

America's Most Walkable Cities

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The relentless rise of gasoline prices is likely to encourage many people to pound the pavement this summer to save a buck – or several thousand bucks. Some aspiring pedestrians will fare better than others depending on where they live and work, according to a recently released ranking of the most walkable cities in the United States.

[Walk Friendly Communities](#), an organization devoted to promoting safe walking environments in U.S. cities, recognized the top towns and cities in America according to a wide range of metrics affecting the safety, mobility, access and comfort of the pedestrian lifestyle. These metrics include factors like whether walking is integrated into the city's overall urban planning process, the extent to which parking rules and regulations provide adequate space for pedestrians and local programs for promoting walking.

Here is the list of the top 10:

Seattle, WA

Population: 616,669

Area: 92 square miles

Population density: 6,703 per square mile

Ann Arbor, MI

Population: 114,024

Area: 27.7 square miles

Population density: 4,116 per square mile

Arlington, VA

Population: 213,300

Area: 25.8 square miles

Population density: 8,267 per square mile

Hoboken, NJ

Population: 50,005

Area: 1.3 square miles

Population density: 38,465 per square mile

Santa Barbara, CA

Population: 114,024

Area: 21 square miles

Population density: 5,430 per square mile

Charlottesville, VA

Population: 41,225

Area: 10.3 square miles

Population density: 4,002 per square mile

Decatur, GA

Population: 18,147

Area: 4.1 square miles

Population density: 4,426 per square mile

Austin, TX

Population: 757,688

Area: 302 square miles

Population density: 2,509 per square mile

Charlotte, NC

Population: 709,441

Area: 286 square miles

Population density: 2,481 per square mile

Flagstaff, AZ

Population: 63,505

Area: 64 square miles

Population density: 992 per square mile