

# Houston #1

## **Top Counties with the Largest Numeric Population Increase - Harris County**

*U.S. Census Bureau – March 14, 2013*

## **Top Metros of 2012**

*Site Selection Magazine – March 4, 2013*

## **Fastest Real GDP Growth Among Large MSAs**

*Bureau of Economic Analysis – February 22, 2013*

## **Most Multifamily Construction - Houston MSA**

*AXIOMetrics Inc. - January 30, 2013*

## **Best Cities for Your Career in 2013**

*Payscale.com (as reported by Yahoo!) - January 3, 2013*

## **Mobile Shopping**

*Interactive Advertising Bureau - November 20, 2012*

## **Happiest Students - Rice University**

*The Princeton Review - August 21, 2012*

## **America's Coolest Cities to Live**

*Forbes – July 26, 2012*

## **Big Cities Where Self-Employment is Growing the Fastest**

*Forbes – July 25, 2012*

## **Cities Where a Paycheck Stretches the Furthest**

*Forbes – July 9, 2012*

## **Top Destination City**

*U-Haul International – March 26, 2012*

## **Top City for Women-Owned Business Revenue**

*The State of Women-Owned Businesses Report (commissed by American Express OPEN) – March 2012*

## **Top Metros of 2011**

*Site Selection Magazine – March 1, 2012*

## **Largest Retail Market in Texas - Harris Co.**

*Texas Retail Survey – March 2012*

## **Most Racially/Ethnically Diverse Large Metro Area**

*Kinder Institute for Urban Research & The Hobby Center for the Study of Texas – March 2012*

## **Top U.S. Manufacturing Cities**

*Manufacturers' News, Inc. – January 30, 2012*

## **Fastest Growing Wages in U.S.**

*Business Insiders - January 12, 2012*

## **Top Technology Job Growth**

*CyberCoders (as reported by Houston Business Journal) - January 11, 2012*

## **Top Gulf Coast Counties for New Plants & Expansions from Oct. '09-Oct. '11 - Harris County**

*Conway Data Inc., New Plant Database - January 2012*

## **Best Cities for Manufacturing Jobs**

*Forbes - December 15, 2011*

## **Mobile Shopping**

*Interactive Advertising Bureau (as reported by Citybizlist Houston) - December 7, 2011*

## **Quality of Life in the Southern U.S. - West University Place**

*On Numbers (as reported by Houston Business Journal) - December 6, 2011*

## **Personal Safety in U.S.**

*Mercier (as reported by Houston Business Journal) - December 1, 2011*

## **Top Local Government Green Power Purchaser**

*Environmental Protection Agency - October 5, 2011*

**Best Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program - University of Houston**

*The Princeton Review (as reported by Entrepreneur.com) – September 2011*

**New Housing Construction**

*Houston Business Journal - August 26, 2011*

**Top 10 Manufacturing Cities**

*Business Facilities - July/August 2011*

**America's Best Hospitals - Cancer, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center**

*U.S News & World Report - July 2011*

**Fastest Growing Millionaire City in the U.S.**

*Forbes.com – July 14, 2011*

**Fastest Growing Metro Area**

*Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research – July 12, 2011*

**Green Building Initiatives (Large City Category - population over 100,000)**

*The U.S. Conference of Mayors – June 17, 2011*

**America's Best Burger City**

*Travel+Leisure – May 13, 2011*

**Top Cities for IT Jobs**

*Modis – May 13, 2011*

**Most Affordable City to Do Business - Worldwide**

*Cities of Opportunities 2011 (as reported by PwC and The Partnership for New York City) - May 3, 2011*

**2011 Fast City of the Year**

*Fastcompany.com – May 2011*

**Top 10 Major Cities FDI Strategy**

*FDI Magazine – April/May 2011*

**Wage Growth**

*PayScale, Inc. – April 12, 2011*

**Lowest Cost of Living - Large Metros**

*ACCRA Cost of Living Index – First Quarter 2011*

**Most Free Hotel Perks**

*Priceline.com – March 14, 2011*

**Best Children's Museums**

*Parents Magazine – February 7, 2011*

**Most Notable High Growth Areas - Katy**

*Gadberry Group – January 5, 2011*

**America's Top Shopping Cities**

*Forbes.com - December 13, 2010*

**Top Texas Employer - Dow Chemical, Freeport**

*Texas Workforce Commission - November 19, 2010*

**Lowest Estimated Land and Regulation Costs**

*New Geography - November 1, 2010*

**Best Cities to Start a New Career**

*The Daily Beast - October 2010*

**America's Best Airports**

*Travel + Leisure – July 2010*

**Largest 5 Year Employment Gain (June 2005 - June 2010)**

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (as Reported by the Houston Business Journal) – July 28, 2010*

**Top Cities for Recent College Grads**

*Bloomberg Businessweek – July 16, 2010*

**The Office Building of the Year (TOBY) Award - Legacy Center Business Park and Greenway Plaza**

*BOMA International – June 17, 2010*

**Best Cities for Young Professionals**

*Forbes.com – June 17, 2010*

**Highest Level of Entrepreneurial Activity Among Largest Metro Areas**

*Kauffman Foundation of Entrepreneurship – May 2010*

**Largest Population Gain - Harris County**

*U.S. Census Bureau – March 23, 2010*

**Top Selling Master-Planned Community - Cinco Ranch**

*RCLCO– March 22, 2010*

**Highest Growth Rate in Texas - Atascocita**

*Bloomberg BusinessWeek and Gadberry Group– January 2010*

## Houston #2

**Top Metro with the Largest Numeric Population Increase - Houston MSA**

*U.S. Census Bureau – March 14, 2013*

**Best Cities for Good Jobs**

*Forbes – February 25, 2013*

**America's Fastest-Growing Metros**

*Forbes – January 23, 2013*

**Best Performing Jobs and Metros Since the Recession**

*CareerBuilder and Economic Modeling Specialists - October 24, 2012*

**Best Values in Private Universities - Rice University**

*Kiplinger - October 2012*

**Best Cities for Female Entrepreneurs**

*Forbes - October 18, 2012*

**New Logistics Projects**

*Site Selection (as reported by Houston Business Journal) - September 2012*

**Best Gen Y Cities**

*PayScale - August 2012*

**Where the Jobs Are - Fort Bend County, TX**

*Money Magazine - August 20, 2012*

**Top City for Global Trade**

*Global Trade Magazine - July 30, 2012*

**Best Big City for Jobs**

*Forbes - May 1, 2012*

**Top-Selling U.S. Master Planned Communities in 2011 - The Woodlands**

*John Burns Real Estate Consulting - January 24, 2012*

**Smartest Area in Texas - The Woodlands**

*On Numbers (as reported by The Business Journals) - November 16, 2011*

**Top Post-Recession U.S. City for Young Adults**

*The Huffington Post - November 4, 2011*

**Best Place for Affordable Homes - Lake Jackson**

*CNN Money - August 15, 2011*

**Best Place for Young Adults to Get Started**

*On Numbers (as reported by The Business Journals) - June 20, 2011*

**Top Bargain Destinations for Summer 2011**

*SmarterTravel.com (as reported by travel.USAtoday.com) - June 16, 2011*

**Most Jobs Gained**

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - March 18, 2011*

**New and Expanded Corporate Facility Projects**

*Site Selection Magazine - March 1, 2011*

# Houston #3

## **American Cities with the Lowest Taxes**

*24/7 Wall St. - February 25, 2013*

## **Top Selling Master Planned Communities - The Woodlands**

*RCLCO (as reported by Houston Chronicle) - January 15, 2013*

## **Top Undergraduate Entrepreneurship Program - University of Houston**

*The Princeton Review and Entrepreneur - September 24, 2012*

## **Top Moving Destinations**

*Yahoo! Homes - June 5, 2012*

## **Number of Fortune 500 Companies**

*Fortune - May 2012*

## **Top City with the Most Construction Underway**

*Forbes - March 16, 2012*

## **Top-Selling U.S. Master Planned Communities in 2011 - Cinco Ranch**

*John Burns Real Estate Consulting - January 24, 2012*

## **Top U.S. Logistics Hub**

*Business Facilities - August 2011*

## **Job Growth Leader**

*Business Facilities - August 2011*

## **America's Safest Airports (IAH)**

*Travel + Leisure - August 2011*

## **Best Cost of Living**

*Business Facilities - July/August 2011*

## **Best Cities for Job Growth**

*New Geography and Forbes - May 2, 2011*

## **Top 10 Overall American Cities of the Future**

*FDI Magazine - April/May 2011*

## **Top 10 Major Cities of the Future**

*FDI Magazine - April/May 2011*