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# El Paso Ranked No. 2 Best Large City to Live in the U.S.

## Third-party ranking places El Paso among the nation's top large cities

**EL PASO, Texas**—El Paso has been ranked the No. 2 best large city to live in the United States for 2025-2026, according to a national ranking from U.S. News & World Report highlighted this week by *Business Insider*.

The ranking evaluated cities with populations above 500,000 using factors such as quality of life, value, desirability, job market, and migration.

“This moment speaks to who we are as a city and where we are headed,” said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. “We are proud to see El Paso recognized on a national level, and will keep doing the work to build and even stronger future for our community.”

El Paso was ranked alongside other major cities across the country, with Texas cities performing especially well overall. In the large-city category, El Paso placed second nationally.

The factors highlighted in the ranking closely align with what residents identified in the City's most recent community survey as important to their daily lives, including quality of life, affordability, public safety, economic mobility, and overall community well-being.

According to the ranking, El Paso stood out for its combination of value and livability, including relatively affordable housing and lower median rent compared with other top-ranked large cities.

“We know rankings are only one measure, but this recognition reinforces the strengths that continue to make El Paso a place people are proud to call home,” said City Manager Dionne Mack. “The City will continue investing in the priorities that matter most to residents, including infrastructure, public safety, economic mobility, and quality of life.”

The City of El Paso continues to advance work aligned with Mayor and City Council priorities to strengthen neighborhoods, support economic opportunity, improve infrastructure, and enhance quality of life across the community.

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