

EXPANSION MANAGEMENT MAGAZINE'S  
**“America's 50 Hottest Cities  
 for Business Expansion & Relocation”**

**Atlanta in top 50.**  
 (listed in alphabetical order)

Source: Expansion Management poll of 80 site location consultants,  
 November-Dec 2006, Released January/February 2007

FORTUNE MAGAZINE  
**“Top Cities with the Most  
 Fortune 500 Headquarters”**

1.	New York	45
2.	Houston	22
<b>3.</b>	<b>ATLANTA</b>	<b>12</b>
4.	Chicago	11
tie.	Dallas	11
6.	Minneapolis	8
tie.	Philadelphia	8
8.	Charlotte	7
tie.	Pittsburgh	7
tie.	St. Louis	7
11.	Cincinnati	6
12.	Milwaukee	6
13.	Seattle	6

Source: *Fortune* magazine, April 2007

AARP MAGAZINE  
**Reason for Optimism: SAFER CITIES**

- 1. ATLANTA, GA**
- Tampa, FL
- Jackson, MS
- Chattanooga, TN
- Gary, IN
- Topeka, KS
- Miami, FL
- Lakeland, FL
- Wilmington, NC
- Baltimore, MD

Source: *AARP* magazine, March & April 2007, Morgan Quinto press  
 analysis of crime decreases in past 5 years.

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE'S  
**“Top Ten Metros”\***  
*By 2006 Number of Projects*

- Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI (165)
- Washington/Arlington/Alexandria DC/VA (110)
- 3. ATLANTA-SANDY SPRINGS-MARIETTA, GA (107)**
- Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX (106)
- Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN (93)
- Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI (80)
- Houston-Baytown-Sugarland, TX (69)
- Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC (63)

Source: *Site Selection* magazine, March 2007  
 \* metros with population over 1 million

BUSINESS 2.0 MAGAZINE  
“America’s Best Job in the Hottest Markets”

1. Orlando
2. Las Vegas
3. Raleigh
4. Charlotte
5. Phoenix
6. West Palm Beach
7. Tampa
8. Riverside
9. Austin
10. **ATLANTA**

Source: 2.0 magazine, May 2007

FDI MAGAZINE  
“North American Cities of the Future”  
TOP TEN MAJOR CITIES OF THE FUTURE

1. Chicago
2. Toronto
3. Pittsburgh
4. **ATLANTA**
5. Guadalajara
6. Baltimore
7. Montreal
8. Mexico City
9. Boston
10. Miami

Source: *FDI Magazine*, April 2007

Atlanta is one of the only cities to place in the top five of three or more of the seven subcategories. Atlanta placed 4th in “best human resources”; 3rd in “best economic potential” and 3rd in “best infrastructure”; and 1st in “most business friendly.”

BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE  
“10 Best cities for African-Americans”

1. Washington DC
2. **ATLANTA**
3. Raleigh-Durham, NC
4. Houston, TX
5. Nashville, TN
6. Dallas, TX
7. Charlotte, NC
8. Indianapolis, IN
9. Columbus, OH
10. Jacksonville, FL

Source: *Black Enterprise* magazine, May 2007

SITE SELECTION MAGAZINE  
“Top Economic Development Groups  
of 2006” (in alphabetical order)

Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, Dallas, Texas  
Greater Louisville Inc., Louisville, Ky.  
Greater Washington Initiative, Washington, D.C.  
Indy Partnership, Indianapolis, Ind.  
McAllen Economic Development Corp., McAllen, Texas  
**Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, Ga.**  
Mooresville-South Iredell Economic Development Corp.  
and Greater Statesville Development Corp., Iredell  
County, N.C.  
Piedmont Triad Partnership, Greensboro, N.C.  
St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
World Business Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Source: *Site Selection* magazine, May 2007

**KIPLINGER MAGAZINE**  
**“Best Cities for Married with Kids”**

1. **ATLANTA, GA**
2. Minneapolis St. Paul, MN
3. Des Moines, IA
4. Provo, UT
5. Green Bay, WI

Source: *Kiplinger* a personal finance magazine, May 2007

**FORBES MAGAZINE**  
**“Best Cities for Young Professionals”**

1. New York city
2. San Francisco
3. **ATLANTA**
4. Los Angeles
5. Washington, D.C.
6. Boston
7. Seattle
8. Minneapolis
9. Philadelphia
10. Denver

Source: *Forbes.com* June 25, 2007

**NEW YORK NEWSDAY**  
**“The top U.S. cities for value vacations**  
**(with 2006 ranking in Parentheses),**  
**from hotwire.com:”**

1. **ATLANTA (13)**
2. Dallas-Ft. Worth (9)
3. Raleigh-Durham, N.C. (3)
4. Orlando-Daytona Beach, Fla. (7)
5. Kansas City, Mo. (14)
6. Denver (1)
7. Los Angeles (10)
8. Chicago (36)
9. Cleveland (22)
10. Washington, D.C. (39)

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**FORTUNE MAGAZINE**  
**“Top cities with the most**  
**Global 500 headquarters”**

		<b># of Global 500 companies</b>	<b>Revenues (\$ millions)</b>	
1.	Tokyo	Japan	50	1,725,362.2
2.	Paris	France	26	1,240,919.4
3.	New York	U.S.	22	1,174,439.3
3.	London	Britain	22	1,085,187.3
4.	Beijing	China	18	711,185.9
5.	Seoul	South Korea	10	412,535.4
6.	Toronto	Canada	9	201,393.7
7.	Madrid	Spain	8	294,314.3
8.	Zurich	Switzerland	7	352,830.2
8.	Houston	U.S.	7	352,201.3
9.	Munich	Germany	6	390,017.2
9.	Osaka	Japan	6	180,901.2
10.	Rome	Italy	5	235,231.5
<b>10.</b>	<b>ATLANTA</b>	<b>U.S.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>199,447.0</b>

Source: *Fortune Magazine*, July 23, 2007

**AARP MAGAZINE**  
**“5 Great Places to Live”**

1. **ATLANTA, GA**
2. Portland, OR
3. Chandler, AR
4. Boston, MA
5. Milwaukee, WI

Source: *AARP Magazine* September and October, 2007

**CNN MONEY**  
**“Best Places to Live”**

*The 3 Metro Atlanta Cities in the Top 100*

- # 10 Suwannee, GA
- # 64 Peachtree City, GA
- # 76 Martinez, GA

**“Where the Jobs Are”**

*The 3 Metro Atlanta Counties in the Top 25*

- # 20 Paulding County
- # 23 Henry County
- # 24 Barrow County

Source: *CNN Money Magazine*

**THE BOYD COMPANY, INC.**  
**“Atlanta 2nd Least Expensive City for Corporate Headquarters”**

*5 Least Expensive Cities for Corporate Headquarters*

Corporate Headquarter City	Annual Operating Costs *
1. Las Vegas, NV	\$21,973,351
2. <b>ATLANTA, GA</b>	<b>\$22,423,800</b>
3. Phoenix, AZ	\$22,445,612
4. Dallas, TX	\$22,827,441
5. Miami/ Ft. Lauderdale, FL	\$22,840,238

\*annual operating costs include labor, construction, utilities, corporate travel, and other occupancy costs based on a hypothetical 55,000 sq. ft. corporate headquarters employing 350 workers.

Source: The Boyd Company, Inc. 2007

**FORTUNE MAGAZINE**  
**“Most Affordable U.S. Residential Real Estate Markets”**

1. Indianapolis, IN
2. Cleveland, OH
3. Detroit, MI
4. Pittsburgh, PA
5. Cincinnati, OH
6. St. Louis, MO
7. **ATLANTA, GA**
8. Greensboro, NC
9. Dallas, TX
10. Austin, TX

Rankings were based on ratio of median home price to median household salary and percentage of homes sold in the first quarter of 2007 that were affordable to the area median income. These measurements were applied to the 40 largest metros.

Source: *Fortune Magazine*, August, 2007