

2010 Rankings

- Des Moines placed **No. 35 out of the 200 largest metro areas in the United States in national brainpower rankings**(December 23, compiled by Portfolio.com and American City Business Journals Inc.)
- Des Moines **fourth in ranking of best business cities** (December 20, Marketwatch)
- Des Moines ranks in the **top 10 best cities for doing business** for the second year in a row (December 20, Market Watch).
- Des Moines metro economy again rated in top tier (December 16, desmoinesregister.com)
- Des Moines among the top 10 American cities **best situated for recovery** (November 8, newsweek.com)
- Des Moines/West Des Moines rank **#6 best cities to move to in America** (October 27, Bestplaces.net)
- Iowa ranks 3rd as **best run state in the country** (October 4, 24/7 Wall St.)
- Des Moines is **#14** among most attractive metros (Aug/Sept, Area Development)
- Iowa ranks 5th best state for retirement in 2010 (MoneyRates.com)
- Iowa ranks 6th in survey of **healthiest states for kids** (July 27, Annie E. Casey Foundation)
- Iowa ranks 6th in the top ten for **Top States for Business** in 2010 (CNBC Special Report)
- Des Moines is **No. 2** on the economic performance list (June, Brookings Institution)
- Des Moines receives its fifth **All-America City** award (June, National Civic League)
- Iowa ranks **2nd in most volunteered hours** in the nation. Des Moines is the 6th most volunteered city in Iowa(June 16, Corporation for National and Community Service)
- Des Moines is **#1 place to raise a family** (June, Forbes)
- The **#7** pick in Kiplinger's **Best Cities 2010** is fertile ground for new jobs (July, Kiplinger)
- **Des Moines is rated the #1 place for business and careers** by Forbes after ranking 7th last year (April 13, Forbes)
- Des Moines-West Des Moines Metro Area in **Top 25 U.S. Cities with the Most Energy Efficient Buildings** (March 23, EPA)
- Iowa ranks 5th happiest state (February 16, Yahoo)
- Iowa ranks as a **top 10 state for wellness** (February 15, Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index)
- Des Moines **#26 on list of happiest, healthiest people** (February, Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index)
- Oprah included Iowa on her list of "100 Things That are Getting Better." Iowa was the only state to make the list.(January 27)
- Des Moines: John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park listed as one of the **45 Best New Midwest Spots to Play, Eat & Stay** (January, Midwest Living)
- Civic Center of Greater Des Moines ranks 17th in ticket sales in the Jan. 11, 2010 edition of Pollstar magazine's annual list of the top 100 worldwide theater venues - ahead of other Midwestern venues including St. Louis' Fabulous Fox Theatre (**#23**), Chicago's Chicago Theatre (**#28**) and Minneapolis' Orpheum Theatre (**#38**)! (January)