS CREATION

New York Times Business Blog has successful Austinites explain why Austin is a hotbed for small business relocation. Interesting factors such as 'urban economics' are cited in addition to the traditional ones, such as a strong business climate, skilled work force, and high quality of life. May 2011

AUSTIN IS RANKED #3 IN REALAGE'S TOP 10 YOUNGEST CITIES IN AMERICA

RealAge analyzed data from the 50 largest metropolitan areas to see which has the population with the youngest RealAge and which has the oldest. Listening to all those sweet songs in this city known by some as the "live music capital of the world" is clearly helping Austinites sleep soundly. Austin-San Marcos ranks #1 for sleep, which means these Texans are getting the ZZZs they need in order to be the third-youngest city in the United States.

THE HEALTHIEST MARKETS IN 2011 FOR HOME BUILDING

Austin's housing fundamentals continued to show solid improvement. The metro area enjoys some of the strongest job growth in the nation. Employment accelerated last year with the addition of 18,700 more jobs, most of them in service industries, lowering the unemployment rate to 7%. Google recently fanned the employment flames by announcing it wants to open a division there dedicated to location-based marketing and mobile recommendations.

Austin has grown to become the 15th largest city in the nation, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Its strong fundamentals have attracted the interest of apartment owners and developers: MPF Research forecasts that it will be the second best apartment performer this year.

AUSTIN RANKS 3 FOR BEST CLEANTECH CITIES IN NATION

With a large array of renewable resources, a dedication by businesses and homeowners to become more energy efficient, and a large hub for research and development, Austin ranks third in the nation's Top 10 Cities for Cleantech. Austin has long been Texas' hub for solar, wind, geothermal, and biomass power, as well as fuel cell technologies. Clean Techies May 2011