

# ATLANTA RANKINGS 2016

## BUSINESS

- **One of 19 “Knowledge Capitals” of the U.S. and Europe.**  
Source: The Brookings Institution, Metropolitan Policy Program, “Redefining Global Cities,” 2016
- **One of Four U.S. Cities with the Most FORTUNE Global 500 Headquarters, ranking #17 Globally with Four FORTUNE Global 500 Headquarters (tied with Chicago, IL; Munich, Germany; and Taipei, Taiwan).**  
Source: Georgia Power analysis of 2016 FORTUNE 500 list, FORTUNE, August 2016
- **#1 Metro Area for Lowest Cost of Doing Business (among the 10 largest U.S. metro areas).**  
Source: KPMG, “2016 KPMG Competitive Alternatives: Guide to International Business Location Costs,” March 2016
- **#1 Metro Area for Lowest Transportation Costs for Services and Manufacturing Sectors (among the 10 largest U.S. metro areas).**  
Source: KPMG, “2016 KPMG Competitive Alternatives: Guide to International Business Location Costs,” March 2016
- **#1 Metro Area for Lowest Utilities Costs for Services and Manufacturing Sectors (among the 10 largest U.S. metro areas).**  
Source: KPMG, “2016 KPMG Competitive Alternatives: Guide to International Business Location Costs,” March 2016
- **#1 U.S. Metro Area Destination for Foreign Investment by Average Project Value in 2015.**  
Source: IBM Global Business Services, “Global Location Trends 2016 Report,” August 2016
- **#2 U.S. Metro Area Destination for Foreign Investment by Number of Projects in 2015.**  
Source: IBM Global Business Services, “Global Location Trends 2016 Report,” August 2016
- **#2 U.S. Metro Area Destination for Foreign Investment by Jobs Created in 2015.**  
Source: IBM Global Business Services, “Global Location Trends 2016 Report,” August 2016
- **#2 Metro Area for Regulatory Friendliness.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#3 City with the Most FORTUNE 500 Headquarters.**  
Source: Metro Atlanta Chamber/Georgia Power analysis of 2016 FORTUNE 500 list, FORTUNE, June 15, 2016
- **#3 City for Inc. 5000 Headquarters (Fast-Growing Companies).**  
Source: Inc., 2016 Inc. 5000, August 2016
- **#3 Emerging Startup Hub to Watch in 2016.**  
Source: Inc., “16 Emerging Startup Hubs to Watch in 2016,” December 29, 2015
- **#3 Metro Area for Most Warehouse Square Footage Under Construction.**  
Source: Site Selection Group, “Top Metro Areas for Warehouse Construction,” October 24, 2016
- **#3 Metro Area for Health & Safety Regulations.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#3 Metro Area for Tax Code and Tax Regulations.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#4 Metro Area for Inc. 5000 Headquarters (Fast-Growing Companies).**  
Source: Inc., 2016 Inc. 5000, August 2016
- **#4 Metro Area for Licensing Requirements.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016



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- **#5 Metro Area for Ease of Starting a Small Business.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#6 City for Global Future Potential (Global Cities Outlook).**  
Source: A.T. Kearney 2016, “Global Cities 2016,” May 2016
- **#6 Metro Area for Lowest Cost of Doing Business (among the 31 largest U.S. metro areas).**  
Source: KPMG, “2016 KPMG Competitive Alternatives: Guide to International Business Location Costs,” March 2016
- **#6 Metro Area for Environmental Rules.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#7 City to Found a Startup.**  
Source: DataFox, “2015’s Best Cities to Found a Startup outside Silicon Valley and New York (and How They Did It),” December 14, 2015
- **#7 Metro Area for Zoning Regulations.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#8 Metro Area Based on the Number of Corporate Investment Projects in 2015 for Metro Areas with a Population over One Million.**  
Source: Site Selection, March 2016
- **#9 Best Place for Business and Careers (among metro areas).**  
Source: Forbes, “Best Places for Business and Careers 2016,” October 19, 2016
- **#9 Metro Area for Small Business Growth (2010 – 2014).**  
Source: American City Business Journals, 2016; Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta in Top 10 for Small Businesses Growth Since Great Recession,” November 21, 2016
- **#9 Metro Area for Small Business Vitality among Metro Areas with a Population over Two Million.**  
Source: American City Business Journals, “Small Business Vitality Ranking,” April 2016
- **#10 Metro Area for Small Business Friendliness.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#10 Metro Area for Venture Capital.**  
Source: Business Facilities, “12th Annual Rankings Report: Metro, Global Rankings,” July/August 2016 Issue, August 3, 2016

## QUALITY OF LIFE

- **One of the Least Expensive U.S. Cities to Live (tied with Cleveland).**  
Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit, “2016 Worldwide Cost of Living Survey,” March 2016
- **#1 Moving Destination in the Nation for 2015.**  
Source: Penske, “Penske Truck Rental Announces 2015 Top Moving Destinations,” February 3, 2016
- **#1 City for the Most Museums per Capita.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best & Worst Cities to Retire,” August 15, 2016
- **#1 City for Most Nightlife Opportunities per Capita (tie with San Francisco, Portland, Las Vegas, New Orleans, and Tampa)**  
Source: WalletHub, “2015 Best & Worst Cities for Singles,” December 5, 2016
- **#1 Grilling Hot Spot in the U.S.**  
Source: ORC International and Napoleon, “Grilling the Nation,” April 14, 2016
- **#1 City for Most Animal Shelters per Capita (tied with St. Louis, Orlando, Scottsdale, and Boise).**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Most Pet-Friendly Cities,” August 9, 2016



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- **One of Ten U.S. Suburbs that are Surprisingly, Genuinely Cool (Roswell, GA).**  
Source: Huffington Post, "10 U.S. Suburbs that are Surprisingly, Genuinely Cool," April 11, 2016
- **Two of the Nation's Top 20 Food Halls (#5 Ponce City Market; #11 Krog Street Market).**  
Source: Cushman & Wakefield, "Top Food Halls in America," November 27, 2016
- **#2 City for Lowest Average Food Price.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best & Worst Cities for Recreation," July 5, 2016
- **#2 Metro Area with the Largest Starter Homes (Median Size = 1,344 square feet).**  
Source: Trulia, "Room to Roam: Where Starter Home Buyers Can Live Large," August 3, 2016.
- **#2 Metro Area with Magnificent Hiking Trails.**  
Source: Marmot, "Escaping the City: 5 U.S. Metro Areas with Magnificent Hiking Trails," March 28, 2016
- **#2 City for Cheapest Average Major League Baseball (MLB) Game Tickets.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Baseball Cities," October 25, 2016
- **#2 City for Number of Costume Stores per Capita.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Cities for Halloween," October 24, 2016
- **#3 City for the Most Restaurants per Capita.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016 Best & Worst Cities for Foodies," 2016
- **#3 Metro Area in America for Homeowners.**  
Source: Bankrate, "Best and Worst Cities for Homeowners," 2016
- **#3 City to Retire as measured by Activities.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best & Worst Cities to Retire," August 15, 2016
- **#3 City to Get Married.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best and Worst Cities to Get Married," February 2016
- **#3 City for Wedding Facilities and Services.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best and Worst Cities to Get Married," February 2016
- **#4 Best City for Baseball as measured by Major League Baseball (MLB) Fan Engagement.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Baseball Cities," October 25, 2016
- **#4 City for Most Pet-Friendly Restaurants per Capita.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Most Pet-Friendly Cities," August 9, 2016
- **#5 Large City for Education.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Large Cities to Live in," July 11, 2016
- **#5 Frugal City.**  
Source: Coupons.com, "Most Frugal Cities List," May 2, 2016
- **#5 Real Estate Market to Watch in 2016.**  
Source: Realtor.com, "The Top 10 Real Estate Markets to Watch in 2016," December 2, 2015
- **#5 City for Most Tennis Courts per Capita.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best & Worst Cities for Recreation," July 5, 2016
- **#5 City for the Greatest Number of Bridal Shops per 100,000 Residents.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best and Worst Cities to Get Married," February 2016
- **#5 City for Halloween Parties & Activities.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Cities for Halloween," October 24, 2016
- **#6 Target for Real Estate Investors in the Americas.**  
Source: Saporita Report, "Metro Atlanta forecast to be a target for real estate investors," March 20, 2016; CBRE, "Americas Investor Intentions Survey 2016," March 9, 2016
- **#6 Metro Area for Future Walkable Urbanism by Fair Share Index.**  
Source: The George Washington University School of Business, "Foot Traffic Ahead: Ranking Walkable Urbanism in America's Largest Metros, 2016," June 14, 2016
- **#6 City for Pet-Friendliness as measured by Pet Health & Wellness.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Most Pet-Friendly Cities," August 9, 2016



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- **#6 City in America for Boaters.**  
Source: Redfin, “The 10 Best U.S. Cities for Boaters,” August 31, 2016
- **#7 City for Recreation.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best & Worst Cities for Recreation,” July 5, 2016
- **#8 City to Retire.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best & Worst Cities to Retire,” August 15, 2016
- **#8 Sweet Spot for Homeownership.**  
Source: Zillow, “Breakeven Horizon,” June 15, 2016
- **#8 Metro Area for Future Walkable Urbanism by “WalkUP” Space in Suburbs.**  
Source: The George Washington University School of Business, “Foot Traffic Ahead: Ranking Walkable Urbanism in America’s Largest Metros, 2016,” June 14, 2016
- **#8 National Park in the U.S. For Urban Escapes (Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area).**  
Source: Citi IO, “Top 10 National Parks in the USA for Urban Escapes,” April 14, 2016
- **#9 City for Recent Grads.**  
Source: Nerd Wallet, “Best Cities for Recent Grads 2016,” March 28, 2016
- **#9 City for Recreation as measured by Entertainment & Recreational Facilities.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best & Worst Cities for Recreation,” July 5, 2016
- **#10 Metro Area for Walkable Urbanism by Population per “WalkUP.”**  
Source: The George Washington University School of Business, “Foot Traffic Ahead: Ranking Walkable Urbanism in America’s Largest Metros, 2016,” June 14, 2016
- **#10 Metro Area for Future Walkable Urbanism by “WalkUP” Absorption.**  
Source: The George Washington University School of Business, “Foot Traffic Ahead: Ranking Walkable Urbanism in America’s Largest Metros, 2016,” June 14, 2016
- **#10 City for Home Affordability and School Quality (Buford, GA).**  
Source: HomeUnion, “Where Can You Spend the Least on a Home and Get Great Schools?” May 13, 2016
- **#10 “Boom Town” (Atlantic Station, Atlanta, GA – Zip Code 30363).**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta ZIP code named a Top 10 ‘Boom Town’ in U.S.,” April 18, 2016; Realtor.com, “The Boom Towns: America’s Fastest-Growing Neighborhoods,” April 18, 2016

## JOB GROWTH

- **#4 Metro Area for Increase in Number of Private-Sector Jobs (Oct. 2015 - Oct. 2016).**  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2016; Atlanta Business Chronicle, December 19, 2016
- **#6 Metro Area for Exceeding Projected Job Growth.**  
Source: Career Builder, “Top 10 U.S. Metro Areas Exceeding Projected Job Growth,” February 4, 2016
- **#6 Best City for Job Seekers in 2017.**  
Source: NerdWallet, December 19, 2016
- **#6 Metro Area for Employment, Labor & Hiring.**  
Source: Thumbtack, “2016 Thumbtack Small Business Friendliness Survey,” June 15, 2016
- **#7 Metro Area for STEM Job Growth.**  
Source: RCLCO/CapRidge, “2016 STEM Job Growth Index”



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## SUSTAINABILITY

- **#4 City with the Most ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings.**  
Source: EPA, "List of 2016 Top Cities with the Most ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings," March 31, 2016
- **#5 Market for Green Building Adoption.**  
Source: CBRE, "National Green Building Adoption Index, 2016," October 2016
- **#7 City for Total Floor Area of ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings.**  
Source: EPA, "List of 2016 Top Cities with the Most ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings," March 31, 2016
- **#9 City for Cost Savings from ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings.**  
Source: EPA, "List of 2016 Top Cities with the Most ENERGY STAR Certified Buildings," March 31, 2016

## TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY

- **#1 Most Traveled Airport.**  
Source: Airports Council International, April 2016; Atlanta Business Chronicle, "Hartsfield-Jackson Keeps Status as World's Busiest Airport," April 4, 2016
- **#1 Busiest Airport as Measured by Passenger Traffic.**  
Source: Business Facilities, "12th Annual Rankings Report: Metro, Global Rankings," July/August 2016 Issue, August 3, 2016
- **#1 Best U.S. Airport.**  
Source: TravelPulse.com, "The TravelPulse 100 Best U.S. Airports in 2016," November 21, 2016
- **#1 Cold-Weather Destination for Winter Holiday Travel.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Winter Holiday Destinations," 2016
- **#1 Cold-Weather Destination for Winter Holiday Travel as measured by Cold-Weather Activities.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Winter Holiday Destinations," 2016
- **#1 City for Discretionary Consumer Services Sector Exhibitions.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, "Atlanta ranks No. 3 for number of events," February 26, 2016; Center for Exhibition Industry Research, "2014 Industry Census"
- **#1 City for Education Events.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, "Atlanta ranks No. 3 for number of events," February 26, 2016; Center for Exhibition Industry Research- "2014 Industry Census"
- **#2 Cold-Weather Destination for Winter Holiday Travel as measured by Weather Conditions.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Winter Holiday Destinations," 2016
- **#3 City for Total Number of Events.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, "Atlanta ranks No. 3 for number of events" February 26, 2016; Center for Exhibition Industry Research, "2014 Industry Census"
- **#5 City for Summer Travel Destinations.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Summer Travel Destinations"
- **#6 Cold-Weather Destination for Winter Holiday Travel as measured by Travel Costs and Hassles.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Winter Holiday Destinations," 2016
- **#8 Cold-Weather Destination for Winter Holiday Travel as measured by Attractions.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Winter Holiday Destinations," 2016
- **#10 Cold-Weather Destination for Winter Holiday Travel as measured by Local Costs.**  
Source: WalletHub, "2016's Best Winter Holiday Destinations," 2016



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# TECHNOLOGY

- **#1 Mobile-Friendly U.S. City.**  
Source: NerdWallet, “Top Mobile-Friendly U.S. Cities,” July 5, 2016
- **#1 City for Web Developers.**  
Source: SpareFoot.com, “The 10 Best Cities for Web Developers,” January 13, 2016
- **#1 Place to Live and Work as a Filmmaker.**  
Source: Moviemaker.com, “Best Place to Work and Live as a Filmmaker,” January 20, 2016
- **#1 Metro Area for Network Speed.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta No. 1 mobile speed, data in America,” August 8, 2016; RootMetrics, “Best and worst cities for mobile network performance: the full RootMetrics rankings,” August 2, 2016.
- **#1 Metro Area for Data Performance.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta No. 1 mobile speed, data in America,” August 8, 2016; RootMetrics, “Best and worst cities for mobile network performance: the full RootMetrics rankings,” August 2, 2016.
- **#2 City for Carrier Network Coverage.**  
Source: NerdWallet, “Top Mobile-Friendly U.S. Cities,” July 5, 2016
- **#3 Metro Area for STEM Professionals by Highest Quality of Engineering Universities.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best & Worst Metro Areas for STEM Professionals,” March 2016
- **#3 Metro Area for Mobile Performance (Overall).**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta No. 1 mobile speed, data in America,” August 8, 2016; RootMetrics, “Best and worst cities for mobile network performance: the full RootMetrics rankings,” August 2, 2016.
- **#4 Metro Area for Text Performance.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta No. 1 mobile speed, data in America,” August 8, 2016; RootMetrics, “Best and worst cities for mobile network performance: the full RootMetrics rankings,” August 2, 2016.
- **#4 Location for Television Pilot Production.**  
Source: FilmL.A., Inc., “2016 Pilot Production Report,” August 3, 2016.
- **#4 Location for Drama Pilot Production.**  
Source: FilmL.A., Inc., “2016 Pilot Production Report,” August 3, 2016.
- **#5 U.S. City for Tech Start-Ups.**  
Source: Sungard Availability Services, “10 of the Best U.S. Cities for Tech Start-Ups,” 2016; Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta No. 5 American city to launch tech startup,” July 6, 2015
- **#6 Market for Gender Diversity in Tech Occupations.**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016
- **#7 Metro Area for the Most IT Graduates.**  
Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 20 Metros with the Most IT Graduates,” April 25, 2016
- **#8 Market for Tech Talent Labor by Size of Labor Pool (among large tech talent markets).**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016
- **#8 Region for Tech Degree Completions (2014).**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016
- **#9 Market for Tech Talent (Overall).**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016



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- **#9 Largest Data Center Market.**  
Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 10 Data Center Markets to Consider During the Site Selection Process,” October 24, 2016
- **#10 Market for Tech Talent Labor Pool Growth (among large tech talent markets).**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016

## PEOPLE

- **One of Four Fastest-Growing Hot Spots for Women Entrepreneurs.**  
Source: Inc., “4 Fastest-Growing Hot Spots for Women Entrepreneurs,” May 10, 2016
- **#1 Fastest-Growing Hot Spot for Women Entrepreneurs in terms of Revenue Growth.**  
Source: Inc., “4 Fastest-Growing Hot Spots for Women Entrepreneurs,” May 10, 2016
- **#3 Metro Area for Population Change (2014-2015).**  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Population Estimates, March 2016
- **#3 City for Growth of Women-Owned Businesses.**  
Source: Center for an Urban Future, “Growth of Women-owned Businesses,” March 2016
- **#3 Market for Educational Attainment.**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016
- **#3 City for the Highest Percentage of Single People.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016 Best & Worst Cities for Singles,” December 5, 2016
- **#4 Best Place for Freelancers & Self-Employed Workers.**  
Source: NerdWallet, “Best Places for Freelancers Based on Rent, Health Insurance and Cell Phone Costs,” August 30, 2016
- **#4 Metro Area for Net Migration (2014-2015).**  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Population Estimates, March 2016
- **#5 Most Moved to City by Millennials in 2015.**  
Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta was No. 5 for millennial movers in 2015,” April 5, 2016; Mayflower, “Mover Insights Study,” April 5, 2016
- **#5 Metro Area for Women-Owned Firms in 2016.**  
Source: American Express OPEN, “2016 State of Women-Owned Business Report”.
- **#5 Metro Area for Net Number of New Women-Owned Firms Per Day, 2007 – 2016.**  
Source: American Express OPEN, “2016 State of Women-Owned Business Report”
- **#5 Metro Area for Retaining College Grads (Four-Year Institutions).**  
Source: City Lab, “The U.S. Cities Winning the Battle Against Brain Drain,” March 15, 2016; The Brookings Institution, “Beyond College Rankings A Value-Added Approach to Assessing Two- and Four-Year Schools,” Metropolitan Policy Program, November 7, 2015
- **#5 Metro Area for Number of Graduates in Mechatronics.**  
Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 15 Metro Areas for Graduates in Mechatronics,” January 25, 2016
- **#5 Metro Area for the Number of Women-Owned Firms in 2016.**  
Source: American Express OPEN, “2016 State of Women-Owned Business Report”
- **#5 City for Singles for Romance and Fun.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016 Best & Worst Cities for Singles,” December 5, 2016



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- **#6 Metro Area for Growth in Number of Women-Owned Firms, 2007-2016.**  
Source: American Express OPEN, “2016 State of Women-Owned Business Report”
- **#6 Metro Area for Growth in Economic Clout of Women-Owned Firms, 2007-2016.**  
Source: American Express OPEN, “2016 State of Women-Owned Business Report”
- **#8 Market for Millennial Concentration.**  
Source: CBRE, “2016 Scoring Tech Talent: Influencing Innovation, Economic and Real Estate Growth in 50 North American Markets,” June 30, 2016
- **#9 Most Populous Metro Area, 2015.**  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Population Estimates, March 2016
- **#9 City for Mid-Career Professionals.**  
Source: Forbes, “America’s Best Cities for Mid-Career Professionals in 2016,” May 31, 2016
- **#10 Metro Area for Graduates in Financial Services.**  
Source: Site Selection Group, “Top 20 Metro Areas for Graduates in Financial Services,” May 23, 2016

## TAXES

- **#1 Major Metro Area in the Nation for Lowest Total Tax Index for R&D Services Sector, with 22.9 Percent Lower Corporate Tax Burden than the U.S. Baseline.**  
Source: KPMG, “Focus on Tax: KPMG’s Guide to International Tax Competitiveness, Competitive Alternatives – Special Report,” 2016
- **#3 Major Metro Area in the Nation for Lowest Total Tax Index for Corporate Services Sector, with 16.1 Percent Lower Corporate Tax Burden than the U.S. Baseline.**  
Source: KPMG, “Focus on Tax: KPMG’s Guide to International Tax Competitiveness, Competitive Alternatives – Special Report,” 2016
- **#3 Major Metro Area in the Nation for Lowest Total Tax Index for Manufacturing Sector, with 20.6 Percent Lower Corporate Tax Burden than the U.S. Baseline.**  
Source: KPMG, “Focus on Tax: KPMG’s Guide to International Tax Competitiveness, Competitive Alternatives – Special Report,” 2016
- **#4 Major Metro Area in the Nation for Lowest Total Tax Index (Overall), with 18.4 Percent Lower Corporate Tax Burden than the U.S. Baseline.**  
Source: KPMG, “Focus on Tax: KPMG’s Guide to International Tax Competitiveness, Competitive Alternatives – Special Report,” 2016



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## HIGHER EDUCATION

- **#1 Best College City (among large cities with more than 300,000 people).**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best College Towns & Cities in America,” December 13, 2016
- **#11 Community College System in America.**  
Source: WalletHub, “2016’s Best and Worst Community Colleges,” August 22, 2016

### **Agnes Scott College**

- **#4 Most Innovative School (National Liberal Arts Colleges).**  
Source: U.S. News and World Report, 2016

### **Emory University**

- **#3 Graduate Physician Assistant Program.**
- **#5 Graduate Physical Therapy Program.**
- **#6 Graduate African-American History Program.**
- **#6 Graduate Social Psychology Program.**
- **#7 Graduate Public Health Program.**
- **#8 Graduate Nursing School (Master’s Program).**
- **#10 Graduate Nursing School for Family Nurse Practitioner Training.**
- **#10 Graduate African-American Literature Program.**  
Source: U.S. News and World Report, 2016

### **Georgia State University**

- **#4 Most Innovative School (National Universities).**
- **#5 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program.**
- **#6 Graduate Health Care Law School.**
- **#9 Graduate City Management and Urban Policy Program.**
- **#10 Graduate Non-Profit Management Program.**  
Source: U.S. News and World Report, 2016

### **Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)**

- **#1 Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Program.**
- **#1 Undergraduate Industrial/Manufacturing Engineering Program.**
- **#1 Graduate Industrial/Manufacturing/Systems Engineering Program.**
- **#2 Undergraduate Aerospace Engineering Program.**
- **#2 Undergraduate Civil Engineering Program.**
- **#2 Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Program.**
- **#2 Graduate Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering Program.**
- **#2 Graduate Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering Program.**
- **#2 Graduate Information and Technology Management Program.**
- **#4 Undergraduate Engineering Program.**
- **#4 Undergraduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering Program.**
- **#4 Undergraduate Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program.**



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- #4 Undergraduate Chemical Engineering Program.
- #4 Graduate Civil Engineering Program.
- #5 Graduate Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program.
- #6 Undergraduate Quantitative Analysis Program.
- #6 Undergraduate Materials Engineering Program.
- #6 Undergraduate Computer Engineering Program.
- #6 Graduate Computer Engineering Program.
- #6 Graduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering Program.
- #6 Graduate Mechanical Engineering Program.
- #7 Public School (National Universities).
- #7 Most Innovative School (National Universities).
- #7 Graduate Engineering Program.
- #8 Graduate Chemical Engineering Program.
- #8 Graduate Materials Engineering Program.
- #8 Graduate Nuclear Engineering Program.
- #9 Undergraduate Management Information Systems Program.
- #9 Graduate Computer Science Program.

Source: U.S. News and World Report, 2016

### **Morehouse College**

- #4 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2016

### **Spelman College**

- #1 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2016

### **University of Georgia**

- #1 for First-Time Pass Rates on the Certified Public Accountant Exams during 2015 (among large programs).  
Source: University of Georgia, "Terry grads rank No. 1 for first-time CPA exam pass rates," March 9, 2016; National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, "Candidate Performance on the Uniform CPA Examination – University Edition," February, 2016
- #2 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program.
- #2 Graduate Public Management Administration Program.
- #3 Graduate Student Counseling and Personnel Services Program.
- #3 Graduate Vocational/Technical Program.
- #3 Online Graduate Education Program.
- #3 Undergraduate Insurance Program.
- #4 Graduate Public Affairs Program.
- #4 Undergraduate Real Estate Program.
- #4 Graduate Secondary Teacher Education Program.
- #4 Online Graduate Education Program.
- #5 Online Degree Program.
- #6 Graduate Elementary Teacher Education Program.
- #6 Graduate Higher Education Administration Program.
- #7 Graduate Printmaking Program.
- #8 Graduate Curriculum and Instruction Program.
- #10 Graduate Veterinary Medicine Program.

Source: U.S. News and World Report, 2016



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