

Special Report

Best Places For Business And Careers

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Rank	Metro Area	Cost of Doing Business	Job Growth	Educational Attainment	Population
1	Boise ID	22	8	57	488,000
2	Raleigh NC	10	53	6	1,313,000
3	Austin TX	16	58	9	1,402,000
4	Washington DC-Northern VA	105	20	2	5,292,000
5	Albuquerque NM	1	38	39	764,000
6	Huntsville AL	11	42	22	362,000
7	Fayetteville AR	15	4	99	346,000
8	Norfolk VA	51	31	79	1,646,000
9	Atlanta GA	37	70	16	4,541,000
10	Madison WI	67	40	3	454,000
11	Lexington KY	2	121	35	502,000
12	Phoenix AZ	63	23	63	3,664,000
13	Houston TX	41	50	49	4,573,000
14	Richmond VA	60	51	29	1,045,000
15	Provo UT	35	33	18	406,000
16	Ann Arbor MI	102	62	8	614,000
17	Knoxville TN	20	24	84	722,000

#14 Richmond VA

Population: 1,045,000

	RANK
Engineers ¹	83
Cost of Doing Business ²	60
Cost Of Living ³	77
Crime Rate ⁴	79
Culture & Leisure ⁵	72
Educational Attainment ⁶	29
Income Growth*	16
Job Growth*	51
Net Migration*	54
Overall	14



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