Houston's National Livability Standing

Discover how the Bayou City ranks among the best places to live across America in 2026.

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58th

Best Cities to Live (U.S.)

Houston ranks 58th out of 229 major U.S. cities in Niche.com's 2026 Best Cities to Live in America report.

This ranking reflects a comprehensive evaluation of factors including housing, public schools, diversity, and job opportunities. Understanding Houston's position provides valuable context for residents and those considering a move.

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Diverse Urban Appeal Recognized

Houston's high ranking underscores its broad appeal, driven by a diverse economy and vibrant cultural scene. Factors such as job market strength and community diversity contribute significantly to its overall livability score, attracting a wide range of residents.

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Understanding Local Strengths and Areas for Growth

While a strong overall ranking, diving into specific subcategories can reveal unique strengths and areas where the city continues to develop. These insights are valuable for community leaders and residents alike in shaping Houston's future.

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