



ATLANTA RANKINGS 2025 YEAR END UPDATE

Rank	Ranking	Source	Release
BUSINESS & ECONOMY			
#1	Highest Share of Black-owned Businesses	LendingTree, "Number of Black-Owned Businesses Spikes As Atlanta Remains in Spotlight"	Feb-25
#1	Best Place to Start a Career	WalletHub, "Best & Worst Places to Start a Career"	May-25
#1	Best City for Young Professionals	Extra Space Storage, "Best Cities for Young Professionals in 2026"	Nov-25
#1	Best City for Remote Workers	CoworkingCafe, "Remote Work Capitals: America's Best Cities for Telecommuting"	Nov-25
#3	Best City for Headquarters	Site Selection Magazine, "Site Selectors Survey: Why Site Selectors Love the South"	Jan-25
#4	Most Quality Ranked Workplaces	Inc., "Best Workplaces 2025"	Jun-25
#4	Most Fortune 500 Headquarters	Fortune, 2025	Jun-25
#5	Top Meeting Destination in North America	Cvent, "Top 50 Meeting Destinations in North America"	Jun-25
#8	Best Large City to Start a Business	WalletHub, "Best Large Cities to Start a Business"	Apr-25
#8	Top Warehouse/Distribution Hub	Business Facilities, "21st Annual Rankings Report: 2025 Metro Rankings"	Jul-25
#9	Economic Development Project Activity	Site Selection, "Top Metros – Tier 1: Investment Keeps Sailing into the Windy City"	Mar-25
#10	Top Manufacturing Hub	Business Facilities, "21st Annual Rankings Report: 2025 Metro Rankings"	Jul-25
#12	Top Startup Ecosystem in the U.S.	StartupBlink, "Startup Ecosystem Rankings 2025"	May-25
EDUCATION			
#2	Best College Social Environment	WalletHub, "Best College Towns in America"	Oct-25
#7	Best College Town	WalletHub, "Best College Towns in America"	Oct-25
TECHNOLOGY			
#1	Top Smart City in the U.S.	ProptechOS, "These cities are best prepared for a 'smart city' future in 2025"	May-25
#3	Top City for Cybersecurity and IT Careers	Liquid Web, "Top Cities for Tech Jobs"	Feb-25
#3	FinTech Leaders	Business Facilities, "21st Annual Rankings Report: 2025 Metro Rankings"	Jul-25
#4	Best Metro for STEM Professionals	WalletHub, "Best & Worst Metro Areas for STEM Professionals"	Jan-25
#4	Top Global Data Center Market	Cushman & Wakefield, "2025 Global Data Center Market Comparison"	May-25
#4	Fastest Growing Market for Tech Degree Completions	CBRE, "Scoring Tech Talent"	Sep-25
#5	Best Tech Job Market in the U.S.	ProptechOS, "These cities are best prepared for a 'smart city' future in 2025"	May-25
#5	Top Tech Education Market	CBRE, "Scoring Tech Talent"	Sep-25
#6	Most Tech Degree Completions	CBRE, "Scoring Tech Talent"	Sep-25
#7	Tech Talent Hub	JLL, "Talent Hubs 2025"	Sep-25
#12	Top Startup Ecosystem in the U.S.	StartupBlink, "Startup Ecosystem Rankings 2025"	May-25
#13	AI Growth Hub	Business Facilities, "21st Annual Rankings Report: 2025 Metro Rankings"	Jul-25
REAL ESTATE			
#1	Top City for Housing Value	Realtor.com, "September 2025 Luxury Housing Report: More for Your Money"	Oct-25
#1 (tie)	City with the Largest Drop in Rental Unit Pricing	Realtor.com, "Rents Are Dropping Across the U.S. — These 3 Metros Have Had the Biggest Price Cuts"	Sep-25
#3	New-Home Sales	ConsumerAffairs, "The 10 cities building (and selling) the most new homes"	May-25
#3	Best City for Renters	RentCafe, "Best Cities for Renters to Live in 2025: Southern Cities Sweep Top 10"	Jun-25
#4	Most Attractive Market for Commercial Real Estate Investment	CBRE, "Atlanta Among Top Targets for Commercial Real Estate Investment in 2025"	Feb-25
#4	Top City for Rental Activity	Rental Housing Journal, "Top 5 Cities For Rental Activity First Quarter 2025"	May-25
#4	New-Home Construction	ConsumerAffairs, "The 10 cities building (and selling) the most new homes"	May-25
#5	Total Industrial Development	ARC, "ARC Board Adopts Major Update to Regional Freight Mobility Plan"	Mar-25
#6	Most Office-to-Residential Conversion Units	RentCafe, "Record-Breaking 71K Apartments Set to Emerge From Office Conversions"	Jan-25

AIRPORT

#1	World's Busiest Airport	The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, "Atlanta airport retains 'world's busiest' crown in 2024"	Apr-25
#1	Best Airport for Food & Drinks	Food & Wine, "The Top 10 US Airports for Food and Drink, According to the Experts"	Apr-25

PEOPLE

#1	Best City for Recent College Grads	CoworkingCafe, "Top Cities for Grads in 2025: Atlanta Takes Back the Top Spot from San Francisco"	Jun-25
#2	Top Moving Destination	Penske, "Penske Truck Rental Announces 2024 Top Moving Destinations"	May-25
#3	Metro for Population Growth 2014-2024 (799K)	U.S. Census Bureau	Mar-25
#8	Largest Metro Population (6.4M)	U.S. Census Bureau	Mar-25
#8	Metro for Population Growth 2023-2024 (75,134)	U.S. Census Bureau	Mar-25

QUALITY OF LIFE

#1	Most Exciting City in the U.S.	Finance Buzz, "The 10 Most Exciting Cities in America"	Jul-25
#1	Best Cities for Singles	WalletHub, "Best & Worst Cities for Singles"	Dec-25
#1	Johns Creek - Best Place to Live in the U.S.	U.S. News, "The 25 Best Places to Live in the U.S. in 2025-2026"	Jun-25
#1	Gwinnett County - Most Diverse County in America	Niche, "2025 Most Diverse Counties in America"	Mar-25
#2	Most Livable City in the U.S.	Forbes, "The 20 Best Cities To Live In The World, According To A 2025 Report"	Jun-25
#2	Best City for Gen Z	CommercialCafe, "Best Cities for Gen Z in 2025 & Beyond"	Oct-25
#2	Top Metro Area to Visit in the Summer	WalletHub, "Best Summer Travel Destinations"	May-25
#2	Atlantic Station - Best Neighborhood to Live in America	Niche, "2025 Best Neighborhoods to Live in America"	Mar-25
#2	Forsyth County - Best County to Live in America	Niche, "2025 Best Counties to Live in America"	Mar-25
#3	Best Place to Live and Work as a Moviemaker	MovieMaker, "The Best Places to Live and Work as a Moviemaker in 2025"	Jan-25
#3	U.S. City Attracting the Most Newcomers	Gensler, "The Magnetic City, City Pulse 2025"	May-25
#4	Best City for Recreation	WalletHub, "Best and Worst Cities for Recreation"	Jul-25
#4	Most Fun City in America	WalletHub, "Most Fun Cities in America"	Dec-25
#5	Best State Capital to Live In	WalletHub, "Best State Capitals to Live In"	Feb-25
#6	Best City for Retirees	WalletHub, "Best & Worst Places to Retire"	Sep-25
#6	Highest Share of Green Space	Best Cities, "2026 World's Best Cities Report"	Nov-25
#7	Most Affordable City in the World	Bloomberg, "Austin, Salt Lake City Top Global List of Most Affordable Cities"	Oct-25

MISCELLANEOUS

#1	Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Best NFL Stadium Food	USA Today, "Game day gourmet: 10 best NFL stadiums for food"	Aug-25
#2	Mercedes-Benz Stadium - Best NFL Stadium	USA Today, "Experience epic game day magic at the 10 best NFL stadiums"	Aug-25
#3	Quietest City in the U.S.	Secret Atlanta, "Atlanta Is Officially One Of The Quietest Major Cities In The Entire World"	Jul-25
#4	Best Place to Get Married in the U.S.	WalletHub, "Best Places to Get Married"	Feb-25
#6	Most Dog-Friendly City in the U.S.	Tractor Supply Co, "The Most Dog-Friendly Cities In The U.S. Revealed"	Jan-25
#9	Fittest City in the U.S.	Times Entertainment, "Top 10 fittest US cities of 2025: Is yours on the list?"	Jul-25
#12	Top City for International Tourism	Condé Nast, "The 15 most visited cities in the United States"	Jan-25