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**McAllen Earns National Recognition, Ranking No. 27 in
U.S. News & World Report's 2026–2027 Best Places to Live**
McAllen ranks No. 11 among Texas communities

The City of McAllen continues to rank among the nation's best places to live, earning the No. 27 spot in **U.S. News & World Report's 2026–2027 Best Places to Live** rankings. McAllen is among 11 Texas communities ranked in the nation's top 30, joining Flower Mound (#3), Leander (#8), Frisco (#9), Sugar Land (#10), League City (#13), Pearland (#16), McKinney (#17), Allen (#23), Cedar Park (#24) and Mansfield (#25). McAllen ranks No. 11 among Texas communities on the national list.

The annual U.S. News ranking evaluates 250 communities across the United States based on four key measures: quality of life, value, desirability and job market strength. The rankings draw data from public and private sources, as well as resident input.

“McAllen is a community where opportunity, safety, affordability and quality of life come together to create a place people are proud to call home,” said Mayor Javier Villalobos. “Our vision, *Next Is Now*, reflects our commitment to building on that foundation and investing in the future of our community. From economic growth and public safety to our parks, cultural amenities and vibrant quality of life, we are creating a city where families can thrive and where *Aquí Se Vive Mejor*. This recognition is a testament to the people of McAllen and the work we are doing together to make our city even better.”

City Manager Isaac J. Tawil added, “McAllen continues to distinguish itself as a community where families can thrive, businesses can grow and people can enjoy an exceptional quality of life. Being ranked among the top 30 places to live in the nation is a reflection of the thoughtful investments and long-term planning taking place throughout our city.”

McAllen previously ranked **No. 20 in the 2025–2026 report** and **No. 48 in 2024–2025**, continuing its consistent presence among U.S. News & World Report's top-ranked communities. For more information on the U.S. News & World Report Best Places to Live rankings, visit [U.S. News & World Report's Best Places to Live rankings](#).

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities along the U.S.–Mexico border. Known as the “City of Palms,” McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley. Today, the city employs more than 2,600 dedicated public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. McAllen city leaders remain committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net and follow us on social media @cityofmcallen