**2008 US City Sustainability Rankings**

**Cities are listed by their 2008 Rankings order.** Numbers in parentheses ( ) denote [2006 Rankings](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings-2006/).

1. [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland) (1)

2. [San Francisco, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-francisco) (2)

3. [Seattle, WA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/seattle) (3)

4. [Chicago, IL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/chicago) (4)

5. [New York, NY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-york) (6)

6. [Boston, MA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/boston) (7)

7. [Minneapolis, MN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/minneapolis) (10)

8. [Philadelphia, PA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/philadelphia) (8)

9. [Oakland, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/oakland) (5)

10. [Baltimore, MD](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/baltimore) (11)

11. [Denver, CO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/denver) (9)

12. [Milwaukee, WI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/milwaukee) (16)

13. [Austin, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/austin) (14)

14. [Sacramento, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/sacramento) (13)

15. [Washington, DC](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/washington) (12)

16. [Cleveland, OH](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/cleveland) (28)

17. [Honolulu, HI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/honolulu) (15)

18. [Albuquerque, NM](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/albuquerque) (19)

19. [Atlanta, GA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/atlanta) (38)

20. [Kansas City, MO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/kansas-city) (18)

21. [San Jose, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-jose) (23)

22. [Tucson, AZ](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/tucson) (20)

23. [Jacksonville, FL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/jacksonville) (36)

24. [Dallas, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/dallas) (24)

25. [Omaha, NE](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/omaha) (37)

26. [San Diego, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-diego) (17)

27. [New Orleans, LA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-orleans) (32)

28. [Los Angeles, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/los-angeles) (25)

29. [Louisville, KY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/louisville) (35)

30. [Columbus, OH](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/columbus) (50)

31. [Detroit, MI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/detroit) (43)

32. [Phoenix, AZ](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/phoenix) (22)

33. [San Antonio, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-antonio) (21)

34. [Miami, FL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/miami) (29)

35. [Charlotte, NC](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/charlotte) (34)

36. [Houston, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/houston) (39)

37. [Fresno, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/fresno) (33)

38. [El Paso, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/el-paso) (31)

39. [Fort Worth, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/fort-worth) (46)

40. [Nashville, TN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/nashville) (42)

41. [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington) (41)

42. [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach) (30)

43. [Colorado Springs, CO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/colorado-springs) (26)

44. [Indianapolis, IN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/indianapolis) (45)

45. [Virginia Beach, VA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/virginia-beach) (48)

46. [Memphis, TN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/memphis) (43)

47. [Las Vegas, NV](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/las-vegas) (27)

48. [Tulsa, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/tulsa) (40)

49. [Oklahoma City, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/oklahoma-city) (49)

50. [Mesa, AZ](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/mesa) (47)

Rankings by Category: At a Glance

**Air Quality**

1.  [Honolulu, HI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/honolulu)
2.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
3.  [New Orleans, LA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-orleans)
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48. [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
49. [Los Angeles, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/los-angeles)
50. [Fresno, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/fresno)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/air-quality)

**City Commuting**

1.  [Washington, DC](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/washington)
2.  [Boston, MA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/boston)
2.  [New York, NY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-york)
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47. [Virginia Beach, VA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/virginia-beach)
49. [Louisville, KY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/louisville)
50. [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/city-commuting)

**City Innovation**

1.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
1.  [Chicago, IL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/chicago)
1.  [Seattle, WA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/seattle)
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41. [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
42. [Fort Worth, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/fort-worth)
42. [Colorado Springs, CO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/colorado-springs)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/innovation)

**Energy & Climate Change**

1.  [San Francisco, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-francisco)
1.  [Seattle, WA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/seattle)
1.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
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41. [El Paso, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/el-paso)
42. [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington)
43. [Oklahoma City, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/oklahoma-city)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/energy-climate-change)

**Green Building**

1.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
2.  [Washington, DC](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/washington)
3.  [Atlanta, GA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/atlanta)
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48. [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington)
49. [Tulsa, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/tulsa)
50. [Memphis, TN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/memphis)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/green-building)

**Green Economy**

1.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
2.  [Seattle, WA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/seattle)
3.  [Sacramento, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/sacramento)
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48. [Virginia Beach, VA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/virginia-beach)
49. [Tulsa, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/tulsa)
50. [Memphis, TN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/memphis)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/green-economy)

**Housing Affordability**

1.  [San Antonio, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-antonio)
2.  [Fort Worth, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/fort-worth)
3.  [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington)
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48. [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
49. [Los Angeles, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/los-angeles)
50. [San Francisco, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-francisco)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/housing-affordability)

**Knowledge & Communications**

1.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
1.  [Seattle, WA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/seattle)
1.  [New York, NY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-york)
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41. [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington)
42. [Colorado Springs, CO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/colorado-springs)
43. [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/knowledge-base)

**Local Food & Agriculture**

1.  [Minneapolis, MN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/minneapolis)
2.  [Cleveland, OH](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/cleveland)
3.  [Boston, MA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/boston)
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48. [Dallas, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/dallas)
49. [Virginia Beach, VA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/virginia-beach)
50. [Arlington, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/arlington)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/local-food-agriculture)

**Metro Street Congestion**

1.  [Cleveland, OH](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/cleveland)
2.  [Kansas City, MO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/kansas-city)
3.  [New Orleans, LA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-orleans)
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45. [Washington, DC](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/washington)
49. [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
49. [Los Angeles, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/los-angeles)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/metro-street-congestion)

**Metro Transit Ridership**

1.  [New York, NY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-york)
2.  [Chicago, IL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/chicago)
3.  [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
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48. [Omaha, NE](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/omaha)
49. [Tulsa, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/tulsa)
50. [Oklahoma City, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/oklahoma-city)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/metro-transit-ridership)

**Natural Disaster Risk**

1.  [Mesa, AZ](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/mesa)
1.  [Milwaukee, WI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/milwaukee)
3.  [Cleveland, OH](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/cleveland)
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48. [Oakland, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/oakland)
49. [New Orleans, LA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-orleans)
50. [Miami, FL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/miami)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/natural-disaster-risk)

**Planning & Land Use**

1.  [New York, NY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-york)
2.  [San Francisco, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-francisco)
3.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
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48. [Detroit, MI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/detroit)
49. [Fort Worth, TX](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/fort-worth)
50. [Oklahoma City, OK](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/oklahoma-city)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/planning-land-use)

**Tap Water Quality**

1.  [Kansas City, MO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/kansas-city)
2.  [Portland, OR](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/portland)
2.  [Louisville, KY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/louisville)
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44. [Nashville, TN](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/nashville)
45. [Las Vegas, NV](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/las-vegas)
46. [Los Angeles, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/los-angeles)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/tap-water-quality)

**Waste Management**

1.  [San Francisco, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/san-francisco)
2.  [Long Beach, CA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/long-beach)
3.  [New York, NY](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-york)
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47. [Albuquerque, NM](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/albuquerque)
48. [Colorado Springs, CO](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/colorado-springs)
49. [New Orleans, LA](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/new-orleans)
[See All »](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/categories/waste-management)

**Water Supply**

1.  [Chicago, IL](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/chicago)
1.  [Cleveland, OH](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/cleveland)
1.  [Milwaukee, WI](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/milwaukee)
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48. [Mesa, AZ](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/mesa)
49. [Phoenix, AZ](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/phoenix)
50. [Las Vegas, NV](http://www.sustainlane.com/us-city-rankings/cities/las-vegas)
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