



Why You'll Love to Call Huntsville Home

#10 Arts & Culture

- World class performances at **The Orion Amphitheater**, ranked Top 10 worldwide for ticket sales and gross revenue in 2025
- **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

#9 Great Outdoors

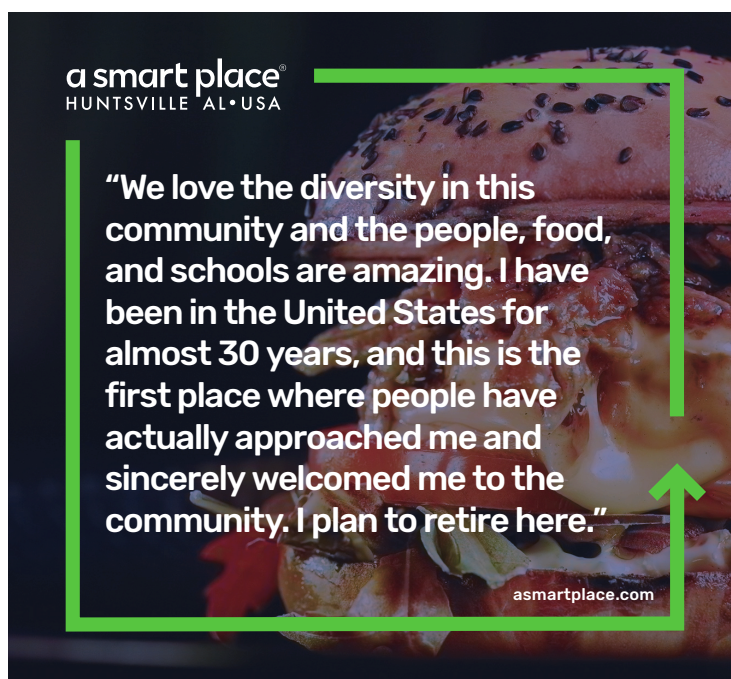
- **Monte Sano State Park** with 30+ miles of hiking and biking trails only five minutes from downtown
- 5,000+ acres of preserved green space with 70+ miles of trails through the **Land Trust**
- Named one of the country's best trail-running towns by **run.outsideonline.com**

#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 The Rocket City

- Home of **NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center** and the **Saturn V** Moon rocket
- Lead for the **Space Launch System** that will return us to the Moon and take us to Mars
- **Space Camp** and **Space Academy** at the **U.S. Space & Rocket Center**



#6 Redstone Arsenal

- Home to **Space Command** and more than 65 other federal agencies employing 45,000 people who manage \$50+ billion in federal budgets
- Center for cyber, advanced technologies, R&D, testing & engineering, and acquisition for missile defense, Army aviation and the FBI
- More than 400 aerospace, defense & technology companies, including 37 of top 50 defense contractors



#5 Festivals, Fun & Games

- **Huntsville City Football Club** competes as Nashville Soccer Club's affiliate in MLS Next Pro League
- **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!
- Hockey capital of the South with teams at the professional, club, and youth levels

#3 High Quality Education

- Home to Alabama School of Cyber Technology & Engineering (ASCTE) statewide magnet
- 60,000+ college students enrolled in the region at 12 colleges and universities
- 90% of K-12 students attend public schools

#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

- Nationally recognized quality of life paired with a **cost of living below the U.S. average**
- **Top 20 Best Places to Live** every year since 2018 – *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of America's most affordable metro areas, earning top national rankings for **affordability, livability, and value** from organizations including *U.S. News & World Report*, Livability, Niche, Milken Institute, and WalletHub
- Average 23-minute commute time
- Home to one of the 10 largest public hospital systems in the U.S.
- 18 nonstop destinations served by Huntsville International Airport

#4 Strong Economy

- #2 Best Performing City – Milken Institute
- AAA bond rating for 16 straight years
- 68,000+ new jobs since 2015
- Top 10 places to find a job in 2026 – WalletHub



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