

Cincinnati one of "50 hottest cities" for business expansion

Cincinnati made the 2006 listing of "50 hottest cities" for expansion or relocation, compiled by Expansion Management magazine.

The Cincinnati metropolitan area ranked 33rd on the listing. The No. 1 city was Nashville, followed by Phoenix, Atlanta, Dallas and San Antonio.

The magazine surveys 80 site consultants annually to find out which cities their clients find most attractive out of 360 metropolitan statistical areas. The respondents looked at factors like business climate, work-force quality, operating costs, incentive programs and ease of working with local governments and economic development entities.

Other regional cities that made the list include Indianapolis, ranked 27th; and Columbus, ranked 29th.



Expansion Management Magazine publishes its 8th Annual "AMERICA'S 50 HOTTEST CITIES™" Ranking

"Unlike the other rankings we do each year, which are based upon hard economic and demographic data, the Hot Cities poll attempts to measure the perceptions of professional site location consultants, whose business it is to help companies select the best locations for future facility expansions," said Bill King, chief editor of Expansion Management.

In order to find out which are today's hottest cities for business expansion, Expansion Management surveyed more than 80 of the industry's most prominent site location consultants in order to find out which cities their clients find most attractive when it comes to actually selecting an expansion or relocation site — and why these cities are more appealing than the others.

The consultants, whose identities remain confidential, were asked to list their top city choices for relocating and expanding manufacturing companies, taking into consideration such factors as the business climate, work force quality, operating costs, incentive programs, and the ease of working with local political and economic development officials.

"Some cities are well-prepared to attract and retain businesses," said Ken Krizner, managing editor of Expansion Management. "They have logistical advantages, a high quality of life, available work force, and a favorable tax and political climate. These 50 Hottest Cities have a built-in advantage when companies look to site a new manufacturing or distribution facility, or headquarters operation."

2006 LIST OF AMERICA'S 50 HOTTEST CITIES

1. Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro, Tenn. MSA
2. Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, Ariz. MSA
3. Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga. MSA
4. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Texas MSA
5. San Antonio, Texas MSA
6. Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, N.C.-S.C.
7. Memphis, Tenn.-Miss.-Ark. MSA
8. Jacksonville, Fla. MSA
9. Knoxville, Tenn. MSA
10. Birmingham-Hoover, Ala. MSA
11. Tucson, Ariz. MSA
12. Tulsa, Okla. MSA
13. Denver-Aurora, Colo. MSA
14. Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, Fla. MSA
15. Richmond, Va. MSA
16. Raleigh-Cary, N.C. MSA
17. Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash. MSA
18. Austin-Round Rock, Texas MSA
19. Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land, Texas MSA
20. Kansas City, Mo.-Kan. MSA
21. Albuquerque, N.M. MSA
22. Huntsville, Ala. MSA
23. Oklahoma City, Okla. MSA
24. Pittsburgh, Pa. MSA
25. Charleston-North Charleston, S.C. MSA
26. Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach, Fla. MSA
27. Indianapolis, Ind. MSA
28. Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, Ill.-Ind.-Wis. MSA
29. Columbus, Ohio MSA
30. Longview, Texas MSA
31. Louisville, Ky.-Ind. MSA
32. Colorado Springs, Colo. MSA
-  **33. Cincinnati-Middletown, Ohio-Ky.-Ind. MSA**
34. Winston-Salem, N.C. MSA
35. Rochester, N.Y. MSA
36. Omaha-Council Bluffs, Neb.-Iowa MSA
37. Mobile, Ala. MSA
38. Des Moines, Iowa MSA
39. Reno-Sparks, Nev. MSA
40. Boise City-Nampa, Idaho
41. Orlando, Fla. MSA
42. Jackson, Tenn. MSA
43. Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Tonawanda, N.Y. MSA
44. Syracuse, N.Y. MSA
45. Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, Pa.-N.J.-Del.-Md. MSA
46. Greenville, S.C. MSA
47. Greensboro-High Point, N.C. MSA
48. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Md.-Va.-W.Va. MSA
49. Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, Ore.-Wash. MSA
50. Salt Lake City, Utah MSA

SOURCE: Expansion Management survey of site consultants, November 2005

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CLEVELAND, OHIO – January 25, 2006 - Expansion Management, a business magazine for executives of companies actively looking for a place to expand or relocate their facilities within the next one to three years, has released its 8th annual "America's 50 Hottest Cities" ranking, to be published in its upcoming January-February 2006 issue.

For the second year in a row, the Nashville metro area tops the list, followed by Phoenix, Atlanta, Dallas and San Antonio. Rounding out the Top 10 are Charlotte, N.C., Memphis, Tenn., Jacksonville, Fla., Knoxville, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala.

Among the top 10 finishers, San Antonio made the biggest jump, moving up from No. 11 last year to No. 5. Dallas and Birmingham each moved up five spots from last year.

Texas has five metros on the list, while Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee each had four cities. Two states — Alabama and New York — each had three cities. A complete listing of the Top 50 metros can be found at the end of this press release.

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