TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

• #1 U.S. City for Startups That Is Not New York or San Francisco
  Source: FitSmallBusiness.com, “The Best U.S. Cities for Startups That Aren’t New York or San Francisco,” May 21, 2018

• #3 Market for Tech Talent Labor Pool Growth Rate (34.7% increase of tech talent employed, 2012-2017)

• #4 U.S. City with the Greatest Average Number of Female-Owned Businesses

• #5 Market for Tech Brain Gain

• #8 Market for Tech Talent Labor Pool (134,770 Tech Talent Employed, 2017)

• #8 Market for Tech Degree Completions

• #9 Tech Talent Market (Overall Ranking)

• #9 Metro Area Tech Hub for Job Growth

• #10 Metro Area Tech Hub for Employment

• One of the Top Ten Tech Startup Ecosystems for Local Connectedness around the Globe
  Source: Startup Genome, “Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2018,” April 17, 2018

• One of the Top AdTech Startup Ecosystems to Watch Around the Globe
  Source: Startup Genome, “Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2018,” April 17, 2018

• One of the Top Artificial Intelligence Startup Ecosystems to Watch Around the Globe
  Source: Startup Genome, “Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2018,” April 17, 2018

• One of the Top Fintech Startup Ecosystems to Watch Around the Globe
  Source: Startup Genome, “Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2018,” April 17, 2018
• One of Seven Cities Great for Start-Ups
  Source: CNBC, “Forget Silicon Valley, these 7 cities are great for start-ups,” August 30, 2018

• One of the Top 25 Tech Cities in North America
  Source: Cushman & Wakefield, “Tech Cities 2.0,” September 27, 2018

JOBS & WORKFORCE

• #1 City for Availability of Internships (tie)

• #1 City to Live and Work as a Filmmaker
  Source: Moviemaker.com, “Best Place to Work and Live as a Filmmaker: Big Cities,” January 16, 2018

• #2 Metro Area for Economic Growth Potential

• #2 City for Professional Opportunities

• #3 City to Start a Career

• #3 City for Youth Market for Summer Jobs

• #5 City for Most Entry-Level Jobs (per 100,000 working-age population)
  Source: WalletHub, “2018 Best Place to Start a Career,” May 15, 2018

• #5 Metro Area for Professional Opportunities for STEM Jobs
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals,” January 10, 2018

• #5 Metro Area for Job Growth

• #8 City for Summer Jobs

• #8 Metro Area for Food Processing Employment

• #8 Metro Area in the U.S. for Tech Employment Growth (percent change, 2010-2017)
  Source: Cushman & Wakefield, “Tech Cities 2.0,” September 27, 2018
• #9 City for Gamer & Developer Opportunities  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 7, 2018

• #9 Metro Area for Net Job Creation (2017-18 nonfarm employment change)  
  Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, April 2018

• #9 City with the Most $100K+ Job Postings for May 2018  
  Source: Ladders.com, “These are the 15 cities with the most $100K+ jobs for May,” May 9, 2018

• #10 Metro Area for STEM Professionals  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals,” January 10, 2018

• #10 Metro Area in the U.S. for Number of People Employed in Tech Occupations (2017)  
  Source: Cushman & Wakefield, “Tech Cities 2.0,” September 27, 2018

QUALITY OF LIFE

• #1 City for Museums per Capita (tie)  

• #1 Most Affordable Big City  
  Source: WalletHub, “Wyse Awards: Most Affordable Big Cities,” April 8, 2018

• #1 City for Gaming Environment  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 7, 2018

• #1 City for Most Dog-Friendly Restaurants per Capita  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 7, 2018

• #1 Most Dance Clubs per Capita  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Fun Cities in America,” September 17, 2018

• #3 Place to Get Married  

• #3 City for Gamers  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 7, 2018

• #4 Most Fun City  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Fun Cities in America,” September 17, 2018

• #4 Nightlife and Parties  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Fun Cities in America,” September 17, 2018
• #5 City for Lowest Dog Insurance Premium  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 7, 2018

• #6 Place to Celebrate 4th of July  

• #6 City for Activities  

• #6 Festivals per Capita  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Fun Cities in America,” September 17, 2018

• #8 Restaurants per Capita  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Fun Cities in America,” September 17, 2018

• #8 Most Frugal City  
  Source: Coupons.com, “America’s Most Frugal Cities of 2017,” March 22, 2018

• #9 City for Entertainment & Recreational Facilities  

• #10 City for Pet Health & Wellness  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 7, 2018

• #10 Most Livable City in America  
  Source: CNBC, “The top 10 most livable cities in America,” August 17, 2018

• One of 20 Must-See Literary Destinations Around the World – Atlanta & Decatur  
  Source: Expedia, “20 Must-See Literary Destinations around the World,” March 6, 2018

TOURISM, HOSPITALITY, & RECREATION

• #1 City for Major League Soccer Attendance (Atlanta United)  
  Source: SoccerStadiumDigest.com, “2018 MLS Attendance,” June 16, 2018

• #2 Best Performing Major League Soccer Team (Atlanta United)  

• #2 Most Engaged Major League Soccer Fans (Atlanta United)  

• #4 City for 4th of July Celebrations  
• #5 City for Most Tennis Courts per Capita  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018's Best Cities for an Active Lifestyle,” January 3, 2018

• #5 Place to Visit in Summer  

• #6 City for Recreation  

• #6 Most Soccer-Crazed Cities in America  
  Source: Trulia, “Football Fever: A Look at the Most Soccer-Crazed Cities in America,” July 11, 2018

• #7 Best Large City for Soccer Fans  

• #8 City for Football Fans (Among the Nation’s Largest Cities)  

• #10 Place for Lowest Travel Cost & Fewest Hassles  

• #10 Fitness Centers per Capita  
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Most Fun Cities in America,” September 17, 2018

PEOPLE

• #1 Moving Destination in the Nation (for the eighth consecutive year)  
  Source: Penske, “Penske Truck Rental Announces 2017 Top Moving Destinations,” January 22, 2018

• #1 City Where African-Americans Are Doing the Best Economically (Tied with Washington D.C.)  
  Source: Forbes, “Cities Where African-Americans Are Doing the Best Economically 2018,” January 15, 2018

• #3 Metro Area for Largest Increase in Population, 2016-2017 (89,013)  
  Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 2018

• #4 Metro Area for Largest Net Migration, 2016-2017 (53,739)  
  Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 2018

• #9 Largest Metro Area in the U.S., 2017 (5.9 million people)  
  Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, March 2018
INFRASTRUCTURE

• #1 Most Efficient Airport in North America (for the 15th consecutive year)
  Source: Air Transport Research Society, “2017 Efficient Airports,” July 2018

• #1 World’s Busiest Airport (104 million passengers in 2017)

• #4 Top Cities for ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings (441)
  Source: EPA, “Top Cities for ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings,” April 11, 2018

• #4 Metro Area for Total Corporate Facility Investment Projects
  Source: Site Selection, “2017 Project Rankings,” March 2018

HIGHER EDUCATION

• #1 Most Innovative School-Agnes Scott College (National Liberal Arts Colleges)
  Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Best Colleges

• #2 Metro Area for Quality of Engineering Universities
  Source: WalletHub, “2018’s Best & Worst Areas for STEM Professionals,” January 10, 2018

• #3 Public College for Big Paychecks – Georgia Institute of Technology
  Source: Money, “The 25 Best Public Colleges for Big Paychecks,” May 1, 2018

• #5 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 2018,” April 12, 2018

• #8 Metro Area for Tech Degree Completions (6,018 Tech Degrees Completed, 2016)

Emory University

• #2 Graduate Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering Program
• #3 Graduate Physician Assistant Program
• #3 Graduate Nursing Program
• #5 Graduate Physical Therapy Program
• #5 Graduate Social Psychology Program
• #7 Graduate Public Health Program
• #7 Graduate Nurse Practitioner: Family Program
  Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018 Best Graduate Schools, 2018 Best Global Universities
Georgia State University

- #2 Most Innovative School
- #2 Best Undergraduate Teaching
- #3 Graduate Urban Policy Program
- #3 Graduate Health Care Law School Program
- #3 Undergraduate Insurance Program
- #5 Graduate Nonprofit Management Program
- #8 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program
- #8 Graduate Local Government Management Program
- #9 Undergraduate Management Information Systems Program
- #10 Undergraduate Real Estate Program


Georgia Institute of Technology

- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Aerospace Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Biomedical Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Chemical Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Industrial/Manufacturing/Systems Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Mechanical Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Electrical Engineering
- #1 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Computer Science
- #1 for Doctoral Degrees Awarded in Engineering
- #1 for Engineering Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African American Students
- #1 for Engineering Degrees Awarded to Women
- #1 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Foreign Nationals
- #1 Undergraduate Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering Program
- #1 Graduate Industrial/Manufacturing/Systems Engineering Program
- #1 for Women Tenured/Tenure-Track Engineering Faculty
- #1 for Asian Tenured/Tenure-Track Engineering Faculty
- #1 for Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Members
- #2 Undergraduate Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering Program
- #2 Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Program
- #2 Undergraduate Civil Engineering Program
- #2 Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Program
- #2 Graduate Discrete Mathematics and Combinatorics Program
- #2 Graduate Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering Program
- #2 Graduate Civil Engineering Program
- #2 Graduate Industrial and Organizational Psychology Program
• #2 Graduate Information and Technology Management Program
• #2 for Graduate Enrollment in Engineering
• #2 in Computer Science Research Expenditures
• #3 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Computer Engineering
• #3 for Bachelor’s Degrees in Engineering Awarded to Asian Americans
• #3 Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Program
• #3 Undergraduate Materials Program
• #3 for Master’s Degrees Awarded in Engineering
• #3 for African American Tenured/Tenure-Track Engineering Faculty
• #4 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Civil Engineering
• #4 Undergraduate Engineering Program
• #4 Undergraduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Program
• #4 Undergraduate Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program
• #4 Graduate Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering Program
• #4 Graduate Computer Engineering Program
• #4 Most Innovative Schools
• #5 Undergraduate Computer Engineering Program
• #5 Graduate Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program
• #5 Graduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering Program
• #6 Undergraduate Quantitative Analysis Program
• #6 Undergraduate Management Information Systems Program
• #6 Materials Science Percentage of Total Publications that are Among the 10% Most Cited
• #7 Undergraduate Production/Operation Management Program (tie)
• #7 Quantitative Analysis Program
• #7 for Master’s Degrees Awarded in Engineering
• #7 Graduate Artificial Intelligence (Computer Science) Program
• #7 Graduate Chemical Engineering Program
• #7 Graduate Materials Engineering Program
• #7 Graduate Production/Operations Program
• #7 for Latino Tenured/Tenure-Track Engineering Faculty
• #8 Graduate Engineering School Program
• #8 Graduate Computer Science Program
• #8 Top Public Schools (tie)
• #8 Undergraduate Supply Chain Management Program
• #9 Graduate Theory (Computer Science) Program
• #9 Graduate Nuclear Engineering Program
• #10 Graduate Systems (Computer Science) Program
• #10 in Engineering Research Expenditures

Morehouse College

- #3 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
  Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Best Colleges

Spelman College

- #1 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
  Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Best Colleges

University of Georgia

- #1 Undergraduate Insurance Program
- #2 Graduate Student Counseling and Personnel Services Program
- #2 Graduate Public Management Administration Program
- #2 Graduate Technical/Vocational Program
- #3 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program
- #4 Graduate Secondary Teacher Education Program
- #5 Undergraduate Real Estate Program
- #5 Graduate Higher Education Administration Program
- #6 Graduate Public Affairs Program
- #7 Graduate Printmaking Program
- #8 Online Graduate Education Program
- #8 Graduate Elementary Teacher Education Program
- #9 Graduate Curriculum and Instruction Program
- #10 Graduate Veterinary Medicine Program
  Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2018 Best Graduate Schools, 2019 Best Colleges

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