



Austin in top 10 list of greenest cities

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Austin ranked ninth in a national survey of the top 10 green cities in the country.

According to data compiled by the [EarthLab Foundation](#), a Kirkland, Wash.-based nonprofit, Chicago tops the list followed by New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. Remaining top 10 green cities are Minneapolis, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin and Portland.

The data used for the survey is based on a sampling of more than 1 million U.S. residents who used EarthLab's Carbon & Lifestyle Calculator, which scores users' personal impact on the environment, factoring in energy consumption, transportation, work, recycling and other lifestyle habits.

The EarthLab calculator has been featured in Leonardo DiCaprio's documentary "The 11th Hour," the 2007 Emmy awards and the [Alliance for Climate Protection](#), which is chaired by Al Gore.

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