

ALL-AMERICAN CITIES

17.1 Overview

All-America City Awards are presented to U.S. cities each year by the National Civic League (www.nationalcivicleague.org). Winners can be neighborhoods, towns, villages, cities, counties, and regions. Since the program's inception in 1949, more than 600 communities have been named All-America Cities.

17.2 Recent Award Winners

The following are recent award winners:

2021

- Bellevue, WA
- Carlisle, PA
- El Paso, TX
- Evanston, IL
- Fort Wayne, IN
- Kansas City, MO
- Livermore, CA
- Miramar, FL
- Morrisville, NC
- Wheat Ridge, CO

2020

- Algoma, WI
- Danville, VA
- El Paso, TX
- Franklin, TN
- Miami Gardens, FL
- Muncie, IN
- Pitt County, NC
- Portsmouth, OH
- Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Rochester, NY

2019

- Battle Creek, MI
- Cornelius, OR
- Dubuque, IA
- Gothenburg, NE
- Lancaster, TX
- Mission, TX
- Rancho Cordova, CA
- Rock Hill, SC
- West Hollywood, CA
- Wichita, KS

2018

- Charlotte, NC
- Decatur, GA
- El Paso, TX
- Kershaw County, SC
- Las Vegas, NV
- Longmont, CO
- Mount Pleasant, SC
- San Antonio, TX
- Springdale, AR
- Stockton, CA

2017

- Avondale, AZ
- Council Bluffs, IA
- Dayton-Montgomery County, OH
- Delray Beach, FL
- Des Moines, IA
- Dubuque, IA
- Kansas City, MO
- Lane County, OR
- New Britain, CT
- Roanoke, VA
- San Antonio, TX
- Springdale, AR
- Springfield, MA
- Stockton-San Joaquin County, CA
- Sarasota & Manatee Counties, FL

17.3 All-Time Award Winners

Communities winning this award more than twice comprise the All-America City Hall of Fame. These communities are as follows:

Seven-Time Winners

- Kansas City, MO
- San Antonio, TX

Six-Time Winners

- Des Moines, IA
- Roanoke, VA

Five-Time Winners

- Cleveland, OH
- Dubuque, IA
- El Paso, TX
- Phoenix, AZ
- Stockton, CA
- Tupelo, MS
- Wichita, KS
- Worcester, MA

Four-Time Winners

- Akron, OH
- Anchorage, AK
- Baltimore, MD
- Columbus, OH
- Fort Wayne, IN
- Grand Island, NE
- New Haven, CT
- Peoria, IL
- Philadelphia, PA
- Rockville, MD
- Toledo, OH

Three-Time Winners

- Alexandria, VA
- Allentown, PA
- Asheville, NC
- Bloomington, IN
- Boston, MA
- Cincinnati, OH
- Dayton, OH
- Delray Beach, FL

- Edinburg, TX
- Fayetteville, NC
- Fort Worth, Texas
- Gastonia, NC
- Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Hampton, VA
- Hickory, NC
- Independence, MO
- Laurinburg, NC
- Louisville, KY
- Norfolk, VA
- Rochester, NY
- Seward, AK
- Shreveport, LA
- Somerville, MA
- Spokane, WA
- Tacoma, WA

A complete list of All-American Cities is available at www.nationalcivicleague.org/america-city-award/past-winners/.

GREAT PLACES

18.1 Overview

Since 2007, the American Planning Association (www.planning.org) has recognized neighborhoods, public spaces, and streets that demonstrate exemplary character, quality, and planning with annual Great Places in America awards. Criteria include architectural features, accessibility, functionality, and community involvement.

18.2 Great Neighborhoods

Great Neighborhoods in America award winners have been as follows:

- Albany, NY: Arbor Hill
- Albuquerque, NM: Nob Hill
- Atlanta, GA: Ansley Park
Midtown Atlanta
- Austin, TX: Old West Austin
- Baltimore, MD: Charles Village
Fells Point
- Baton Rouge, LA: Garden District
- Beaufort, SC: Beaufort Historic District
- Berkeley, CA: Northbrae
- Birmingham, AL: Highland Park
- Boise, ID: North End
- Boston, MA: Back Bay
- Brooklyn, NY: Park Slope
- Buffalo, NY: Elmwood Village
- Chicago, IL: Pullman Neighborhood
- Cincinnati, OH: German Village
Hyde Park
Over-the-Rhine
- Columbus, OH: Short North Arts District
- Covington, KY: Historic Licking Riverside
- Davenport, IA: Gold Coast
Hamburg Historic District
- Decatur, GA: Downtown Decatur
- Delaware, OH: Historic Downtown Delaware

- Denver, CO: Greater Park Hill
La Alma/Lincoln Park
Lower Downtown
- Dorchester, MA: Fields Corner
- Evanston, IL: Central Street Neighborhood
- Fall River, MA: Historic Downtown
Lower Highlands
- Fargo, ND: Downtown Fargo
- Franklin, TN: Downtown Franklin Historic District
- Frederick, MD: Downtown Frederick
- Georgetown, TX: Historic Downtown Georgetown
- Grand Rapids, MI: Heritage Hill
- Greenwood, SC: Uptown Greenwood
- Guthrie, OK: Guthrie Historic District
- Hattiesburg, MS: Hattiesburg Historic Neighborhood
- Houston, TX: Montrose
- Jackson, MS: Greater Belhaven
- Jacksonville, FL: Riverside Avondale
- Kansas City, MO: Crossroads Arts District
- Kenmore, NY: Village of Kenmore
- Lafayette, IN: Historic Ninth Street Hill Neighborhood
- Lake Oswego, OR: First Addition
- Las Vegas, NV: John S. Park Neighborhood
- Lee's Summit, MO: Downtown Lee's Summit
- Lincoln, NE: The Haymarket
- Los Angeles, CA: Echo Park
- Louisville, KY: Old Louisville
- Lowell, MA: Canalway Cultural District
- Madison, WI: Williamson-Marquette
- Mariemont, OH: Village of Mariemont
- Mason City, IA: Downtown Mason City
- Memphis, TN: Cooper-Young
- Miami, FL: Wynwood
- Minneapolis, MN: Kenwood, Seward
- Missoula, MT: Heart of Missoula
- New Orleans, LA: Faubourg Marigny
- Newport News, VA: Historic Hilton Village
- Norfolk, VA: Ghent, West Freemason
- Norwich, CT: Downtown Norwich/Chelsea Landing
- Oak Park, IL: Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District
- Oakland, CA: Uptown
- Oklahoma City, OK: The Paseo
- Omaha, NE: Dundee-Memorial Park
- Pasadena, CA: Bungalow Heaven

- Patchogue, NY: Downtown Patchogue Village
- Philadelphia, PA: Chestnut Hill, Society Hill
- Phoenix, AZ: Roosevelt Row
- Pittsburgh, PA: Chatham Village
- Plano, TX: Downtown Plano
- Portland, OR: Ladd's Addition
- Providence, RI: College Hill
- Richmond, VA: The Fan
- Salem, MA: Downtown Salem
- Salisbury, NC: Downtown Salisbury
- Salt Lake City, UT: Fairmont-Sugar House
- San Antonio, TX: Pearl
- San Diego, CA: Hillcrest
- San Francisco, CA: Chinatown
- Santa Ana, CA: North Beach
- Savannah, GA: Downtown Santa Ana
- Seattle, WA: Victorian District
- Shelburne and Buckland, MA: Beacon Hill
- Sheridan, WY: Fremont
- Sioux Falls, SD: Pike Place Market
- Spokane, WA: The Village of Shelburne Falls
- St. Louis, MO: Downtown Sheridan
- Syracuse, NY: The Cathedral Historic District
- Tulsa, OK: Browne's Addition
- Urbana, IL: Central West End
- Walla Walla, WA: Greater University Hill
- Warren, RI: Swan Lake
- Washington, DC: West Urbana
- Wichita, KS: Downtown Walla Walla
- Downtown Warren
- Adams Morgan
- Eastern Market
- Old Town

18.3 Great Public Spaces

Great Public Spaces in America award winners have been as follows:

- Amsterdam, NY: Mohawk Valley Gateway Overlook
- Anchorage, AK: Tony Knowles Coastal Trail
- Ashland, OR: Lithia Park
- Aspen, CO: Aspen Pedestrian Mall
- Bakersfield, CA: Mill Creek Linear Park
- Bar Harbor, ME: Village Green
- Birmingham, AL: Charles W. Ireland Sculpture Garden

- Boca Raton, FL: Plaza Real
- Boston, MA: Neponset River Greenway
Norman B. Leventhal Park
The Emerald Necklace
- Boulder, CO: Pearl Street Mall
- Bowling Green, KY: Fountain Square
- Buffalo, NY: Delaware Park
- Burlington, VT: Church Street Marketplace
- Cambridge and Watertown, MA: Mount Auburn Cemetery
- Charleston, SC: Waterfront Park
- Charlevoix, MI: East Park
- Charlottesville, VA: The Lawn at the University of Virginia
- Chattanooga, TN: Walnut Street Bridge
- Chicago, IL: Chicago Union Station
Lincoln Park
Millennium Park
- Cincinnati, OH: Findlay Market
- Cleveland, OH: Public Square
West Side Market
- Colorado Springs, CO: Garden of the Gods Park
- Council Bluffs, IA: Bayliss Park
- Dallas, TX: Fair Park
- Denver, CO: Washington Park
- Des Moines, IA: Gray's Lake Park
- Detroit, MI: Campus Martius Park
- Dover, DE: The Green
- Fairbanks, AK: Golden Heart Plaza
- Flint, MI: Flint Farmers' Market
- Flushing, NY: Queens Botanical Garden
- Glencoe, IL: Chicago Botanic Garden
- Grand Rapids, MI: Rosa Parks Circle
- Hamilton, OH: RiversEdge at Marcum Park
- Hollywood, FL: Boardwalk
- Houston, TX: Buffalo Bayou
Discovery Green
Hermann Park
- Huntington, WV: Ritter Park
- Indianapolis, IN: Monument Circle
- Keene, NH: Central Square
- Knoxville, TN: Market Square
- Lakeland, FL: Lake Mirror Park
- Lancaster, PA: Central Market
- Lincoln, NE: Lincoln Trails Network
- Los Angeles, CA: Grand Park

- Mesa, AZ: Pioneer Park
- Milwaukee, WI: Milwaukee RiverWalk
- Minneapolis, MN: The Grand Rounds
- Mobile, AL: Bienville Square
- Nashville, TN: Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park
- New Haven, CT: New Haven Green
- New Orleans, LA: Jackson Square
- New York, NY: Bryant Park
- Central Park
- Governors Island
- Grand Central Terminal
- Essex County Branch Brook Park
- Newark, NJ: Cliff Walk
- Newport, RI: Percival Landing Boardwalk and Park
- Olympia, WA: The Plaza
- Orange, CA: Fairmount Park
- Philadelphia, PA: Reading Terminal Market
- Rittenhouse Square
- The County Home Complex
- Pitt County, NC: Point State Park, Mellon Square
- Pittsburgh, PA: Governor Tom McCall Waterfront Park
- Portland, OR: Pioneer Courthouse Square
- Prescott, AZ: Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza
- Providence, RI: Waterplace Park
- Richmond, VA: Maymont
- Riverside, CA: Fairmount Park
- Sacramento, CA: Cesar Chavez Park and Plaza
- Saint Paul, MN: Rice Park
- San Angelo, TX: Concho River Walk
- Main Plaza
- San Diego, CA: Balboa Park
- San Francisco, CA: Ferry Building
- Santa Fe, NM: Santa Fe Railyard
- Santa Monica, CA: Santa Monica Beach
- Savannah, GA: The Squares of Savannah
- Seattle, WA: Rainier Vista
- St. Louis, MO: Forest Park
- Stamford, CT: Mill River Park
- Tacoma, WA: Point Defiance Park
- Tulsa, OK: Gathering Place
- Guthrie Green
- Valparaiso, IN: Central Park Plaza
- Vancouver, WA: Esther Short Park
- Virginia Beach, VA: Virginia Beach Boardwalk
- Washington, DC: Union Station

18.4 Great Streets

Great Streets in America award winners have been as follows:

- Alexandria, VA: King Street
- Ann Arbor, MI: South Main Street
- Annapolis, MD: Main Street
- Arlington, VA: Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards
- Asheville, NC: Lexington Avenue
- Bath, ME: Front Street
- Boston, MA: Washington Street
- Bozeman, MT: Main Street
- Bristol, TN/VA: State Street
- Bronx, NY: Arthur Avenue
- Charleston, SC: Broad Street, King Street
- Chicago, IL: Lincoln Avenue and Giddings Plaza
North Michigan Avenue
Wydown Boulevard
- Clayton, MO: Shaker Boulevard
- Cleveland, Shaker Heights,
and Beachwood, OH: Sherman Avenue
- Coeur d'Alene, ID: Haddon Avenue
- Collingswood, NJ: Market Street
- Corning, NY: Davis Street
- Culpeper, VA: Main Street
- Davidson, NC: Fifth Street
- Dayton, OH: South El Paso Street
- El Paso, TX: Spring Street
- Eureka Springs, AR: Cushman Street
- Fairbanks, AK: West Magnolia Avenue
- Fort Worth, TX: Liberty Street
- Franklin, PA: Main Street
- Galena, IL: The Strand (Avenue B)
- Galveston, TX: Main Street
- Greenville, SC: Water Street
- Henderson, NV: Washington Street
- Hoboken, NJ: Kalakaua Avenue
- Honolulu, HI: Central Avenue
- Hot Springs, AR: Laura Street
- Jacksonville, FL: Broadway
- Jim Thorpe, PA: Ward Parkway
- Kansas City, MO: Main Street
- Ketchum, ID: Duval Street
- Key West, FL: Wall Street
- Kingston, NY: Park Lane
- Kirkland, WA: Gay Street
- Knoxville, TN: Gay Street

- Lahaina, HI: Front Street
- Las Vegas, NM: Bridge Street
- Lawrence, KS: Massachusetts Street
- Little Rock, AR: President Clinton Avenue
- Los Angeles, CA: Olvera Street
- Louisville, KY: West Main Street
- McMinnville, OR: Third Street
- Miami Beach, FL: Ocean Drive
- Middleburg, VA: Washington Street
- Milford, DE: North and South Walnut Street
- Milwaukee, WI: East Newberry Boulevard
- Nantucket, MA: Main Street
- New Bern, NC: Middle Street
- New Orleans, LA: St. Charles Avenue
- New York, NY: 125th Street
- Northampton, MA: Broadway
- Ogden, UT: Fifth Avenue
- Omaha, NE: Main Street
- Pensacola, FL: 25th Street
- Philadelphia, PA: South 24th Street
- Pittsburgh, PA: Palafox Street
- Portland, ME: Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- Portland, OR: Broad Street
- Portsmouth, NH: Grant Street
- Raleigh, NC: Commercial Street
- Red Lodge, MT: Congress Street
- Redmond, WA: 5th and 6th Avenues - Portland Transit Mall
- Richmond, VA: Monument Avenue
- Sag Harbor, NY: Market Street and Market Square
- Saint Paul, MN: Fayetteville Street
- Salt Lake City, UT: Broadway Avenue
- San Diego, CA: Cleveland Street
- Santa Barbara, CA: State Street
- Santa Fe, NM: Canyon Road
- Saratoga Springs, NY: Broadway
- Savannah, GA: Bull Street
- Skagway, AK: Broadway Street
- St. Louis, MO: Delmar Loop (University City)
- Washington Avenue

- Staunton, VA: West Beverley Street
- Tampa, FL: 7th Avenue (Ybor City)
- Tempe, AZ: Mill Avenue
- Traverse City, MI: Front Street
- Tucson, AZ: Congress Street
- Virginia City, NV: C Street
- Wallace, ID: Bank Street
- Washington, DC: Pennsylvania Avenue
U Street NW
- Waterloo, NY: Main Street
- West Hollywood, CA: Santa Monica Boulevard
- West Palm Beach, FL: Clematis Street
- Wheeling, WV: North Main Street
- Williamsburg, VA: Duke of Gloucester Street
- Woodstock, VT: Downtown Woodstock Streetscape
- Ypsilanti, MI: East Cross Street

BEST FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

28.1 Best Neighborhoods For Young Professionals

Annually, Niche (www.niche.com) ranks the best places for young professionals based on the number of Millennial residents, job opportunities, affordable housing, and access to restaurants and bars. The assessment is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov), Federal Bureau of Investigation (www.fbi.gov), U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov), and other sources.

The best neighborhoods for young professionals in 2021 were as follows:

1. Hell's Kitchen (neighborhood in New York, NY)
2. Nolita (neighborhood in New York, NY)
3. Telegraph Hill (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
4. Arena District (neighborhood in Columbus, OH)
5. Downtown Orlando, FL
6. Showplace Square (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
7. Mount Vernon Square (neighborhood in Washington, DC)
8. Center Square (neighborhood in Albany, NY)
9. South Lake Union (neighborhood in Seattle, WA)
10. Lower Haight (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
11. West Church (neighborhood in Nashville, TN)
12. Mission Bay (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
13. Uptown District (neighborhood in Columbus, OH)
14. Civic Center (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
15. South Beach (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
16. Downtown Washington, DC
17. Elliston Place (neighborhood in Nashville, TN)
18. Mission Dolores (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
19. Nob Hill (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)
20. First Hill (neighborhood in Seattle, WA)
21. Hope Gardens (neighborhood in Nashville, TN)
22. Juneau Town (neighborhood in Milwaukee, WI)
23. Murray Hill (neighborhood in New York, NY)
24. The Port (neighborhood in Cambridge, MA)
25. Mint Hill (neighborhood in San Francisco, CA)

The complete ranking is available at www.niche.com/places-to-live/search/best-places-for-young-professionals/.

BEST-MANAGED CITIES

29.1 Best-Managed Cities

A 2021 assessment by WalletHub (www.wallethub.com) ranked the best managed among 150 of the most-populated U.S. cities. The assessment compared the cities across six categories, as follows:

- Economy
- Education
- Financial stability
- Health
- Infrastructure and pollution
- Safety

Across these six categories, 38 metrics were used to determine a Quality of Services score which was then measured against the city's per-capita budget to determine the ranking.

“This year has been a true test of the effectiveness of local leadership, as city leaders have had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic, including enforcing restrictions and helping to facilitate the distribution of the vaccine.”

WalletHub, 6/22/21

The Top 25 Best-Run Cities in America are as follows:

1. Nampa, ID
2. Boise, ID
3. Fort Wayne, IN
4. Nashua, NH
5. Lexington-Fayette, KY

6. Lincoln, NE
7. Durham, NC
8. Rapid City, SD
9. Las Cruces, NM
10. Virginia Beach, VA
11. Raleigh, NC
12. Missoula, MT
13. Oklahoma City, OK
14. Manchester, NH
15. Provo, UT
16. Sioux Falls, SD
17. Billings, MT
18. Madison, WI
19. Chesapeake, VA
20. Huntington Beach, CA
21. Louisville, KY
22. Greensboro, NC
23. Arlington, TX
24. Salem, OR
25. Mesa, AZ

The complete ranking of all 150 cities is available at www.wallethub.com/edu/best-run-cities/22869/.

DOG-FRIENDLY CITIES

30.1 Overview

Annually, SmartAsset (www.smartasset.com) ranks the most dog-friendly cities among the 100 largest U.S. cities based on seven metrics, as follows:

- Dog parks per 100,000 residents based on data from the Trust for Public Land's *Amenities and Facilities Report*
- Dog-friendly restaurants based on data from BringFido.com
- Dog-friendly shopping centers based on data from BringFido.com
- Median home value based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau's *American Community Survey*
- Walkability based on Walkscore.com's *City and Neighborhood Ranking*
- Days of precipitation based on data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Concentration of pet stores and veterinary offices based on data comes from the *County Business Patterns Survey*

“It’s no secret that the U.S. is absolutely dog crazy. Where you live can make your canine’s companionship that much more enjoyable – not to mention easier.”

SmartAsset, 8/21/21

30.2 Ranking 2021

The 2021 ranking of dog-friendly cities was as follows:

1. Tucson, AZ
2. Tampa, FL
3. Portland, OR
4. Albuquerque, NM

5. Madison, WI
6. Las Vegas, NV
7. St. Petersburg, FL
8. San Francisco, CA
9. San Diego, CA
10. Denver, CO
11. Aurora, CO
12. Sacramento, CA
13. Arlington, VA
14. Minneapolis, MN
15. Pittsburgh, PA
16. Chicago, IL
17. Cincinnati, OH
18. Phoenix, AZ
19. Austin, TX
20. Long Beach, CA
21. Lexington, KY
22. Washington, DC
23. Louisville, KY
24. (tie) Orlando, FL
24. (tie) Scottsdale, AZ