

# Austin No. 4 best city for dating in 2012

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With over half of the city's men and women single, Austin has been ranked among the top five U.S. cities to find a date for 2012.

The Daily Beast ranking of [the 25 best cities for dating](#) is based on the number of available singles, dating costs, and mental and physical health, with bonus points awarded to cities that were ranked in the top 10 most popular on five major dating websites.

Austin took the No. 4 spot, behind Atlanta; Gainesville, Fla.; and Lincoln, Neb. Other Texas cities on the list were Dallas and Houston, respectively ranked at No. 19 and No. 22.

Cities that performed best had a relatively high average salary for singles and a low overall cost of living, freeing up more cash for dating.

The median salary for singles in Austin is \$38,457, while the cost of an average movie ticket is \$9.58.

[TripAdvisor Inc.](#) gave Austin the No. 2 spot this week on a list of the [top 15 U.S. vacation destinations on the rise for 2012](#).

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