

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- #2 North American Metro Area for Competitiveness in the Business & Financial Services Industry
Source: Conway Inc. and Site Selection Magazine, “The World’s Most Competitive Cities, 2017,” Spring 2017
- #2 Metro Area for Concentration of Non-employer Businesses (those with no paid employees, expressed as a ratio per 100,000 residents)
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “The Cities Where Companies Thrive,” February 24, 2017
- #4 North American Metro Area for Competitiveness in the Transportation & Logistics Industry
Source: Conway Inc. and Site Selection Magazine, “The World’s Most Competitive Cities, 2017,” Spring 2017
- #5 North American Metro Area for Competitiveness in the Chemicals & Plastics Industry
Source: Conway Inc. and Site Selection Magazine, “The World’s Most Competitive Cities, 2017,” Spring 2017
- #6 Metro Area for Number of Capital Investment Projects (among metros with population over 1 million)
Source: Site Selection, “2016 Governor’s Cups,” March 1, 2017
- #7 Major American City of the Future 2017/18 (overall)
Source: fDi Intelligence, “American Cities of the Future, 2017/18,” April 18, 2017
- #7 Major American City of the Future 2017/18 for Economic Potential
Source: fDi Intelligence, “American Cities of the Future, 2017/18,” April 18, 2017
- #7 Major American City of the Future 2017/18 for Business Friendliness
Source: fDi Intelligence, “American Cities of the Future, 2017/18,” April 19, 2017
- #7 North American City of the Future 2017/18 (overall)
Source: fDi Intelligence, “American Cities of the Future, 2017/18,” April 20, 2017
- #7 Hottest Hotel Market
Source: CBRE, “Top Hotel Markets for RevPAR Growth 2016 to 2018,” June 15, 2017
- #8 American City of the Future 2017/18 (overall)
Source: fDi Intelligence, “American Cities of the Future, 2017/18,” April 21, 2017

TECHNOLOGY

- #2 North American Metro Area for Competitiveness in the IT & Communications Industry
Source: Conway Inc. and Site Selection Magazine, “The World’s Most Competitive Cities, 2017,” Spring 2017
- #2 Next Big Tech Hubs That Are (Still) Affordable
Source: Realtor.com, “Silicon Valley Shake-Up: These Are the Next Top Tech Towns,” April 24, 2017
- #3 City Poised to Become Tomorrow’s Tech Meccas
Source: Forbes, “5 Cities Poised to Become Tomorrow’s Tech Meccas,” March 23, 2017
- 1 of 7 Cities That Could Become The World’s Cybersecurity Capital
Source: Fortune, “7 Cities That Could Become the World’s Cybersecurity Capital,” April 6, 2017
- Runner-up to the Top 20 Tech Startup Ecosystems Globally; Among the Top 10 Tech Startup Ecosystems Nationally
Source: Startup Genome, “2017 Global Startup Ecosystem Report,” May 1, 2017
- #10 Metro Area for Bachelor & Graduate Degrees Awarded Per Year in Computer & Information Science & Services
Source: Site Selection Group, “2017 U.S. Tech City Ranking Report,” July 2017

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- #3 City for Minority Entrepreneurs
Source: Expert Market, “Best Cities for Minority Entrepreneurs,” May 9, 2017
- #6 City for Startup Costs & Access to Funding
Source: Expert Market, “Best Cities for Minority Entrepreneurs,” May 9, 2017
- #6 City for Corporate Innovation
Source: Innovation Leader Magazine, “Top 10 Cities for Innovation,” May 30, 2017
- #8 City with the Most Small Businesses (130,649)
Source: American City Business Journals, “Small Business in America: The Cities with the Most Small Businesses,” February 22, 2017
- #9 City for Rate of New Entrepreneurs
Source: Expert Market, “Best Cities for Minority Entrepreneurs,” May 9, 2017

JOBS

- #1 Metro Area for Openings for STEM Graduates per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals,” January 10, 2017
- #1 City for Remote Workers
Source: Forbes, “Top 10 Cities for Remote Workers,” February 14, 2017
- #1 City for Number of Call Center Employees
Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 25 Metro Areas with Highest Number of Call Center Workers,” June 26, 2017
- #1 City for Availability of Internships (tie)
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Top Cities for Summer Jobs,” May 23, 2017
- #3 City for Job Opportunities
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Cities for Jobs,” January 3, 2017
- #4 U.S. City for Office-Using Job Growth
Source: Cushman & Wakefield, “Are we overbuilding? Office Forecasts for over 100 Global Cities 2017-2019,” July 21, 2017
- #4 City for Most Entry-Level Jobs (per 100,000 working-age population)
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Places to Start a Career,” May 16, 2017
- #4 City for Youth Market for Summer Jobs
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Top Cities for Summer Jobs,” May 23, 2017
- #4 City to Live and Work as a Filmmaker
Source: Moviemaker.com, “Best Place to Work and Live as a Filmmaker,” January 18, 2017
- #5 Metro Area for Highest Job Creation Index, 2016
Source: Gallup’s Job Creation Index, “Houston Falls from No. 1 to Tie for last place in Job Creation,” February 15, 2017
- #5 City for Freelancers and Telecommuters
Source: Realtor.com, “Top 10 Cities for Freelancers and Telecommuters,” July 9, 2017
- #6 City to Start a Career
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Places to Start a Career,” May 16, 2017
- #6 City for Job Seekers
Source: NerdWallet, “2017’s Best Cities for Job Seekers,” December 19, 2016
- #6 Metro Area for Professional Opportunities for STEM Jobs
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals,” January 10, 2017

- #7 City for Summer Jobs
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Top Cities for Summer Jobs,” May 23, 2017
- #8 City for Professional Opportunities
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Places to Start a Career,” May 17, 2017
- #8 Metro Area for STEM Professionals
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals,” January 10, 2017
- #8 City for Gamer & Developer Opportunities
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 14, 2017
- #10 Metro Area for Absolute Tech Job Growth, adding 9,500 digital services jobs from 2013-2015
Source: The Brookings Institution, “Tech in Metros: The Strong Are Getting Stronger,” March 8, 2017
- 1 of 10 Cities for Open Jobs
Source: Glassdoor, “10 of the Best Cities for Open Jobs,” June 16, 2017

QUALITY OF LIFE

- #1 Moving Destination in the Nation for 2016, marking its 7th straight year in first place
Source: Penske, “Penske Truck Rental Announces 2016 Top Moving Destinations,” February 8, 2017
- #1 City for Fitness Centers per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for an Active Lifestyle,” January 6, 2017
- #1 City for Venues & Event Spaces per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Get Married,” January 31, 2017
- #1 City for Brunch Restaurants per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Celebrate Easter,” April 11, 2017
- #1 City for Bridal Shops per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Get Married,” January 31, 2017
- #1 Place to Celebrate 4th of July
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Celebrate 4th of July,” June 26, 2017



- #1 City for Major League Soccer Attendance (Atlanta United)
Source: The Associated Press, “Fans Unite! Atlanta Soccer Team Leads League in Attendance,” July 12, 2017
- #1 City for Pet-Friendly Restaurants per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 8, 2017
- #2 City for Fitness
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Healthiest Cities in America,” February 13, 2017
- #3 City for Restaurants per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for Keeping your New Year’s Resolutions,” January 3, 2017
- #3 City for Hotels per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Get Married,” January 31, 2017
- #3 City for Musicians & DJs per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Get Married,” January 31, 2017
- #3 City for Videographers & Photographers per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Get Married,” January 31, 2017
- #3 City to Get Married
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Places to Get Married,” January 31, 2017
- #3 City for Gaming Environment
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 14, 2017
- #4 Place for Lowest Travel Cost & Fewest Hassles
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Visit in Summer,” May 17, 2017
- #4 City for Meetings
Source: WalletHub, “Top 50 Meeting Destination,” May 17, 2017
- #5 City for Recreation
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Recreation,” July 6, 2017
- #5 City for Lowest Average Food Price
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Recreation,” July 6, 2017
- #5 City for Swimming Pools per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for an Active Lifestyle,” January 6, 2017
- #5 City for Gamers
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 14, 2017



- #5 City for Most Tennis Courts per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for an Active Lifestyle,” January 6, 2017
- #6 U.S. Destination You Need to See in 2017
Source: Lonely Planet, “Best in the U.S.,” December 6, 2016
- #6 City for Sports Clubs per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for an Active Lifestyle,” January 6, 2017
- #6 Place to Visit in Summer
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Visit in Summer,” May 15, 2017
- #7 City for Keeping New Year’s Resolutions
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for Keeping your New Year’s Resolutions,” January 3, 2017
- #7 City for Valentine’s Day
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Places for Valentine’s Day,” February 8, 2017
- #7 City for Staycation
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Staycation,” June 2, 2017
- #7 City for Theatres & Concert Halls per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Staycation,” June 2, 2017
- #7 City for Attractions & Activities for 4th of July
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Places to Celebrate 4th of July,” June 26, 2017
- #8 City for an Active Lifestyle
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for an Active Lifestyle,” January 6, 2017
- #8 City for Number of Churches per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Places to Celebrate Easter,” April 11, 2017
- #8 City for Spas & Wellness Centers per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Cities for Staycation,” May 31, 2017
- #8 City for Veterinarians per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 8, 2017
- #9 City for Football Fans (among the nation’s largest cities)
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Cities for Football Fans,” January 30, 2017
- #9 City for Food & Entertainment for Staycation
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Staycation,” June 2, 2017

- #9 Pet-Friendly City
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 8, 2017
- #10 City for Quality of Life
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best & Worst Places to Start a Career,” May 16, 2017
- #10 City for Entertainment & Recreational Facilities
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Recreation,” July 6, 2017
- #10 City for Recreation for Staycation
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best & Worst Cities for Staycation,” May 31, 2017
- #10 City for Video Game Stores per Capita
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 14, 2017
- #10 Most Frugal City
Source: Coupons.com, “America’s Most Frugal Cities of 2016,” June 14, 2017
- #10 Moving Destination for Millennials
Source: Mayflower, “Top Moving Destinations for Millennials,” April 11, 2017
- Arts & Sciences Cities of Distinction Award, granted by Phi Beta Kappa Society for the City of Atlanta’s quality, depth, range and vibrancy in regard to its community engagement with the arts and sciences
Source: The Chicago Defender, “The City of Atlanta receives prestigious Arts and Sciences Cities of Distinction Award,” January 23, 2017

PEOPLE

- #4 Metro Area for Largest Increase in Population, 2015-2016 (90,650)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 23, 2017
- #4 City with Highest Percentage of Hispanics with at least a Bachelor’s Degree
Source: WalletHub, “2017’s Best Cities for Hispanic Entrepreneurs,” April 26, 2017
- #5 Metro Area for Net Migration Change, 2015-2016 (54,441)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 23, 2017
- #5 City for Highest Percentage of Population Aged 18 to 49
Source: WalletHub, “2017 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 14, 2017
- #9 Largest Metro Area in the U.S., 2016 (5.8 million people)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 23, 2017

- Projected to be #6 Largest Metro Area in the U.S., 2046 (8.6 million people)
Source: U.S. Conference of Mayors; IHS Markit, "U.S. Metro Economies: Past and Future Employment Levels," May 1, 2017
- #9 Metro Area for Millennial Population (Ages 21-34)
Source: Site Selection Group, "2017 U.S. Tech City Ranking Report," July 2017
- #9 City for Economic Opportunities for Minorities
Source: ExpertMarket, "Best Cities for Minority Entrepreneurs," May 9, 2017

INFRASTRUCTURE

- #1 Most Traveled Airport in the World (104 million passengers in 2016)
Source: Airports Council International, "2016 World Airport Traffic Rankings," April 19, 2017
- #1 Most Efficient Airport for the 14th Consecutive Year
Source: Air Transport Research Society, "2017 Efficient Airports," July 2017
- #1 City for Van and Refrigerated Spot Market Truckload Freight
Source: CCJ, "Top 10 Cities for Outbound Freight in All Three Major Truckload Segments in 2016," February 15, 2017
- #3 Office Market for Green Buildings (EPA ENERGY STAR and/or USGBC LEED certification)
Source: CBRE in partnership with Maastricht University, "2017 National Green Building Adoption Index," July 6, 2017
- #9 City in the Americas for Office Completions Forecast, 2017-2019
Source: Cushman & Wakefield, "Are we overbuilding? Office Forecasts for over 100 Global Cities 2017-2019," July 21, 2017

HIGHER EDUCATION

- #2 Public College for Big Paychecks – Georgia Institute of Technology
Source: Money, "The 25 Best Public Colleges for Big Paychecks," April 20, 2017
- #2 Metro Area for Quality of Engineering Universities
Source: WalletHub, "2017's Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals," January 10, 2017
- #3 Most Innovative Company in the Education Sector - Georgia Institute of Technology
Source: Fast Company, "The World's Most Innovative Companies," February 15, 2017
- #4 University City in the World, home to two of the world's top 100 universities – Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University



Source: Times Higher Education World University Rankings, "The Best University Cities of 2017," February 13, 2017

Emory University

- #3 Graduate Physician Assistant Program
- #4 Graduate Nursing School Program
- #5 Graduate Physical Therapy Program
- #5 Graduate Social Psychology Program
- #7 Graduate Public Health Program
- #8 Graduate Nurse Practitioner: Family Program
- #8 Graduate Immunology Percentage of Total Publications that are Among the 10 Percent Most Cited
- #10 Graduate Pharmacology and Toxicology Total Citations

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018 Best Graduate Schools, 2017 Best Global Universities

Georgia State University

- #1 Graduate Arts and Humanities Percentage of Total Publications that are Among the 10 Percent Most Cited
- #5 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program
- #7 Graduate Health Care Law School Program
- #9 Graduate City Management and Urban Policy Program
- #10 Graduate Nonprofit Management Program

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018 Best Graduate Schools, 2017 Best Global Universities

Georgia Institute of Technology

- #1 Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Program
- #1 Undergraduate Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering Program
- #1 Graduate Industrial/Manufacturing/Systems Engineering Program
- #2 Undergraduate Civil Engineering Program
- #2 Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Program
- #2 Undergraduate Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering Program
- #2 Graduate Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering Program
- #2 Graduate Civil Engineering Program
- #2 Graduate Industrial and Organizational Psychology
- #2 Graduate Information and Technology Management Program
- #3 Graduate Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering Program
- #4 Undergraduate Engineering Program
- #4 Undergraduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Program
- #4 Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program
- #4 Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Program
- #4 Graduate Discrete Mathematics and Combinatorics Program
- #5 Graduate Computer Engineering Program



- #6 Undergraduate Quantitative Analysis Program
 - #6 Undergraduate Computer Engineering Program
 - #6 Undergraduate Materials Program
 - #6 Graduate Chemical Engineering Program
 - #6 Graduate Artificial Intelligence (Computer Science) Program
 - #6 Graduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering Program
 - #6 Graduate Systems (Computer Science) Program
 - #6 Materials Science Percentage of Total Publications that are Among the 10 Percent Most Cited
 - #7 Top Public Schools (National Universities)
 - #7 Graduate Engineering School Program
 - #7 Graduate Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program
 - #8 Graduate Materials Engineering Program
 - #8 Graduate Production/Operations Program
 - #8 Graduate Theory (Computer Science) Program
 - #8 Engineering Global Research Reputation
 - #9 Undergraduate Management Information Systems Program
 - #9 Graduate Nuclear Engineering Program
 - #9 Graduate Computer Science Program
 - #9 Engineering Regional Research Reputation
 - #9 Materials Science Total Citations
 - #10 Graduate Information System Business School Program
 - #10 Social Sciences and Public Health International Collaboration
- Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2017 Best Colleges, 2017 Best Global Universities, 2018 Best Graduate Schools

Morehouse College

- #4 Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2017 Best Colleges

Spelman College

- #1 Historically Black Colleges and Universities
Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2017 Best Colleges

University of Georgia

- #2 Graduate Student Counseling and Personnel Services Program
- #2 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program
- #2 Graduate Public Management Administration Program
- #3 Undergraduate Insurance Program
- #3 Graduate Technical/Vocational Program
- #4 Undergraduate Real Estate Program
- #4 Graduate Public Affairs Program



- #6 Graduate Secondary Teacher Education Program
- #6 Online Graduate Education Program
- #7 Graduate Elementary Teacher Education Program
- #7 Graduate Higher Education Administration Program
- #7 Graduate Printmaking Program
- #9 Graduate Curriculum and Instruction Program
- #10 Graduate Veterinary Medicine

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018 Best Graduate Schools, 2017 Best Colleges

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