



# Top 10 Reasons to Move to Huntsville

## #10 Arts & Culture

- **Lowe Mill ARTS & Entertainment**, the largest privately owned arts facility in the U.S., with 200+ artists and makers, six galleries, a theatre, and performance venues
- **Panoply Arts Festival** attended by 80,000+ people from across the southeast
- **Arts Huntsville** representing hundreds of classical and contemporary artists and organizations
- World-class performances at the **Orion Amphitheater**, a new, state-of-the-art 8,000-seat arena, and the new **Mars Music Hall** at the Von Braun Center

## #9 Great Outdoors

- **Monte Sano State Park** with 30+ miles of hiking and biking trails only five minutes from downtown
- 5,000+ acres of preserved green space with 70+ miles of trails through the **Land Trust**
- Boating, fishing, and kayaking across the region
- A top 5 “destination to get you psyched for hiking” – *REI*

## #8 Cummings Research Park

- Second largest science and technology park in the country and fourth in the world
- Home to 300+ companies, 26,000+ employees, and 13,500+ students
- **HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology** hosts the second largest DNA sequencing center in the U.S., top 5 in the world

## #7 NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

- 6,000 employees & an annual budget of ~\$2.8B
- Lead for the **Space Launch System** that will return us to the Moon and take us to Mars
- 24/7 control of the **Payload Operations Integration Center** for all International Space Station science



## #6 Redstone Arsenal

- 38,000-acre campus of 75+ federal agencies employing nearly 41,000 people who manage \$50+ billion in federal budgets
- Center for R&D, testing & engineering, and acquisition for Army aviation and missile defense
- Home to \$1 billion FBI HQ2 campus, bringing thousands of new jobs
- 35 of top 100 defense contractors located here



## #5 Festivals, Fun & Games

- Hockey capital of the South with teams at the professional, club, and youth levels
- **Rocket City Trash Pandas** minor league baseball team & Double-A Affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels
- **Rocket City Marathon**, a Boston Marathon qualifying race & Huntsville tradition for 45+ years
- Crush Wine Festival, WhistleStop BBQ Festival, Rocket City Brewfest, Cigar Box Guitar Festival, Comic & Pop Culture Festival, and more!

## #3 Quality of Life

- Average 20-minute commute time
- Cost of living below national average
- Great public schools, plus private school options
- 30,000+ college students in the region
- Top 10 largest public hospital system in the U.S.

## #2 Smart People

- Top 15% in U.S. for adult education attainment
- Highest concentration of engineers in the U.S.
- Top 10 metros for scientists & engineers
- Home of **Discovery Channel** founder John Hendricks, **Wikipedia** co-founder Jimmy Wales, **Smarter Every Day** YouTuber Destin Sandlin, and Mark Brown, astrophysicist who “plutoed” Pluto

## #1 What Others Say

### *U.S. News & World Report:*

#1 Best Place to Live in the U.S. #3 Most Affordable City in the U.S.

### *Forbes:*

#1 City for Engineers  
Top 5 Cities for Defense Jobs

### *Business Facilities:*

Top City for STEM Opportunities

### *24/7 Wall Street:*

3rd best in country for high-tech jobs

### *SmartAsset:*

4th in the nation for career opportunities



## #4 Strong Economy

- AAA bond rating for 11 straight years
- 30,000+ new jobs announced since 2010
- Major investments from the City of Huntsville to restore our infrastructure and roads

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