

2011 Rankings

- [Des Moines Ranked #3 for jobs for 2012](#) (December, Forbes)
- [Des Moines #3 Best City for Business](#) (December 13, MarketWatch)
- [Des Moines is Greenest City](#) (December issue, Self Magazine)
- Iowa ranks in top five of "best run" states (November 29, 247WallSt.com)
- Des Moines Named Age-friendly city (October 11, World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities)
- [Gray's Lake Park Named One of America's "Great Public Spaces"](#) (October 4, American Planning Association)
- [Beaverdale Makes America's Prettiest Neighborhoods list](#) (September 28, Forbes)
- KaBOOM! Names [Ankeny Among 151 "Playful City USA" Communities](#) (September 6, Kaboom)
- [Urbandale, Johnston, Ankeny ranked in top 100 cities to live](#) (August 15, CNN Money Magazine)
- Iowa ranks 2nd in America in Volunteerism (August 9, Volunteering in America report released by the Corporation for National and Community Service)
- Adventureland and Adventure Bay named one of [America's Top 10 Water Parks](#) (August 3, TripAdvisor)
- Des Moines [#1 City for Young Professionals](#) (July 12, Forbes)
- [Des Moines is rated the #2 place for business and careers](#) by Forbes (June 29, Forbes)
- Iowa is [first in the nation for cost of doing business, and among the top ten states for doing business overall](#) (June 29, CNBC Special Report)
- U.S. News Says Des Moines is [Richest Metro Area](#) (June 2, U.S. News & World Report)
- Greater Des Moines ranks [#2 in the Midwest and #16 nationwide for small business and population growth](#). (April 14, The Business Journals)
- Des Moines [#5 Best Midwest Food Town](#). (March, Midwest Living)
- Des Moines named the [best place to live on the Silicon Prairie](#), and one of 18 "coolest places to live in America." (March 8, Men's Journal)
- Des Moines ranked in the [top 100 socially networked cities](#). (March 8, Men's Journal)
- Des Moines Arts Festival [#7 on list of Top 10 Fairs and Festivals](#) (February 2011, AmericanStyle Magazine)
- Des Moines metro ranks well [on Farmers Insurance "most secure" list](#) (February 11, Farmers Insurance Group)
- [Wells Fargo Arena Receives Highest Ranking in Venue History](#) (January 25, Pollstar Top 100 Worldwide Arena Venues)