

Rankings / CityGrid: Large Cities (250,000+)

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Overall Rank	City	O ₂	⚡	🌿	🏠	🌳	♻️	📺	👥	💧
1	Seattle, WA	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	Low	High
2	San Francisco, CA	High	High	Low	High	High	High	High	High	High
3	Portland, OR	High	High	Low	High	High	High	High	Low	High
4	Oakland, CA	High	High	Low	High	High	High	High	Low	High
5	San José, CA	High	Low	High	High	High	High	High	High	High
6	Austin, TX	High	Low	High	High	High	High	High	Low	High
7	Sacramento, CA	Low	High	High	High	High	High	High	Low	High
8	Boston, MA	Low	High	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low
9	Denver, CO	Low	High	Low	High	Low	Low	High	Low	High
10	Chicago, IL	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low
11	San Diego, CA	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	High	Low	High
12	New York, NY	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Low
13	Los Angeles, CA	Low	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	Low	High
14	Dallas, TX	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	High	Low	High
15	Columbus, OH	Low	Low	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low

High Medium Low [Explain the Scores](#)

Top 15 Large Cities (250,000+)

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| 1. Seattle, WA | 9. Denver, CO |
| 2. San Francisco, CA | 10. Chicago, IL |
| 3. Portland, OR | 11. San Diego, CA |
| 4. Oakland, CA | 12. New York, NY |
| 5. San José, CA | 13. Los Angeles, CA |
| 6. Austin, TX | 14. Dallas, TX |
| 7. Sacramento, CA | 15. Columbus, OH |
| 8. Boston, MA | |

Top 10 Rankings by Criteria for Large Cities (250,000+)

Cities have been ranked by criteria scores, with any ties broken by overall scores. For full details, see [Scoring/Criteria](#).

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Top 10 Large Cities: Standard of Living

1. San José, CA
2. San Francisco, CA
3. Virginia Beach, VA
4. Seattle, WA
5. Las Vegas, NV
6. Honolulu, HI
7. Mesa, AZ
8. Riverside, CA
9. Aurora, CO
10. Portland, OR

Top 10 Large Cities: Green Building

1. Seattle, WA
2. Portland, OR
3. Austin, TX
4. Chicago, IL
5. San Francisco, CA
6. Oakland, CA
7. San José, CA
8. Sacramento, CA
9. Boston, MA
10. San Diego, CA

Top 10 Large Cities: Air Quality

1. Seattle, WA
2. San Francisco, CA
3. Portland, OR
4. Oakland, CA
5. San José, CA
6. Austin, TX
7. Honolulu, HI
8. Las Vegas, NV
9. Tampa, FL
10. Jacksonville, FL

Top 10 Large Cities: Environmental Standards and Participation

1. Sacramento, CA
2. Chicago, IL
3. San Diego, CA
4. New York, NY
5. Dallas, TX
6. Columbus, OH
7. Minneapolis, MN
8. Phoenix, AZ
9. Seattle, WA
10. San José, CA

Top 10 Large Cities: Transportation

1. San Francisco, CA
2. Boston, MA
3. Los Angeles, CA
4. Washington, DC
5. Seattle, WA
6. San Diego, CA
7. New York, NY
8. Philadelphia, PA
9. Portland, OR
10. San José, CA

Top 10 Large Cities: Recycling

1. San Francisco, CA
2. Oakland, CA
3. Seattle, WA
4. Los Angeles, CA
5. Austin, TX
6. San José, CA
7. San Diego, CA
8. St. Paul, MN
9. Portland, OR
10. Sacramento, CA

Top 10 Large Cities: Green Space

1. Portland, OR
2. Seattle, WA
3. New York, NY
4. Houston, TX
5. Oakland, CA
6. Austin, TX
7. San Diego, CA
8. Phoenix, AZ
9. St. Paul, MN
10. El Paso, TX

Top 10 Large Cities: Energy Production and Conservation

1. Seattle, WA
2. Denver, CO
3. Sacramento, CA
4. San Francisco, CA
5. Portland, OR
6. Oakland, CA
7. Boston, MA
8. Anaheim, CA
9. Dallas, TX
10. Columbus, OH

Top 10 Large Cities: Water Quality

1. Austin, TX
2. Denver, CO
3. Los Angeles, CA
4. Seattle, WA
5. El Paso, TX
6. San Francisco, CA
7. Oakland, CA
8. San José, CA
9. Sacramento, CA
10. Dallas, TX

