

HOUSTON RANKINGS

Houston stands among top U.S. cities in lists prepared by the following publications and organizations.

Houston Ranks #1

Most Popular City for Relocating Employees within the U.S. in 1999

Cendant Mobility
June 2002

Lowest Cost of Living Among 25 Metropolitan Areas with Populations of More Than 1.7 Million

ACCRA Cost of Living Index
Second Quarter 2002

Least-Expensive Housing Among 25 Metropolitan Areas with Populations of More Than 1.7 Million

ACCRA Cost of Living Index
Second Quarter 2002

Fastest-Growing Cities in the 20th Century

American Business Journals
December 1999

Best Cities for African-Americans

Black Enterprise
July 2001

Best Value for a Quality Education: Rice University

Princeton College Guide 2003

Houston Ranks #2

Public Universities with the Most Ethnically Diverse Student Bodies: University of Houston

U.S. News On-Line
www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/codivers.htm
2001

Top Cities for African-American Families

BET.com 2002

Houston Ranks #3

Fastest-Growing High-Tech Work force

AeA (American Electronics Association) and NASDAQ
December 2000

High-Growth Companies in Cities with Markets of More Than 3 Million

National Commission on Entrepreneurship
July 2001

Number of Foreign Consulates (76)

Houston International Protocol Alliance
April 2002

Houston Ranks #4

Fortune 500 Headquarters

(ranked by Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area)
Fortune
April 16, 2002

Houston Ranks #5

Best Value in Universities: Rice University

America's Best Colleges 2003
U. S. News & World Report

Top "New Wave" Cities for Sports

Houston Chronicle survey of local and national sports executives, media and players
July 22, 2001

Houston Ranks #7

Creativity Index

measuring technology, talent and tolerance
Richard Florida, Ph.D.
The Rise of the Creative Class, 2002

Top 20 Places to Live and Work 2002

[Employment Review.com](http://EmploymentReview.com)
May 2002

Houston Ranks #8

Best Places to Live

Places Rated Almanac 2000

Best Cities for Singles

Forbes.com
June 6, 2002

Top 10 cities for Entrepreneurs 2002

Entrepreneur and Dun & Bradstreet

Other Accolades

10 Best Places to Live in the USA

CityRating.com 2002

Top 10 Internet-Accessible Cities

Ohio State University study report in Houston Business Journal July 26, 2002

One of 12 Gold-Medal, World-Class Communities for Manufacturing

(fourth consecutive year)
Industry Week
April 16, 2001

Top 10 Metros for New and Expanded Facilities

Site Selection
March 2002

Top 10 Specialty Hospitals

Cancer centers, rehabilitation, heart treatment, neurology and pediatrics
U.S. News & World Report
July 22, 2002

"Best Buy" Colleges:

Rice University

Fiske Guide to Colleges 2002