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TECHNOLOGY

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

• #5 Market for Tech Brain Gain

• #5 Metro Area for Quantity of Elite Tech Talent

• #8 Market for Tech Talent Labor Pool (134,770 tech talent employed, 2017)

• #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 Tech Talent Market (Overall Ranking)

• #9 Metro Area Tech Hub for Job Growth

• #10 Metro Area Tech Hub for Employment

• #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

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

STARTUPS

• #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
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• 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 Rising Cities for Start-Ups
  Source: Forbes, “The Top 10 Rising Cities For Startups,” October 1, 2018

• 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

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
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- #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

- #9 City for Gamer & Developer Opportunities
  Source: WalletHub, “2018 Best Cities for Gamers,” June 7, 2018

- #9 Metro Area for Net Job Creation (2016-17 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

QUALITY OF LIFE

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

- #1 City for Museums per Capita (tie)
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- #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

- #1 Best City for Singles

- #2 City for Dating Opportunities

- #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 City for 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 City for Activities

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

- #6 Place to Celebrate 4th of July
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- #8 City for 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

- #10 City for Nightlife Options per Capita

- 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

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

- #1 Major League Soccer Team (Atlanta United)
  Source: Major League Soccer Cup, Current Champions, December 8, 2018

- #1 Most Valuable Major League Soccer Team (Atlanta United)
  Source: Forbes, “Major League Soccer’s Most Valuable Teams 2018: Atlanta United Debuts on Top,” November 14, 2018

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

- #1 Major League Soccer Team to Surpass One Million Attendees (Atlanta United home ticket sales)
  Source: Atlanta Business Chronicle, “Atlanta United surpasses 1 million fans en route to Eastern Conference Finals,” September 17, 2018
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- #2 Best Performing Major League Soccer Team (Atlanta United)

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

- #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

TOURISM, HOSPITALITY, & RECREATION

- #2 Metro Area for Lowest Travel Costs and Fewest Hassles (Cold Winter Destinations)
  Source: WalletHub, “Best Winter Holiday Destinations,” October 31, 2018

- #2 Metro Area for Most Cold Weather Activities
  Source: WalletHub, “Best Winter Holiday Destinations,” October 31, 2018

- #3 Best Winter Vacation Destination for Cold-Weather Lovers
  Source: WalletHub, “Best Winter Holiday Destinations,” October 31, 2018

- #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

- #8 City for Football Fans (among the nation’s largest cities)
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- #10 Place for Lowest Travel Cost & Fewest Hassles

- #10 City for 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

- #2 City for Share of Singles

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

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

- #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
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• #1 World’s Busiest Airport (for the 20th consecutive year) – 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

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

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

Emory University
• #1 Best Quality of Life
• #1 Integrative Studies Program
• #1 Hospital in Georgia and Metro Atlanta
• #2 Graduate Biomedical Engineering/Bioengineering Program (with Georgia Tech)
• #3 Graduate Physician Assistant Program
• #3 Graduate Nursing Program
• #4 NIH Research Funding for Nursing Schools
• #4 Academic Resources in the South
• #5 Graduate Physical Therapy Program
• #5 Graduate Social Psychology Program
• #6 Best Dining Halls
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• #6 Seminary that Changes the World
• #7 Graduate Public Health Program
• #7 Graduate Nurse Practitioner: Family Program
• #7 Best Employers for Diversity
• #9 Best College Dorms
• #10 Most Diverse College
• #10 College That Students Love

Georgia State University
• #1 Best Value Law School
• #1 Social Work in the U.S. (among those that do not offer a Ph.D.)
• #1 Public or Nonprofit University in the U.S. to Confer Undergraduate Degrees to African-Americans
• #1 Public or Nonprofit University in the U.S. to Confer Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees to African-Americans, Asians, and Latinos
• #1 for Biological and Biomedical Sciences Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #1 for Finance and Financial Management Services Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #1 for Marketing Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #1 for Physical Sciences Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #1 for Psychology Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #1 for Social Sciences Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #2 for Business Management, Marketing, and Related Services Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to Minorities
• #2 for Communications/Journalism Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #2 for Foreign Languages/Linguistics Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #2 for Philosophy and Religion Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
• #2 Most Innovative School in the U.S.
• #2 Best Undergraduate Teaching in the U.S.
• #3 Graduate Urban Policy Program
• #3 Graduate Health Care Law School Program
• #3 Undergraduate Insurance Program
• #3 for Accounting and Related Services Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
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- #3 for Education Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #3 for History Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #4 for Computer and Information Sciences Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #4 for Visual and Performing Arts Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #5 Graduate Nonprofit Management Program
- #6 for Hospitality Administration/Management Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #8 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program
- #8 Graduate Local Government Management Program
- #9 Undergraduate Management Information Systems Program
- #9 Support of Military Learners and Veterans in the U.S.
- #10 Undergraduate Real Estate Program
- #10 Graduate Part-Time Law Populations
- #10 Most Ethnically Diverse University in the U.S.
- #10 for Mathematics and Statistics Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #10 for Public Administration and Social Services Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans


Georgia Institute of Technology
- #1 Return on Investment (In-State)
- #1 Early Phase University Incubator
- #1 University Incubator Supporting a Broad Range of Technologies
- #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
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- #1 for Engineering Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to Minorities
- #1 for Engineering Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to Women
- #1 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #1 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Foreign Nationals
- #1 for Physical Sciences Master’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #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 for Architecture and Related Services Master’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #2 for Engineering Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #2 for Engineering Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
- #2 for Engineering Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to Students with Two or More Races
- #2 for Engineering Master’s Degrees Awarded to Students with Two or More Races
- #2 University Incubator in the World
- #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 Public College for Big Paychecks
- #3 for Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded in Computer Engineering
- #3 for Bachelor’s Degrees in Engineering Awarded to Asian Americans
- #3 for Computer & Information Sciences Master’s Degrees Awarded to Students with Two or More Races
- #3 Undergraduate Biomedical Engineering Program
- #3 Undergraduate Materials Science & Engineering Program
- #3 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
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- #3 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Minorities
- #3 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Students with Two or More Races
- #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 for Computer & Information Sciences Master’s Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
- #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 School
- #5 for Architecture and Related Services Master’s Degrees Awarded to Minorities
- #5 for Engineering Master’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #5 for Engineering Master’s Degrees Awarded to Minorities
- #5 Undergraduate Computer Engineering Program
- #5 Graduate Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering Program
- #5 Graduate Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering Program
- #5 Graduate Mechanical Engineering Program
- #6 for Engineering Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Latinos
- #6 Undergraduate Quantitative Analysis Program
- #6 Undergraduate Management Information Systems Program
- #6 for Computer & Information Sciences Master’s Degrees Awarded to Latinos
- #6 Materials Science Percentage of Total Publications that are Among the 10% Most Cited
- #7 Undergraduate Production/Operation Management Program (tie)
- #7 Undergraduate 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 Science & Engineering Program
- #7 Graduate Production/Operations Program
- #7 Graduate Urban Planning Program
- #7 for Latino Tenured/Tenure-Track Engineering Faculty
- #8 for Architecture Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Minorities
- #8 for Architecture and Related Services Master’s Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
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- #8 for Architecture and Related Services Master's Degrees Awarded to Students with Two or More Races
- #8 for Computer & Information Sciences Master's Degrees Awarded to Minorities
- #8 Graduate Computer Science Program
- #8 Graduate Engineering Program
- #8 Graduate Computer Science Program
- #8 Top Public School (tie)
- #8 Undergraduate Supply Chain Management/Logistics Program
- #9 for Business Administration, Management, and Operations Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
- #9 Graduate Theory (Computer Science) Program
- #9 Graduate Nuclear Engineering Program
- #10 Graduate Systems (Computer Science) Program
- #10 for Computer and Information Sciences Doctorate Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
- #10 for Engineering Master's Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
- #10 in Engineering Research Expenditures


Morehouse College
- #3 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- #3 for Philosophy & Religion Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #10 for Mathematics & Statistics Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to African Americans

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Best Colleges; Diverse Issues in Higher Education, 2018

Morehouse School of Medicine
- #3 for Doctorate Degrees in Medicine Awarded to African Americans

Source: Diverse Issues in Higher Education, 2018

Spelman College
- #1 of Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- #1 for Mathematics & Statistics Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans

Sources: U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Best Colleges; Diverse Issues in Higher Education, 2018
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- #2 for Natural Resources and Conservation Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #6 for English/Literature Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #10 for Philosophy & Religious Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans

Source: U.S. News & World Report, 2019 Best Colleges; Diverse Issues in Higher Education, 2018

**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
- #2 for Management Information Systems and Services Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to Students with Two or More Races
- #3 Graduate Public Finance and Budgeting Program
- #4 Graduate Secondary Teacher Education Program
- #4 for Foreign Languages, Literatures and Linguistics Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to African Americans
- #4 for Management Information Systems and Services Bachelor's Degrees Awarded to Asian Americans
- #4 for Business, Management, and Marketing Bachelor’s Degrees Awarded to Minority Students
- #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

Sources: U.S. News & World Report, 2018 Best Graduate Schools, 2019 Best Colleges; Diverse Issues in Higher Education, 2018

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