

# NATIONAL RECOGNITION

NICHE®

**2023** 7<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in Alabama & 4<sup>th</sup> Best Public Schools.

Southern Living

**2022** The South's 3<sup>rd</sup> Best College Town.

SITE  
SELECTION

**2021** 6<sup>th</sup> Best Metro for Attracting Business in the U.S.

MILKEN INSTITUTE  
BEST-PERFORMING CITIES

**2021** 17<sup>th</sup> Best Performing Small City for Economic Growth in the U.S.

LIVABILITY

**2020** Top 100 Best Small to Mid-Sized Cities to Live in the U.S.

BF BUSINESS  
FACILITIES

**2019** 5<sup>th</sup> Best City for Economic Growth Potential in the U.S.

BUSINESS INSIDER

**2019** Top 20 College Town in which to Start a Career in the U.S.

Forbes

**2019** 13<sup>th</sup> Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.

Money

**2019** Top 100 Places to Live in the U.S.

Southern Living

**2019** The South's 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Retirement Town.

Where to Retire

**2019** Top Place to Retire in the U.S.

INSURIFY

**2018** The Most Educated City in Alabama

Southern Living

**2018** The South's 2<sup>nd</sup> Best College Town.

USA TODAY

**2017** 16<sup>th</sup> Best City for Job Creation in the U.S.

Forbes

**2016** 10<sup>th</sup> Best Small City for Jobs in the U.S.

24/7  
WALL ST

**2016** Top 25 Cities People are Moving to.

Forbes

**2015** 9<sup>th</sup> Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.

nerdwallet

**2015** One of the 100 Most Educated Cities in the U.S.

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**2015** 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Town to Raise a Family in Alabama.

Forbes

**2014** 10<sup>th</sup> Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.

Forbes

**2014** Top 25 City for Retirement in the U.S.

MOVOTO

**2014** Best City in Alabama.

newgeography

**2014** 4<sup>th</sup> Smartest City in the U.S. and Smartest City in Alabama.