



ORLANDO MERCHANDISE MART

FACTS AND RANKINGS

- Orlando is the “No. 1 Hottest Job Market” according to *Business2.0*.
- Inc.* magazine names Orlando as the fourth “Best City for Business” in the large cities category.
- fDi* magazine recognizes Orlando as one of the “North American Cities of the Future”; No. 3 in “Most Business Friendly;” and No. 4 in “Quality of Life.”
- Southern Business & Development* names Orlando as one of the “Top 10 Places in the South for Emerging Industries.”
- AeA* says Florida is the “Fourth-Largest and Second-Fastest Growing Cyberstate by Tech Employment.”
- Biz Journals* ranks Florida as the ninth “Best Market for Young Adult Job Seekers.”
- Orlando is the third “Best Pro-Business State,” according to *Pollina Corporation*.
- According to *Forbes* magazine, Orlando is the fourth “Best City in the Country for creating jobs.”
- BusinessWeek* magazine featured Metro Orlando among its picks of “global hot spots” in its issue titled What Makes a Winner: The Competition Issue. Orlando is one of three communities in the world to be featured.
- Forbes.com* ranks Metro Orlando second on their annual list of “Most Wired Communities” and fourth among “The Best Cities to Get a Job.”
- Forbes magazine* lists Metro Orlando among the “Best Places for Business and Careers.”
- Expansion Management ranks Metro Orlando as one of “America’s Hottest Cities”; as one of the “Top 40 Commercial Real Estate Markets”; and as a four-star metro in the magazine’s “Mayor’s Challenge,” which ranks the best places in the U.S. to locate a business.
- Metro Orlando ranks 3rd among *Inc.* magazine’s “Hottest Large Cities for Doing Business” and 28th in the nation for entrepreneurs.
- Metro Orlando ranks 6th among Milken Institute’s 2006 “Best Performing Cities.”
- Metro Orlando ranks second on the list of “Six Great Relocation Destinations” published by Retirement Solutions Foundation.
- Metro Orlando is the “Number One City for Entrepreneurs” by *Entrepreneur Magazine*.
- Southern Business & Development* magazine names Metro Orlando “Major Market of the Year,” twice in three years.
- Metro Orlando is ranked as one of the top five “Cities for MovieMakers” by *MovieMaker Magazine*.
- The Central Florida Research Park, totaling more than 1,025 acres and home to 85 companies employing more than 8,500 people, is one of the top 10 research parks in the nation.
- The University of Central Florida’s Institute for Simulation & Training developed the nation’s first master’s and PhD programs in simulation and human performance enhancement.
- More than 150 international companies, representing approximately 20 countries, have facilities in Metro Orlando.

Source: Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission (EDC)