

# 2012-2013 Recognitions

## Lafayette Ranked Near Top of Best Performing Small Cities List

37th of 179

The City of Lafayette's economic climate has ranked in the top 25% of US small cities. The city has climbed to 37th from 96th just one year ago. The metrics used by the Milken Institute are listed to the right. Individual rankings are included in the report: 5-year job growth (63rd) 1-year job growth (27th) and 5-year wage/salary growth (117th). Only two Indiana Cities ranked in the top 25%. The City of Columbus, IN was ranked 15th. Over all, Texan cities dominated the top 25% with 8 small cities listed.

### Components of the Best-Performing Cities Index

Component	Weight
Job growth (I=2006)	0.143
Job growth (I=2010)	0.143
Wage and salary growth (I=2005)	0.143
Wage and salary growth (I=2009)	0.143
Short-term job growth (May11-May12)	0.143
Relative high-tech GDP growth (I=2006)	0.071
Relative high-tech GDP growth (I=2010)	0.071
High-tech GDP location quotient	0.071
Number of high-tech industries with GDP LQ>1	0.071

Note: I refers to the beginning year of index.

Source: Milken Institute.

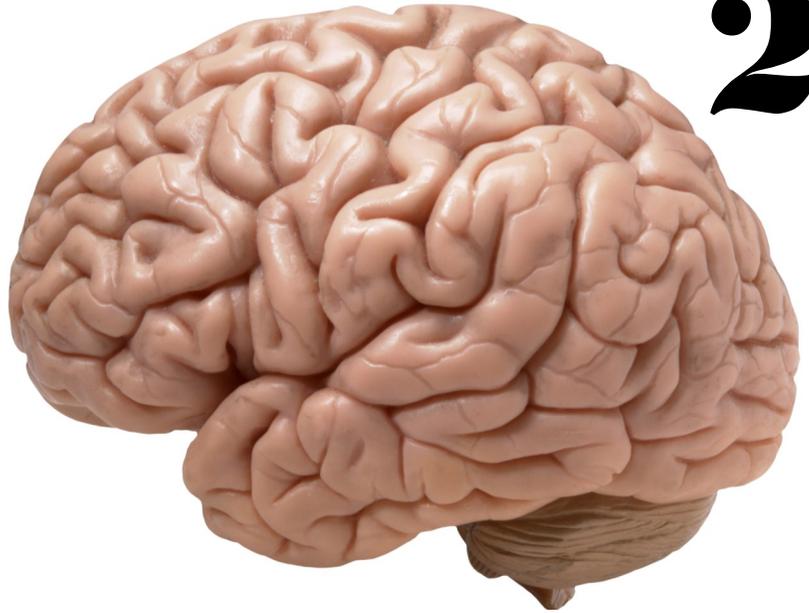
## [Greater] Lafayette Ranked 7th Best College Town, 8th Overall

The American Institute for Economic Research (AIER) has ranked the Nation's top 20 "college towns" in its "College Destinations Index" for 2012-2013. According to the Institute, Lafayette ranks 7th of 20. Ithica, NY achieved the top spot. A description of the criteria used to rank the cities is available [here](#). AIER also ranked all major, mid, small, and "college town" sized cities together. Lafayette ranked 8th out of 75 in this group.



## Lafayette, America's Second Brainiest City

Lafayette edged out the likes of Madison, WI, San Francisco, CA, and Champaign, IL, and 164 other metro areas in a Lumosity cognitive performance test. For more information, [click here](#).



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### Best Small Place for Businesses and Careers

Last ranked at #12 in 2010, Lafayette has dropped 3 slots to 15th in Forbes Magazine's ranking of Best Small Places for Business and Careers. Nevertheless, 15th out of 184 is impressive. You can learn more about the methodology of the study by [clicking here](#). To see what Forbes Magazine had to say about Lafayette, [click here](#).

# Shenandoah at Navarre Roundabout



**2012 Nominee**

**Indiana Partnership for Transportation Quality**

**Quality Award**