



The editorial staff looked at more than 300 cities comparing population, unemployment rates, cost of living and job opportunities for professionals on the move.

In its sixth annual assessment of over 300 cities throughout the United States, *Employment Review* magazine has selected 20 finalists for America's Best Places to Live and Work. The final rankings and city reviews appeared in the June 2000 issue of *Employment Review* magazine.

Employment Review has once again picked its top 20 cities for the annual *America's Best Places to Live and Work*. This guide provides professionals with information on the cities with the best employment opportunities. The staff researched 300 cities, comparing population, unemployment rates, cost of living and job opportunities as some of the deciding factors when narrowing down the list.

A healthy economy, diverse industries and a strong forecasted job growth are what made these cities stand out. New entries to this year's list include cities that have displayed incredible employment potential, a top-notch quality of life, outstanding educational standards as well as opportunities for companies interested in relocating.

Because there were so many cities with so much to offer, it wasn't easy to shrink the list down to just 20 cities. That is why this year we have included an honorable-mention list of 10 exceptional cities.

America's Best Places to Live and Work will give today's business professional interested in making a move thorough statistics on the top cities across the country and employers can learn where the ideal places for relocation can be found.

America Best Places to Live and Work 2000

1	Sarasota, Florida
2	Austin, Texas
3	Ft. Worth, Texas
4	Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, North Carolina
5	Salt Lake City, Utah