

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

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#3 in the Nation on Forbes 2014 Best Small Places for Business and Careers

Among 184 metropolitans having populations less than 250,000. Ranking 20th in Education, 27th in Cost of Doing Business and 59th in Job Growth.



Most Affordable College Town in Minnesota

Mankato ranks most affordable college city in Minnesota and #36 in the nation, according to a Great Value Colleges 2014 release.



#2 Best Place in Minnesota for Young Families

The City of North Mankato was ranked #2 best place in MN for Young Families in 2014 by nerdwallet.com.



#5 Best Small City in America

On the 2015 list of Best Small Cities in America from nerdwallet.com based on economic health, affordability and quality of life.



#9 Best Town to Raise a Family in Minnesota

Niche ranked the city of North Mankato #9 on the 2015 list of best towns to raise a family in Minnesota. Also making the list were the great communities of Mankato and Saint Peter.



3rd in the Nation for Affordable Healthcare

3rd in the nation on livability.com's 2014 Top 10 Cities for Affordable Health Care.



#5 Safest Community in Minnesota

The City of North Mankato was ranked 5th safest city in the state by movoto.com in 2014.



8th in the Nation for Work - Life Balance

According to a the 2013 list on nerdwallet.com. Balance is based on hours worked per week, daily commuting time and median earnings.



#19 in the Nation for top College Towns

In 2014 the Mankato-North Mankato Metropolitan Statistical Area was ranked #19 in the nation for top college towns with under 250,000 residents by The American Institute for Economic Research.



Home to one of the Coolest Playgrounds in Minnesota

Mankato's Sibley Park ranks #9 on NewsCastic's 2015 list of coolest playgrounds in the state of Minnesota.



#4 Best Outdoor Venue in Minnesota

Awarded to Vetter Stone Amphitheater in Riverfront Park from the Star Tribune in 2014.



Home to One of The Coolest Urban Spaces in America

Thrillist ranked City Center Mankato's CityArt as one of the 14 Coolest Urban Spaces in America on their 2015 list.



Top Marathon in Minnesota worth Traveling for

In their 2014 list, FlipKey by Trip Advisor rated the Mankato Marathon the top marathon to travel to in Minnesota.



Best Minnesota Winery

The Star Tribune ranked Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery in Saint Peter, MN the best Minnesota winery on their 2015 Best of MN list.



Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community

Greater Mankato has been awarded the Bronze ranking for bicycle friendliness by The League of American Bicyclists.