



AWARDS & ACCOLADES

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

Among 184 metropolitans having populations less than 250,000 (up from 10th in 2013, 11th in 2012 and 25th in 2011). 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.

Top Marathon in Minnesota worth Traveling for



Mankato Marathon has been rated the top marathon to travel to in Minnesota by Trip Advisor.



Top Community for Young People

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



On AARP Magazine's Cities to Watch List

For being ahead of the curve in providing services to empty nesters, active retirees and everyone in between.



#5 Safest Community in Minnesota

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



#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.

Bronze level Bicycle Friendly Community



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

#4 Best Outdoor Venue in Minnesota



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

8th in the Nation for Work - Life Balance



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



3rd in the Nation for Affordable Health Care

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



#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.



#7 Dreamtown in the Nation

Bizjournals.com ranked Greater Mankato number seven out of 140 on it's national list of Dreamtowns in 2008. A dreamtown is a "small town that offers the best quality of life without metropolitan hassles."