

# Worldwide ERC® & Primacy Relocation Name 2005's "Best Cities for Relocating Singles"

**CHICAGO** [October 3, 2005] -- Worldwide ERC® (the Employee Relocation Council) and Primacy Relocation announced at the ERC's Global Workforce Summit that Austin, Nashville, New York, Charlotte, and Houston are 2005's Best Cities for Relocating Singles™ among U.S. metropolitan areas.

For a second year, the two organizations have joined Sperling's BestPlaces to identify the cities with the most to offer relocating singles. Using statistical profiles of the largest 100 U.S. metro areas and the criteria most relevant to singles, the rankings reflect the probability of a smooth transition and a successful relocation.

"The appeal of a city is different depending on an individual's point of view," said Michelle Vallejo, Primacy's Chief Operating Officer. "This study provides employee relocation professionals with another tool to help facilitate happy and successful moves for their transferees."

This year's results reflect several new factors that can impact singles, including the gender population balance, a climate analysis keyed to utility costs, as well as fee and occupancy rates for temporary housing and mini-storage. Also, cities with plenty of collegiate and professional sporting events and fun, fan-friendly venues got a closer look this year.

Despite the new data, Austin retained its top spot from the 2004 study, while Nashville and Charlotte saw dramatic improvements in their rankings. New Orleans rose to 10th place, based on pre-Hurricane Katrina data. The survey's publishers decided to let the battered city's hard-earned ranking stand—out of respect and with full confidence that it will once again be an attractive destination for transferring singles.

**Relocation** is one of the top third-party employee relocation providers in the world, and is the largest to focus all resources on relocation and global assignment (expatriate) management. Primacy administers programs for employers throughout the Western Hemisphere, Europe and the Asia Pacific region. Core services include home sales, destination services, household goods move management, and overall program administration.

**Worldwide ERC®** is the membership association of choice for more than 10,000 corporate and government relocation managers, real estate companies, appraisers, and a range of service firms and individuals from industries that address relocation-related workforce issues.

## 2005 Full Rankings of Best Cities for Relocating Singles

1 Austin-San Marcos	17 Monmouth-Ocean	34 Phoenix-Mesa
2 Nashville	18 Cincinnati	35 Tucson
3 New York	19 San Francisco	36 Chicago
4 Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill	20 Albuquerque	37 San Jose
5 Houston	21 Columbia	38 Louisville
6 Dallas	22 Denver	39 Tampa-St. Petersburg
7 Atlanta	23 Baltimore	40 Toledo
8 Portland-Vancouver	24 Fort Lauderdale	41 San Antonio
9 Seattle-Bellevue-Everett	25 Tulsa	42 Knoxville
10 New Orleans	26 Omaha	43 Indianapolis
11 Harrisburg-Lebanon-Carlisle	27 Jacksonville	44 Baton Rouge
12 Jersey City	28 Nassau-Suffolk	45 Kansas City
13 Memphis	29 Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill	46 Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon
14 Orlando	30 Oklahoma City	47 Birmingham
15 Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson	31 Miami	48 Minneapolis-St. Paul
16 San Diego	32 Columbus	49 Oakland
	33 Washington	

50 Riverside-San Bernardino  
51 Sarasota-Bradenton  
52 Greensboro--Winston-Salem  
53 Pittsburgh  
54 Dayton-Springfield  
55 Salt Lake City-Ogden  
56 West Palm Beach-Boca  
Raton  
57 Wilmington-Newark  
58 Sacramento  
59 Bakersfield  
60 Charleston-North Charleston  
61 El Paso  
62 Akron  
63 Mobile  
64 Philadelphia  
65 Colorado Springs  
66 Little Rock-North Little Rock  
67 Fort Worth-Arlington

68 Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton  
69 Los Angeles-Long Beach  
70 Newark  
71 Bergen-Passaic  
72 Albany-Schenectady-Troy  
73 Detroit  
74 Youngstown-Warren  
75 Norfolk-Va. Beach-N-News  
76 Richmond-Petersburg  
77 Tacoma  
78 McAllen-Edinburg-Mission  
79 Stockton-Lodi  
80 Wichita  
81 Milwaukee-Waukesha  
82 Honolulu  
83 Orange County  
84 Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria  
85 St. Louis  
86 Las Vegas

87 Scranton--Wilkes-Barre  
88 Buffalo-Niagara Falls  
89 Rochester  
90 Boston  
91 New Haven-Meriden  
92 Springfield  
93 Fresno  
94 Ann Arbor  
95 Grand Rapids-Muskegon-  
Holland  
96 Gary  
97 Syracuse  
98 Providence  
99 Hartford  
100 Ventura  
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