



Special Report

Best Places For Business

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The best metro areas to launch a business or a career often revolve around universities that offer a diverse, educated work force and, especially when they are far from big cities, relatively low costs. Such regions--Raleigh, Austin and Ann Arbor among them--are also attractive places to live, judging by the patterns of migration.

Best Metros

1. [Madison, WI](#)
2. [Raleigh-Durham, NC](#)
3. [Austin, TX](#)
4. [Washington, DC](#)
5. [Atlanta, GA](#)
6. [Provo, UT](#)
7. [Boise, ID](#)
8. [Huntsville, AL](#)
9. [Lexington, KY](#)
10. [Richmond, VA](#)