



Quality of Life Rankings

- ❖ Jacksonville was named one **America's Best Affordable Places to Retire** by *U.S. News & World Reports*. (09/09)
- ❖ *U.S. News 7 World Reports* listed **Mayo Clinic Florida** and **Baptist Medical Center** in their **Best Hospitals Rankings List for 2009**. (07/09)
- ❖ Jacksonville was the only Florida city, with a population over 500,000, to rank in *Next Generation Consulting's* **Hotspots for Young Professionals to live and Work in the U.S.** (06/09)
- ❖ According to *U.S. News & World Report's* **Best High Schools of 2009**, four Northeast Florida regional high schools were named in the **top 10 percent**. (06/09)
- ❖ St. Augustine was named one of the **Best Places to Live in 2009** by *U.S. News & World Reports* (06/09)
- ❖ *Forbes.com* ranked Jacksonville in the **Top 10 for Best Cities to Buy a Home**. (7/08)
- ❖ Jacksonville ranked **4th** in *Forbes Magazine's* **America's Best Cities for the Outdoors**. (6/08)
- ❖ According to a *Newsweek* cover story "**America's Best High Schools**", Stanton College Prep and Paxon High School were **ranked 5th and 8th best high schools in the nation**. Seven area schools made the list and Duval County was the only school district to have two schools ranked in the Top 20. (5/08)
- ❖ Florida ranked **5th among the 50 states on a Tax Foundation** study of business-friendly tax climates in 2008.
- ❖ *Bizjournals* ranked Jacksonville as one of its least stressful metros in the **Stress Rankings for 50 U.S. Metros** study. (2/08)
- ❖ *Forbes Magazine* ranked Jacksonville as **3rd** in its **America's Cleanest Cities** list.
- ❖ A *Fit Pregnancy* study ranked Jacksonville #11 among **The Best Cities in America to Have a Baby**. Jacksonville was rated as #11 for **Most Stroller-Friendly City** and #9 for **Best City for Childcare**. (1/08)
- ❖ Flagler County was named **3rd** in *Money Magazine's* **Best Places to Live, Where the Jobs Are**. (7/07)
- ❖ According to an issue of *Black Enterprise Magazine*, Jacksonville was named in the **Top 10 Best Cities for African Americans to Work, Live and Play**. (4/08)

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