



# Why You'll Love to Call Huntsville Home

## #10 Arts & Culture

- **Low 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**, named the Top East Coast Amphitheater in 2024

## #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
- Second largest DNA sequencing center in the U.S., top 5 in the world at **HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology**

## #7 NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center

- 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
- Home to Space Camp and the **U.S. Space & Rocket Center**



## #6 Redstone Arsenal

- 38,000-acre campus of 70+ federal agencies employing 47,000 people who manage \$50+ billion in federal budgets
- Center for R&D, testing & engineering, and acquisition for Army aviation and missile defense
- 37 of top 50 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
- South Star Music Festival, WhistleStop BBQ Festival, Rocket City Brewfest, Cigar Box Guitar Festival, Comic & Pop Culture Festival, and more!
- **Huntsville City Football Club** competes as Nashville Soccer Club's affiliate in MLS Next Pro League

## #3 High Quality Education

- Home to Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering (ASCTE) – the nation's only high school of its kind
- 60,000+ college students enrolled in the region at 12 colleges and universities
- 90% of K-12 students attend public schools
- 91% graduation rate in Huntsville/Madison County

## #2 Smart People

- Top 15% in U.S. for adult education attainment
- Highest concentration of engineers in the U.S.
- Top 10 metro for scientists & engineers

## #1 Quality of Life

- Average 23-minute commute time
- Cost of living below national average
- Top 10 largest public hospital system in the U.S.
- 14 non-stop destinations served by Huntsville International Airport

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"Everyone here has been incredibly welcoming, which is such a relief after moving so far away from home! I already feel as though I have a second family here. On top of that, the scenery is absolutely beautiful! Huntsville really is the best of both worlds; the perfect mix of city and nature."

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

- #1 Best Place to Live for Families in the U.S.
- #2 Best Place to Live in the U.S.
- #4 Most Affordable City in the U.S.

## #4 Strong Economy

- AAA bond rating for 12 straight years
- 30,000+ new jobs announced since 2010
- Significant investment in infrastructure and roads

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