MIAMI in the Rankings

■ **America's Cleanest City:** *As Ranked by Forbes for its year-round good air quality, green spaces, and clean drinking water. Also, Miami is the only major "subtropical" city in continental U.S.; average temperature 75 F/ 23 C*

■ **Happiest city to work:** *Miami was named the "Happiest City to Work" for the second consecutive year in 2016. Miami's growing startup/technology scene and its all-year sunny weather played key factors in the high rating. (Source: Career Bliss – January 2016)*

■ **Most international city in the United States:** *About 51 percent of the Miami population is foreign born. Miami's concentration of foreign-born residents is more than double the national average of 19.4 percent. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)*

■ **Most-searched U.S. city for international home buyers:** *Miami is the top U.S. destination for foreign home buyers. (Source: Realtor.com, Trulia.com- March 2016)*

■ **2nd-fastest growing economy among large U.S. cities:** *Among all cities, Miami had the 17th best economy. Miami's growing population, startup network, tech industry and new businesses fueled the high rankings. (Source: Wallet Hub – September 2015)*

■ **4th-healthiest city in America:** *Miami's clean air, access to quality health care, rate of smokers, walkability and amenities were key factors in the ranking. (Source: Livability – April 2015)*

■ **4th-fastest growing neighborhood in America:** *Downtown Miami, which grew from 40,000 to 80,000 residents from 2000 to 2015, is an American boomtown and is projected to have a five-year household growth of 14.9 percent (Source: Realtor.com – April 2016)*

■ **2nd-best place in America to start a business:** *South Florida finished second behind Austin, Texas for the best location to start a business. (Source: American City Business Journals study of small-business vitality, April 2016)*

■ **5th-most walkable city in the United States:** *Miami finished with a walk score of 75.6, trailing only New York (87.6), San Francisco (83.9), Boston (79.5) and Philadelphia (76.5). (Source: Walk Score – April 2015)*

■ **11th best public transit in the United States:** *Miami ranked 11th in the nation in transit among cities with a population of more than 250,000 (Source: AllTransit – April 2016)*

■ **5th-greenest city in the United States:** *Miami's air quality, transportation, energy sources for heating in homes, and housing density contributed to the ranking. Miami trailed only Honolulu, Washington, D.C., Arlington, Va., and San Francisco. (Source: NerdWallet – May 2015)*

■ **6th-best air quality in the United States:** *Miami had a median air quality index of 43, tied with Seattle, Hialeah and Fort Lauderdale. Only eight cities had a better air quality index than Miami. (Source: 2014 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's daily Air Quality Index)*

■ **8th-most populated region in the United States:** *The Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach metro area added 500,000 new residents in the past five years and now boasts more than 6 million residents for the first time (Source: U.S. Census Bureau – March 2016)*

■ **Top destination for migrating New Yorkers:** *About 22,000 New Yorkers migrated to Miami between 2009 and 2013. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)*

■ **12th-most important city in the world for the ultra-wealthy:** *In the United States, Miami ranked No. 2 for where ultra-high-net-worth individuals want to live, work and invest. (Source: Knight Frank- March 2016)*

■ **6th-best city for Hispanic entrepreneurs:** *Two South Florida cities, Hialeah (No. 6) and Miami (No. 15), were ranked among America's best cities for Hispanic businesses (Source: WalletHub – April 2016)*

■ **7th-fastest growing market for construction jobs in the United States:** *Miami-Dade County ranked seventh for most construction jobs added over the past 12 months (Source: Associated General Contractors of America – April 2016)*

■ **23rd-best area for launching a career in the United States:** *The Miami-Fort Lauderdale-West Palm Beach metro area ranked as the 23rd best area for launching a career. South Florida earned high marks for career advancement (No. 15), quality of life (No. 20) and social opportunities (No. 11). (Source: Bankrate.com – April 2016)*

■ **2nd-highest proportion of Hispanic owned businesses in the United States:** *Miami finished with the second-highest proportion of Hispanic-owned firms with 69.2 percent, more than twice the U.S. average rate. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 Survey of Business Owners.*

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■ **Record home sales activity:** *The Miami real estate market, including both existing and new construction properties, experienced record sales activity from 2011 until 2015. Sales remain strong, particularly in certain price points and neighborhoods.*

■ **Rising prices remain at 2004 levels:** *Miami home prices have increased consistently since 2011 yet remain at 2004 levels. While Miami is recognized a leading global city, local real estate is much more affordable than its counterparts.*

■ **Majority of transactions are all cash:** *All cash transactions account for more than 50% of Miami existing sales and 80% of new construction, making a crash very unlikely.*

■ **Luxury real estate:** *Christie's International Real Estate recently ranked Miami ninth among its top 10 luxury markets in its "Luxury Defined" 2015 report. Only three other U.S. cities made the prestigious list: New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.*

■ **Miami remains the top market for international buyers in the United States:** *International sales and dollar volume account for 26% and 36%, respectively, of all sales in South Florida.*

■ **Preconstruction market vastly different to the last boom:** *Today, most Miami preconstruction condo developers require a 50-percent cash deposit on new units.*

■ **Growing area for medical tourism:** *Miami boasts 33 hospitals. Baptist Hospital of Miami ranked as one of the highest performing hospital systems in the country. The region also provides specialized care that patients can't find in any other part of the world.*

■ **Cruise Capital of the World:** *Known worldwide as the "Cruise Capital of the World" PortMiami is the global headquarters for five leading cruise lines – Carnival Cruise Lines, Norwegian Cruise Line, Royal Caribbean Cruises, Oceania. PortMiami is ranked among the fastest-growing seaports in the nation. Port Everglades in Broward County is one of the top three cruise ports in the world.*

■ **Beaches:** *Greater Miami has 84 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline, 67 square miles of inland waterways and 15-plus miles of world-famous beaches for running, walking, and swimming.*

■ **America's top tourist destination:** *Miami led the nation in average daily occupancy (84.2), average daily room rate ($241.70) and revenue per available room ($203.49). Miami attracted 4.25 million visitors in the first quarter of 2015. (Source: Smith Travel Research- April 2015)*

■ **Banking:** *Miami has the largest concentration of domestic and international banks south of New York City, with approximately 87 financial institutions and 33 foreign bank agencies. "The Gateway to Latin America" also has more than 1,000 multinational corporations.*

■ **Schools:** *Miami Dade County Public Schools receives more National Magnet Schools of Merit Awards than any other school district nationally. Miami offers 460 choice programs in all grade levels, which is the most of any Florida school district and among the top in the country.*

■ **Parks & Recreation:** *Miami-Dade County Parks is the third-largest county park system in the United States, consisting of 260 parks and 12,825 acres of land. Miami is the only city in the U.S. bordered by two separate national parks: Biscayne National Park and Everglades National Park.*

■ **World-class art and entertainment:** *Downtown Miami has the highest concentration of cultural institutions in the Southeast. Downtown has the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and a new waterfront art museum. A new downtown science museum will open in late 2016.*

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