

Accolades

Nationally recognized publications consistently rank Virginia and the Richmond region as top locations to do business and to live, work and play. Below is a collection of recent accolades organized by location:

Greater Richmond

- Richmond named one of **'20 best places in America to start a business'**, by CNBC.com, August 2016.
- Richmond named among **America's 50 best running cities**, by Runner's World, August 2016.
- Richmond named a **top city for creatives**, by Thrillist, July 2016.
- Richmond number 7 on Travel + Leisure's **'America's Favorite Places'** survey, May 2016
- Richmond was named **"the modern cultural capital of the South"** by Men's Journal, April 2016.
- Richmond ranked in the top **"Best Places to Live in the USA"** by U.S. News, March 2016.
- Richmond ranked among **"The 10 trendiest U.S. cities that you can still afford to buy in"**, by Realtor.com, March 2016.
- Richmond named a **top destination for food travel** in 2016, by National Geographic, January 2016.
- Richmond ranked at **No. 3 on international list of Best Places to Travel in 2016**, Travel + Leisure magazine, November 2015.
- Richmond ranked as the **"Most Artistic Mid-Sized City in America,"** according to Gogobot study, November 2015.
- Richmond listed third on the **"The Top 10 Cities for Millennial Entrepreneurs,"** by Thumbtack, September 2015.
- Richmond ranked 3rd on the **10 Best Places to Start a Business, Inc.** magazine, Aug. 2015.
- Richmond named 'the southern food destination you need to know about,' by Conde Nast Traveler, July 2015.
- Ranked **4th among the Top 10 Mid-Sized American Cities of the Future** in Foreign Direct Investment (fDi) Magazine's North American Cities of the Future 2015/16, April 2015.
- Richmond came in at No. 1 on the list of **top 10 most popular U.S. cities to visit this summer**, by American Express Travel, May 14, 2015.

- Richmond ranked among the **10 Best Cities To Relocate To In The U.S.**, by The Huffington Post, April 29, 2015.
- Richmond named one of "**50 Best Places to live in America**" by Men's Journal, April 2015.
- Richmond ranked second among "**America's Top 5 Cities To Keep On Your Radar**," by Huffington Post, September 2014.
- One of the South's **top 10 outstanding cities to relocate your HQ**, Southern Business & Development, September 2014.
- Richmond ranked among the **top 10 cities for finding a job in accounting or finance**, according to Accounting Principals, August 2014.
- Richmond region is the "**most content area**" in America, according to the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research, July 2014.
- Richmond finished as the **10th best city for overall small business friendliness** in the country, earning an A grade, by Thumbtack.com, June 2014.
- Richmond named top '**Affordable Summer Driving Destination**' by CBS This Morning, May 2014.
- Richmond ranked 4th among "**Cities you should explore on 2 wheels**," by BuzzFeed, April 2014.
- Richmond named one of the country's **10 hottest housing markets**, by CNN Money, Jan. 2014
- Richmond ranked one of the **top 20 fittest cities in America**, by the ACSM's American Fitness Index, Jan. 22, 2014.
- Ranked **No. 9 among large cities for financial activities jobs**, by New Geography, December, 2014.
- Richmond is named **Best River Town in America** by *Outside Magazine*, September 2012.

Virginia

- Virginia ranks 3 among states with the **highest concentration of science and engineering degree holders**, and **11th most innovative state**, Bloomberg.com, January 2016.
- Virginia ranked among the "**10 Safest States in America**," by WalletHub, June 2016.
- Virginia is **5th best state for retirement**, by Bankrate.com, March 2016.
- Virginia ranked **No. 4 Best State to Make a Living** in 2015, by Forbes.com, June 2015.
- Virginia ranked **3rd best state for peak average Internet connection speed**, according to Akamai Technologies Inc., July 2015. Worldwide, Virginia has the fifth-fastest peak broadband speed by region.

- Virginia named one of the **'top 10 states for encouraging innovation'** by Consumer Electronics Association, April 2015.
- **Virginia was awarded a Silver Shovel** in the 5+ to 10 million population category by *Area Development* magazine in 2013. The award recognizes states' innovative economic development policies that attracted new employers in 2012, as well as catalyzing investments in facility and operating expansions by existing local businesses, driving significant in-state job growth.
- Virginia ranked **seventh best state for business** in Chief Executive Magazine's 2013 survey of CEOs, May 2013. Factors included taxation, regulation, workforce and quality of life.

Localities

- Richmond's own Carytown named to the **Top 15 "Cool Streets"** across the U.S. and Canada, by Cushman & Wakefield, June 2016.
- Short Pump was named to **'Most Educated Places in America'** list, by NerdWallet, August 2015.
- Richmond ranked among **"10 Most Walkable Mid-Sized Cities of 2015,"** by Redfin, August 2015.
- Chesterfield County ranked first among **Top 10 Best Cities to Locate Your Warehouse**, in the study by The Boyd Co., May 13, 2015.
- Richmond's Fan District among **top 10 "Great Neighborhoods,"** by the American Planning Association, October 2014.
- Richmond's Church Hill has been named an **"Up and Coming Neighborhood"** by USA TODAY, May 2014.
- Henrico's Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden selected **2nd most beautiful public garden in North America**, by USA Today, April 2014.
- Glen Allen was named the **best place in Virginia to raise a young family**, while Bon Air and Mechanicsville rated in the top 10, by NerdWallet.com, July 2013.