Cedar Rapids’ National Rankings

Cedar Rapids ranked #1 Best Place in America to Raise a Child
Cedar Rapids was named the top best place in America to raise a child five years in a row! (SmartAsset 2015 - 2019)

Cedar Rapids ranked 14th Best Run City in US
Analysts compare cities on financial stability, education, health, safety, economy and infrastructure & pollution. (Wallethub.com 2020)

Cedar Rapids Named #11 Top American City to Live in After a Pandemic
(Business Insider 2020)

Cedar Rapids Named #2 Most Recession Resistant City
(Smart Asset 2020)

Cedar Rapids Awarded Most Caring City in Iowa
Cedar Rapids has the highest share of individuals working in altruistic fields statewide, including social work, healthcare, counseling, firefighting, teaching, and more. (Insurify 2020)

Cedar Rapids Named a ‘Mini Megacity’ to Watch
This report highlights the most up-and-coming US markets for commercial construction. (Construction Dive 2020)

Cedar Rapids ranked #34 City with the Most Affordable Homes in the US
The study found that 96 percent of homes are affordable for the average household living here. (lendedu.com 2020)

Cedar Rapids ranked #2 Best Cities for Road Trippers
(Livability 2020)

Cedar Rapids ranked #18 Safest City in America
(Wallethub.com 2019)

Cedar Rapids scored a perfect 100 on the Municipal Equality Index Scorecard
(Human Rights Campaign Foundation 2016 - 2019)

Cedar Rapids #4 Best American City to Work in Tech
Rankings based on unemployment rate, cost-of-living index and average tech salary. (SmartAsset 2019)

Cedar Rapids is #8 in the nation in the ranking of Top 10 Cities for Living the American Dream
(SmartAsset 2018, 2019)

Cedar Rapids ranked #18 Most Secure Place to Live for mid-sized cities in the U.S.
(Farmers Insurance Group 2019)

Cedar Rapids ranked #15 of Cities in America with the Lowest Cost of Living
(Niche.com 2019)

Cedar Rapids was recognized as a Bronze Walk Friendly Community
(Walk Friendly Communities 2019)

Cedar Rapids ranked #12 Best Cities to Buy a House in America
This study considered factors such as affordability, incomes, jobs, schools, safety, and local amenities. (Niche.com 2019)

Cedar Rapids ranks #5 Best City in America for Young Adults to Get Rich
Extremely low unemployment, modest expenses and good salaries all add up to a location ideal for savings to accumulate. (Money Under 30 2019)

Ranked #50 Best Place to Live in the US
(Livability 2019)

Cedar Rapids ranked #15 Most Popular Cities in America to Relocate to
People across the nation are learning about Cedar Rapids and actively searching for opportunities to relocate here. (MoveBuddha.com 2018)

Cedar Rapids ranked #16 in Nation for High Density of Inc. 5000 Companies
CR was among the top for high density of fast-growing businesses in America. (Inc. Magazine 2018)

Cedar Rapids earned a Certified 4-STAR Community Designation
STAR Communities measures community performance for sustainability efforts. (2018)

Cedar Rapids ranked #2 Best Places for Teachers
(SmartAssets 2017)

Cedar Rapids Named All-America City
Award recognizes work to identify and overcome city-wide challenges and achieve uncommon results. (National Civic League 2014)