

The 10 Best Cities for Families



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You want the best for your family, and that includes great schools, affordable homes, low crime rates, plenty of jobs, and lots of parkland. So we crunched more than 8,000 bits of data in 84 categories to determine this year's top places to raise kids. **Plus, see the [complete list of Best Cities!](#)**

2. Austin, TX

It's no surprise that Austin kept its [second-place ranking from last year](#)—it's a way-cool progressive city in a warm and sunny climate. City pools stay open year-round, and the bass are always biting at Town Lake.

The self-proclaimed Live Music Capital of the World, Austin also hosts the annual South by Southwest music, film, and interactive festival. It's a mecca for innovators—Michael Dell launched his tech company here—and Samsung, Google, and Facebook all have offices.

With an abundance of pediatricians, 27,000 acres of parkland, and plenty of farmers markets and food co-ops, Austin is a well-rounded, healthy hometown.



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