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Austin, Texas

In the state capital of Texas, residents pride themselves on being far from ordinary. In fact, the city slogan is “Keep Austin Weird,” a reference to “old Austin” of the free-spirited, somewhat hippy, bohemian 60s, 70s, and 80s. It’s Austin pre-high-tech, pre-Starbucks with that laid-back, “do what feels good” kind of tolerance.

Austin is a hot spot for creativity and embraces its community of musicians, artists, entrepreneurs and progressive thinkers. Austin is home to a singer named Willie, a cyclist named Lance and a Longhorn steer named Bevo, and is known as the Live Music Capital of the World, a title they take seriously with nearly 200 live music venues.

A lot of people are choosing to move to Austin, but the city admits there are areas in need of improvement - driver safety is low and crime statistics could be better, and the city is ranked high on the allergy capitals list.

But, among large US cities, Austin garners top honors as a best place for entrepreneurs, Hispanics, dating, and budget weekend getaways. The city is recognized as being the fittest, most unwired, and least sweaty of the major Texas cities.

As the gateway to the Texas Hill Country, rolling hills and sparkling waterways abound in Austin. And each night during

the summer, they gather to watch 1.5 million bats take flight from underneath the Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge.

The kitchens of some of the country’s best Tex-Mex and barbecue restaurants can be also be found here.

The population of Austin is 743,074, with a median household income of \$43,731. The median home value is \$170,900, and over 3100 single-family new home building permits were issued in 2007.

HERE Decatur, IL



1250 Woodridge Court

Price: \$230,000

Square Footage	2,564
Year Built	2000
Bedrooms	4
Bathrooms	2.5
Garage	2-car

Spacious, traditional two-story home with wood and tile floors, fireplace, eat-in kitchen and game room.

THERE Austin, TX



1722 Fawn Drive

Price: \$230,000

Square Footage	1,329
Year Built	1963
Bedrooms	3
Baths	2
Garage	2-car

Corner lot with great room, master suite, laundry in garage, greenhouse located in private backyard.

Community information provided by the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau. Real estate information provided by Realtor.com.