

## Greenville, SC Rankings

1. Business Costs
  - a. KPMG's 2006 "Competitive Alternatives" - guide to international business costs. Greenville ranked as lowest cost mid-size metro (population 500,000 to 1 Million) and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest of all metros (behind Dothan, AL)
  - b. KPMG's 2004 Study reveals Greenville-Spartanburg is the least-expensive mid-sized U.S. location for business
2. Cost of Living
  - a. Kiplinger's "Personal Finance" magazine – Greenville ranked 20<sup>th</sup> lowest cost of living. Note: also ranked 95<sup>th</sup> for "Bohemian indicator" – concentration of writers, designers, musicians, actors and other artistic personnel
3. Favorable Business Environment
  - a. Top 5 finalist for Most Business Friendly and Best Human Resources in Small Cities for 2007-2008 – Foreign Direct Investment (fDi) magazine
  - b. 2007 America's 50 Hottest Cities – "Expansion Management" magazine
  - c. 2007 #2 of Top 20 Real Estate Markets for Expanding Companies, "Expansion Management" magazine, October
  - d. 4 Star Logistics Metro for 2006 - "Expansion Management" magazine
  - e. Top 40 Real Estate Markets for 2006 "Expansion Management" magazine
4. Education
  - a. 5 High Schools in Nation's Top 5% - Newsweek, 2007
  - b. Number of National Board Certified Teachers (423) – more than total for 31 other states (2007-2008)
  - c. Greenville Student named to USA Today's 2005 All-USA High School Academic Team
  - d. 2006 & 2007 – Greenville Technical College's Charter High ranked in Top 15 Nationwide by US Department of Education
5. Quality of Life
  - a. Worldwide ERC®, the association for workforce mobility, and Primacy Relocation® Worldwide ERC®, the association for workforce mobility, and Primacy Relocation® ranks Greenville 22<sup>nd</sup> "Best Mid-size Metro for Relocating Families" - 2007