NATIONAL RECOGNITION

MILKEN INSTITUTE BEST-PERFORMING CITIES

2024

14th Best Performing Small City for Economic Growth in the U.S.

Southern Living

2023 10th Most Charming College for Small Towns in the South.

2022

3rd Best College Town in the South.

2019 3rd Best Retirement Town in the South.

Money

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

Forbes

2019 13th Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.

Where to Retire

2019 Top Place to Retire in the U.S.

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2015 Top 100 Educated Cities in the U.S.

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2024

6th Best Place to Live in AL. 4th Best Public Schools in AL. 8th Best Town to Raise a Family in AL

STTE SELECTION

2023 3rd Best Small Metro for Industrial Growth in the U.S.

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2020

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

BUSINESS INSIDER

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

INSURIFY

2019 Most Educated City in AL.



2017 16th Best City for Job Creation in the U.S.