



Livability Accolades & Highlights

- Greater Cincinnati is ranked in the top ten by Fortune magazine as a great place to live and work.
- Cincinnati USA is in the top five for the safest metro areas for walkers, ranked by *The Mean Streets* report from the Surface Transportation Policy Project.
- Paramount's Kings Island ranked #4 overall in "child appeal" category by the Zagat Survey. Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal and Great American Ball Park received top rankings as well.
- "Worth the Trip" – Endorsed by the first lady of daytime talk, *O, The Oprah Magazine*, calls attention to Cincinnati's "urban renewal" citing such attractions as the Lois & Richard Rosenthal Center for Contemporary Art, the Cincinnati Opera, the Cesar Pelli-designed Aronoff Center for the Arts and the nation's latest gem, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The JeanRo Bistro is noted for its renowned chef, Jean-Robert de Cavel and Rookwood Pottery Restaurant for its ambiance.
- Special Millenium Edition of Places Rated Almanac ranked Greater Cincinnati eleventh - the top 3% of metro areas.
- "Top Fun City" In a list compiled by Bert Sperling, creator of Money magazine's annual "Best Places to Live" placed Cincinnati among the top 20 fun cities in the United States. The list based the ranking by reviewing "fun" characteristics of top U.S. cities such as the number of sports teams, restaurants, types of retail, arts performances, and city budget spent on recreation.
- Dubbed the "Queen City of the West" by Longfellow and called "America's most beautiful inland city" by Churchill.
- Study found that the average buying power in Cincinnati was eighth best in the nation.
- Cincinnati's Fine Arts Fund, the oldest in the nation, ranks among the top three in the country for total dollars raised by a united arts campaign.
- World-renowned symphony orchestra, fifth oldest in the nation.
- Cincinnati Opera – internationally acclaimed second oldest company in the U.S.
- The May Festival, oldest choral music event in the Western Hemisphere.
- One of the top five zoos in the U.S. and the second oldest. Renowned for breeding exotic animals and recently added Manatee Springs. Nation's first and largest Insectarium. Most gorilla births of any zoo.
- Paramount's Kings Island – one of the top ten amusement parks in the nation.
- The Newport Aquarium – in Newport, KY., with 11,000 creatures, the nation's largest air shark viewing area and largest King Penguin collection.
- Krohn Conservatory - one of the nation's largest public greenhouses.

- One of the largest municipal park systems of a major U.S. city.
- Waynesville – the antique capital of the Midwest.
- The public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County ranks third in the nation in total circulation.