

Syracuse

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Rankings

America's 6th Most Affordable City to do Business In

Regional Financial Associates developed a metropolitan area cost of doing business index based upon the major costs that vary by area and affect most businesses: Labor, Energy, Tax burdens and Office rents. These four indices are then combined to determine the Cost of Doing Business Index. The top 100 metropolitan areas in America were evaluated. In most cases, data is from 1990-1994.



Cost of Doing Business Index

The Cost of Doing Business Index for Syracuse is 87.7, 12.3 points below the national average. Our overall rank is 94, or 6th most affordable place for business.



32nd Best Place to Live

The newest edition of Places Rated Almanac rates Syracuse as the 32nd best place to live. The survey ranks the 354 MSA'S in 9 different categories. The lower the score, the better.

	Syracuse	New York	Albany	Rochester	Buffalo
Cost of Living	220	354	265	255	208
Transportation	41	3	62	64	50
Jobs	162	206	167	134	174
Education	21	20	3	6	27
Climate	291	105	323	233	286
Crime	60	352	93	102	213
Arts	67	1	73	60	24
Health Care	78	29	81	95	66
Recreation	17	28	80	7	38
Overall Rank	32	65	78	30	59


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Top City to Raise a Child

Parenting Magazine lists Syracuse as one of the top ten small cities to raise a child. The magazine searched for cities that boasted good schools, affordable housing, healthy economy, low crime rate and a clean environment. The other cities included Stamford, Tallahassee, Boise, Portland, Roanoke, Cedar Rapids, Austin, Omaha, and Colorado Springs.



Top Colleges

Twelve Central New York colleges and universities make the U.S. News and World Report's annual survey of the nation's best institutions of higher learning. Their rankings are based on reputation, faculty resources, financial resources, retention and alumni giving.

Syracuse University Graduate Programs in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs ranked number 1, edging out Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (www.USNEWS.com, Americas Best Graduate Schools, 2006).

Le Moyne College ranks as one of "Best Buy" colleges in the US by Money Magazine.

Top City for Doing Business

Inc. Magazine in its March 2004 issue lists Syracuse as number 1 in the Northeast and 14th overall as a top medium size city to do business. Medium areas range from 150,000 to 450,000 jobs and the ranking is based on a series of calculations of employment growth.

Top City for Quality of Life and Logistics

Expansion Management magazine (March 2006) ranked Syracuse as a "5-Star" city in its annual Quality of Life quotient ranking. This is the third consecutive year Syracuse has been identified as one of the top 20 MSA's for affordable housing, good public schools, freedom from crime, cost of living and other categories.

The magazine also recognized Syracuse as a top logistics center and as a five-star knowledge worker metro.

Ranking 98th in the USA for logistics, and 4th in New York State, Syracuse was number 1 in workforce and road infrastructure.

Gone Fishing

Field and Stream magazine in its October 2003 issue, lists the Salmon River (just north of Syracuse) as the second best place in the country for salmon fishing.

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