2011 Rankings

- Des Moines Ranked #3 for jobs for 2012 (December, Forbes)
- Des Moines #3 Best City for Business (December 13, MarketWatch)
- Des Moines is Greenest City (December issue, Self Magazine)
- Iowa ranks in top five of "best run" states (November 29, 247WallSt.com)
- Des Moines Named Age-friendly city (October 11, World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities)
- Gray's Lake Park Named One of America's "Great Public Spaces" (October 4, American Planning Association)
- Beaverdale Makes America’s Prettiest Neighborhoods list (September 28, Forbes)
- KaBOOM! Names Ankeny Among 151 "Playful City USA" Communities (September 6, Kaboom)
- Urbandale, Johnston, Ankeny ranked in top 100 cities to live (August 15, CNN Money Magazine)
- Iowa ranks 2nd in America in Volunteerism (August 9, Volunteering in America report released by the Corporation for National and Community Service)
- Adventureland and Adventure Bay named one of America's Top 10 Water Parks (August 3, TripAdvisor)
- Des Moines #1 City for Young Professionals (July 12, Forbes)
- Des Moines is rated the #2 place for business and careers by Forbes (June 29, Forbes)
- Iowa is first in the nation for cost of doing business, and among the top ten states for doing business overall (June 29, CNBC Special Report)
- U.S. News Says Des Moines is Richest Metro Area (June 2, U.S. News & World Report)
- Greater Des Moines ranks #2 in the Midwest and #16 nationwide for small business and population growth. (April 14, The Business Journals)
- Des Moines #5 Best Midwest Food Town. (March, Midwest Living)
- Des Moines named the best place to live on the Silicon Prairie, and one of 18 "coolest places to live in America.”(March 8, Men's Journal)
- Des Moines ranked in the top 100 socially networked cities. (March 8, Men's Journal)
- Des Moines Arts Festival #7 on list of Top 10 Fairs and Festivals (February 2011, AmericanStyle Magazine)
- Des Moines metro ranks well on Farmers Insurance "most secure" list (February 11, Farmers Insurance Group)
- Wells Fargo Arena Receives Highest Ranking in Venue History (January 25, Pollstar Top 100 Worldwide Arena Venues)