

Rankings

General Rankings

- Atlanta was ranked #7 out of 331 metro areas in *Cities Ranked & Rated*. Criteria: cost of living; climate; crime; transportation; economy and jobs; education; arts and culture; health and healthcare; leisure. *Cities Ranked & Rated, 1st Edition, 2004*
- Atlanta was selected as one of “America’s Top 100 Places to Live” by Relocate-America.com. Nominations were accepted throughout the year for cities and towns considered to be “great places to live.” The nominations, along with key data regarding education, employment, economy, crime, parks, recreation and housing were reviewed, rated and judged by the Relocate-America.com editorial staff. *Relocate-America.com, “Relocate America’s Top 100 Places to Live in 2006”*
- Atlanta was selected as one of the top places to live in the U.S. according to Harris Interactive. The city ranked #7 out of 10. Criteria: 3,685 U.S. adults were polled as to where they would choose to live if they could live anywhere in the country. *Harris Interactive, September 6, 2006*
- The Atlanta metro area was selected as one of “America’s Best Places to Live and Work” by *Employment Review*. The area ranked #5 out of 20. Criteria: unemployment rate; projected job growth; cost of living; and industry specific data. *Employment Review, www.bestjobsusa.com, 2003*

Business/Finance Rankings

- Atlanta was selected as one of the best places to start and grow a company by *Entrepreneur* and the National Policy Research Council. The Atlanta metro area ranked #21 out of 50 large metro areas. Criteria: business formation and growth (firms started four to 14 years ago that still employ at least 5 people and experienced rapid growth over the last four years). *Entrepreneur/National Policy Research Council, “Hot Cities for Entrepreneurs,” September 2006*
- The Atlanta metro area was selected as one of “America’s 50 Hottest Cities” for business relocations and expansions. Criteria: industry’s most prominent site selection consultants were asked to list their top city choices for relocating and expanding manufacturing companies, taking into consideration such factors as the business climate, work force quality, operating costs, incentive programs, and the ease of working with local political and economic development officials. *Expansion Management, January-February 2007*
- Atlanta was cited as one of America’s top large metros (population over 1 million) for new and expanded facility projects in 2006. The area ranked #3 out of 10. *Site Selection, “Top Metropolitan Area Awards”, March 2007*
- The Atlanta metro area was cited as one of America’s “Most Picture Perfect Metros” by *Plant Sites and Parks* magazine. Each year *PSP* readers rank the metro areas they consider best bets for their companies to relocate or expand to in the coming year. The area ranked #2 out of 10. *Plant Sites and Parks, March 2004*
- The Atlanta metro area was selected as one of the “Top 40 Real Estate Markets” for expanding or relocating businesses. The area ranked #19 out of 40. Criteria: rental costs; purchase prices; and vacancy rates of office and warehouse space. *Expansion Management, October 2006*
- Intel, in partnership with Sperling’s BestPlaces, ranked the 80 “Best Cities for Teleworking” in America. The Atlanta metro area ranked #3 among extra large metro areas. The study identifies cities that hold the greatest potential for teleworking based on a host of factors including typical commuting times, fuel prices, availability of broadband Internet access and percentage of the population in telework friendly jobs. The study also factored in extreme climate and natural hazards. *Intel, “Best Cities for Teleworking,” March 30, 2006*
- The Atlanta metro area appeared on the Milken Institute “2005 Best Performing Cities” index. Rank: #118 out of 200 large metro areas. Criteria: job growth; wage and salary growth; high-tech output growth. *Milken Institute, “2005 Best Performing Cities,” February 2006*

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population Growth

Area	1990 Census	2000 Census	2006 Estimate	2011 Projection	Population Growth (%)	
					1990-2000	2000-2011
City	394,092	416,474	419,483	422,907	5.7	1.5
MSA ¹	3,069,411	4,247,981	4,862,409	5,381,977	38.4	26.7
U.S.	248,709,873	281,421,906	298,021,266	312,383,955	13.2	11.0

Note: (1) Metropolitan Statistical Area - see Appendix B for areas included

Source: Claritas, Inc.

Number of Households and Average Household Size

Area	2006 Estimate	2006 Average Household Size
City	170,316	2.46
MSA ¹	1,764,419	2.76
U.S.	112,267,302	2.65

Note: (1) Metropolitan Statistical Area - see Appendix B for areas included

Source: Claritas, Inc.

Race and Ethnicity

Area	White Alone ²	Black Alone ²	Asian Alone ²	Other Race Alone ²	Hispanic ³
City	35.2	57.7	2.6	4.5	5.9
MSA ¹	59.8	30.2	3.9	6.1	8.7
U.S.	73.3	12.4	4.2	10.1	14.5

Note: Figures are 2006 estimates; (1) Metropolitan Statistical Area - see Appendix B for areas included

(2) Alone is defined as not being in combination with one or more other races; (3) May be of any race.

Source: Claritas, Inc.

Segregation

City		MSA ¹	
Index ²	Rank ³	Index ²	Rank ⁴
83.5	3	68.8	67

Note: Figures are based on an analysis of Census 2000 data; (1) Metropolitan Statistical Area - see Appendix A for areas included; (2) White/Black Dissimilarity Index—the most commonly used measure of segregation between two groups, reflecting their relative distributions across neighborhoods within a city or metropolitan area. It can range in value from 0, indicating complete integration, to 100, indicating complete segregation; (3) Ranges from 1 (most segregated) to 100 (least segregated) and includes all the cities in this book; (4) Ranges from 1 (most segregated) to 318 (least segregated) and includes 318 metropolitan areas.

Source: www.CensusScope.org

Ancestry

Area	German	Irish ²	English	American	Italian	Polish	French ³	Scottish
City	4.5	4.5	5.9	3.0	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.6
MSA ¹	8.3	8.5	8.8	10.4	2.7	1.4	1.8	2.0
U.S.	15.2	10.9	8.7	7.3	5.6	3.2	3.0	1.7

Note: Figures include multiple ancestry (e.g. if a person reported being Irish and Italian, they were included in both columns); (1) Metropolitan Statistical Area - see Appendix A for areas included; (2) Includes Celtic; (3) Includes Alsatian but excludes Basque

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

Foreign-Born Population

Area	Percent of Population Born in							
	Any Foreign Country	Europe	Asia	Africa	Oceania ²	Canada	Mexico	Latin America ³
City	6.6	0.9	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.2	2.1	1.1
MSA ¹	10.3	1.3	2.8	0.9	0.0	0.2	2.9	2.1
U.S.	11.1	1.7	2.9	0.3	0.1	0.3	3.3	2.5

Note: (1) Metropolitan Statistical Area - see Appendix A for areas included; (2) Includes Australia, New Zealand subregion, Melanesia, Micronesia, Polynesia, and Oceania n.e.c; (3) Includes Central America (excluding Mexico), South America, and the Caribbean.

Source: Census 2000, Summary File 3

Crime Rate: City

City	All Crimes	Violent Crimes				Property Crimes		
		Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggrav. Assault	Burglary	Larceny -Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
Albuquerque	7,115.9	10.8	58.1	234.4	648.6	1,170.7	4,219.7	773.7
Alexandria	2,916.4	2.3	16.9	153.0	183.0	226.1	1,976.1	359.1
Anchorage	4,851.7	5.8	81.1	139.1	509.6	645.8	2,987.2	483.1
Ann Arbor	3,287.9	0.0	32.6	89.7	192.7	755.8	2,007.7	209.4
Athens	5,627.7	4.7	38.8	127.7	166.5	990.3	3,958.3	341.4
Atlanta	8,965.2	20.9	51.8	664.3	937.8	1,543.7	4,410.1	1,336.5
Austin	6,502.1	3.8	45.0	170.6	270.3	1,051.2	4,593.7	367.7
Baltimore	6,939.5	42.0	25.3	609.9	1,077.4	1,144.6	3,071.5	969.0
Baton Rouge	7,606.7	21.8	37.0	442.3	700.7	1,755.1	3,986.4	663.3
Bellevue	4,082.0	1.7	24.5	41.4	77.6	502.1	2,956.2	478.5
Birmingham	9,537.4	44.3	102.7	609.2	714.1	2,103.0	5,099.5	864.6
Boise City	4,221.3	2.6	61.5	44.1	275.4	696.4	2,885.5	255.9
Boston	5,758.4	12.9	47.2	466.7	790.9	798.3	2,811.4	831.1
Boulder	4,108.1	0.0	44.9	36.4	149.8	589.5	3,018.0	269.6
Buffalo	7,296.2	19.8	65.0	588.5	717.0	1,496.8	3,561.6	847.6
Cary	2,036.0	0.0	12.6	48.6	68.0	419.6	1,387.1	100.0
Cedar Rapids	5,548.6	0.8	36.7	98.6	203.8	869.6	4,093.0	246.1
Charleston	5,417.3	9.4	46.1	272.8	615.2	761.9	3,258.5	453.4
Charlotte	8,052.0	12.6	47.7	538.9	572.4	1,887.8	3,944.3	1,048.3
Chattanooga	9,176.9	14.7	74.1	282.5	749.6	1,399.5	5,984.8	671.7
Chicago	n/a	15.6	n/a	555.6	624.4	881.0	2,901.5	782.9
Cincinnati	8,315.2	25.1	100.2	737.8	321.4	1,727.7	4,463.7	939.3
Cleveland	7,618.2	23.8	104.2	815.7	454.6	1,873.7	2,864.6	1,481.9
Colorado Spgs.	5,717.5	3.2	67.0	117.2	291.1	981.6	3,782.3	475.1
Columbia	7,626.9	12.7	47.5	323.1	728.5	1,129.7	4,675.6	709.9
Columbus	8,250.0	14.0	70.9	517.2	234.7	1,999.6	4,343.8	1,069.8
Dallas	8,484.4	16.4	45.7	559.4	632.6	1,817.7	4,252.2	1,160.4
Denver	6,800.8	10.5	58.1	253.7	473.5	1,303.7	3,280.1	1,421.3
Des Moines	7,702.5	2.6	56.4	150.7	419.8	1,348.1	5,148.8	576.1
Durham	6,589.6	17.1	43.4	305.7	354.0	1,539.4	3,873.6	456.4
Edison	2,677.3	0.0	6.0	70.7	153.4	468.3	1,708.8	270.0
El Paso	3,703.5	2.3	49.0	74.4	308.6	357.4	2,479.9	431.8
Eugene	7,078.3	3.5	37.4	82.3	103.8	1,109.1	4,593.6	1,148.6
Fort Collins	3,787.9	1.6	91.7	44.3	205.9	593.5	2,516.2	334.8
Fort Lauderdale	7,557.7	8.9	39.8	440.3	404.1	1,518.2	4,494.5	651.8
Fort Wayne	5,197.7	11.3	38.1	170.0	112.4	1,012.4	3,555.0	298.3
Fort Worth	6,706.8	9.8	50.7	224.9	353.8	1,416.0	4,045.7	605.8
Grand Rapids	6,005.9	4.1	33.8	345.2	621.7	1,043.7	3,610.3	347.2
Green Bay	3,372.1	4.9	57.1	70.9	354.3	595.5	2,066.0	223.4
Greensboro	6,925.0	12.7	36.1	334.3	441.4	1,679.7	3,907.5	513.2
Honolulu	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Houston	7,059.2	16.3	42.6	544.0	569.6	1,346.3	3,542.8	997.6
Huntsville	7,710.1	13.3	53.3	302.8	369.4	1,481.1	4,831.5	658.8
Indianapolis	7,250.9	13.5	65.8	409.1	504.7	1,443.0	3,691.2	1,123.6
Irvine	1,880.8	1.1	9.5	23.4	50.1	395.0	1,231.7	169.9
Jacksonville	6,302.0	11.4	23.8	283.3	511.4	1,131.5	3,719.9	620.7
Kansas City	9,233.4	28.1	65.9	446.5	918.7	1,658.6	4,823.0	1,292.7
Knoxville	7,106.0	13.9	55.0	302.8	588.4	1,372.9	4,094.7	678.4
Las Vegas	5,581.9	11.3	48.1	272.6	411.6	1,121.0	2,160.8	1,556.5
Lexington	4,395.0	5.6	54.8	214.5	275.6	810.1	2,756.6	277.9
Lincoln	5,917.7	1.7	47.1	94.7	430.4	796.3	4,370.0	177.5
Los Angeles	3,850.4	12.6	28.5	356.4	423.0	583.6	1,704.2	741.9
Louisville	5,024.9	8.8	33.5	292.1	290.2	1,145.7	2,749.6	505.0

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