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2006

Winners	Top 100	Cities	States	FAQ
High incomes	Safest	Pricey homes	Educated	Job growth
Hottest	Most singles	Youngest	Skinniest	Clean air

WINNER
Sugar Land, TX
Top 100 rank: 3
Population: 75,800
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Financial

	City stats	Best places average
Median family income (per year)	$101,168	$76,893
Family purchasing power (annual, cost-of-living adjusted)	$99,282	$68,109
Sales tax	8.25%	6.55%
State income tax rate (highest bracket)	n/a	6.46%
State income tax rate (lowest bracket)	n/a	2.74%
Auto insurance premiums (Average for the state)	$2,490	$2,207
Job growth % (2000-2005)	30.53%	10.97%

Housing

	City stats	Best places average
Median home price	$214,330	$259,566
Home price gain (2004-2005)	9.50%	9.26%

Education

	City stats	Best places average
Colleges, universities and professional schools	6	8
Junior colleges and technical institutes	0	0
Test scores reading (% +/- state average)	15.4%	13.3%
Test scores math (% +/- state average)	21.5%	16.9%
% students attending public/private schools	86.0/14.00	88.4/11.59

Quality of life

	City stats	Best places average
Air quality index (% of days AQI ranked as good)	n/a	71.9%
Personal crime risk (100 is nat'l average; lower is better)	23	45
Property crime risk (100 is nat'l average; lower is better)	31	74
Personal crime incidents (per 100,000)	215	228
Property crime incidents (per 100,000)	2,378	3,105
Median commute time (in minutes)	29.5	20.8
% population with commute 45 mins. or longer	22.0%	13.4%

Leisure and culture

	City stats	Best places average
Movie theaters (within 15 miles)	34	22
Restaurants (within 15 miles)	3,049	2,268
Bars (within 15 miles)	182	127
Public golf courses (within 30 miles)	51	74
Libraries (within 15 miles)	27	43
Museums (accredited by AAM within 30 miles)	5	7
Ski resorts (within 100 miles)	0	10

Weather

	City stats	Best places average
Annual precipitation (inches)	49.34	36.00
Clear days	90	107
High temp in July ° F	93.7°	87.7°
Low temp in Jan ° F	41.6°	23.5°

Health*

	City stats	Best places average
Has health plan (% of residents)	84.6%	88.2%
Body mass index (avg. for residents)	25	27
Cancer mortality (per 100,000, age-adjusted)	151.7	191.3
Cardiac mortality (per 100,000)	103.6	202.0

Meet the neighbors

	City stats	Best places average
Median age	36.9	34.5
Completed at least some college (% of residents)	64.3%	63.9%
Married	65.5%	54.3%
Divorced	6.5%	9.3%
Amount spent on vacations (domestic and foreign, household avg. per year)	$8,614	$7,549