

## NATIONAL RECOGNITION

newgeography

**NewGeography 2014** “4th Smartest City in the U.S. and Smartest City in Alabama”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2014** “10th Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.”

**MOVOTO**

**Movoto Real Estate 2014** “Best Small City for Education in the U.S.”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2014** “Top 25 City for Retirement in the U.S.”

**MOVOTO**

**Movoto Real Estate 2014** “Best City in Alabama”

**lumosity**

**Lumosity 2013** “Smartest City in Alabama and 44th Smartest City in the U.S.”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2013** “18th Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.”

**MILKEN INSTITUTE**

**Milken Institute 2013** “37th Best Performing City for Economic Growth in the U.S.”

**CNNMoney**

**CNNMoney 2013** “22nd Best County for Job Growth in the U.S.”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2013** “10th Best Small City for Jobs in the U.S.”

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**NewGeography 2012** “64th Best Small City for Job Growth in the U.S.”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2012** “17th Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.”

**The Princeton Review**

**The Princeton Review 2012** “4th Best College for Quality of Life in the U.S.”

**LIVABILITY**

**Livability 2011** “6th Best College Town in the U.S.”

**Southern Living**

**Southern Living 2011** “One of the South’s Best College Towns”

**Bloomberg Businessweek**

**Businessweek 2011** “Best Affordable Place in Alabama”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2010** “6th Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2009** “10th Best Small Place for Business and Careers in the U.S.”

**Forbes**

**Forbes 2009** “1st in Projected Job Growth in the U.S.”

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

**U.S. News & World Report 2009** “Top 10 Best Places to Live in the U.S.”

**WHERE to RETIRE**

**Where to Retire 2009** “Top Place to Retire in the U.S.”

**CNNMoney**

**CNNMoney 2009** “16th Best Small Place to Launch a Business in the U.S.”

**Bloomberg Businessweek**

**Businessweek 2009** “Best City for Business Start-up in Alabama”