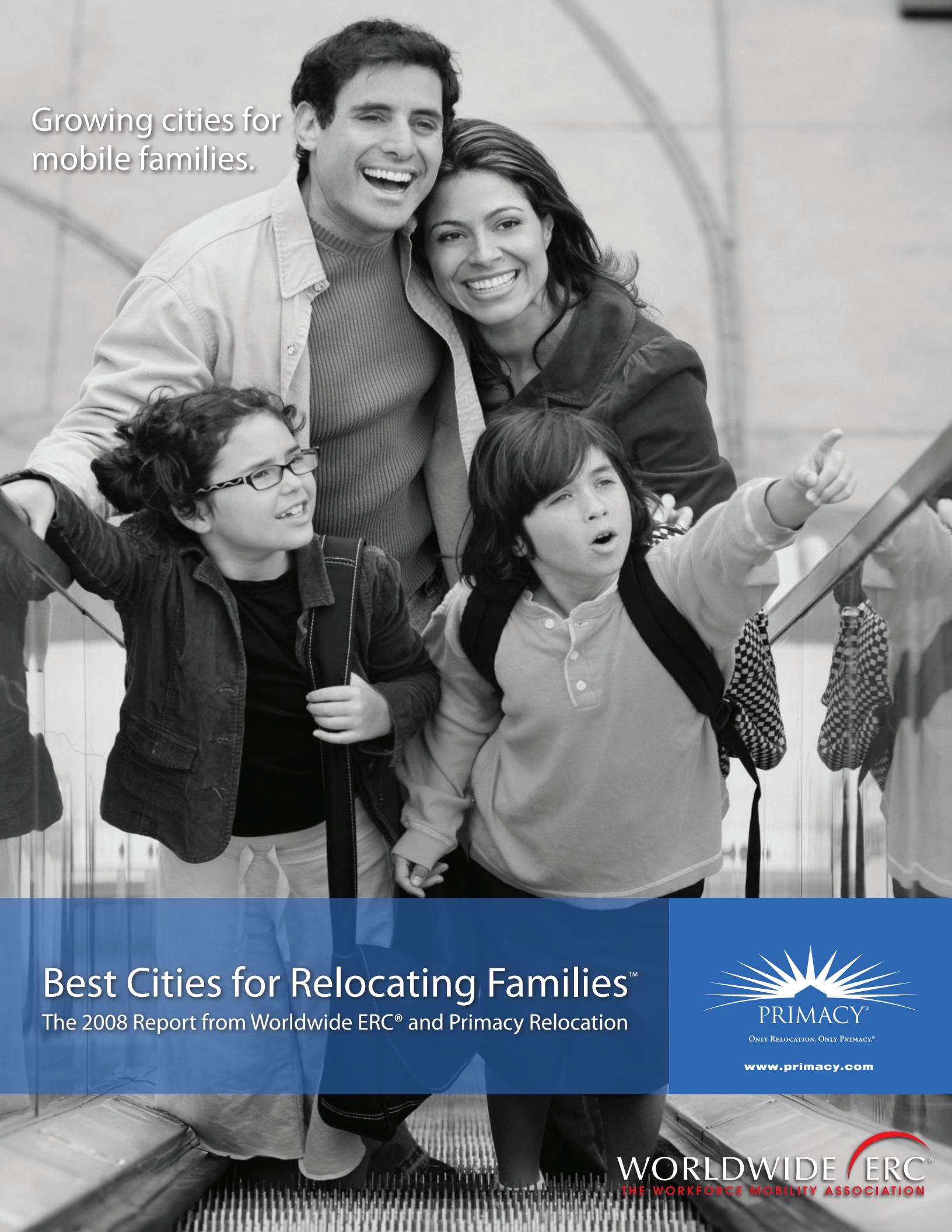




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The 2008 Report from Worldwide ERC® and Primacy Relocation



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LOCATING FAMILY OPPORTUNITY IN A CHANGING ECONOMY

Best Cities for Relocating Families™ focuses on the ease with which a family can move to a city and the ease of settling into a new life. Utilizing current data on the 150 most popular MSAs and encompassing nearly 50 factors important to relocating families, the report provides businesses, families, and the national media with one convenient resource for authoritative information. The study is conducted in collaboration with Bert Sperling's BestPlaces.

This year's report uses up-to-date census and economic data to highlight places where affordable housing, reasonable commutes, educational resources, and solid local economies create a high quality of life for families. New categories for 2008 include recent job growth, nearby top-ranked colleges, in-state tuition for four-year public colleges, population growth since 2000, pediatricians per 100,000, and a Green Living index.

The final rankings represent one of the most sophisticated comparative research studies available on how location affects a family's relocation success.

LARGE MARKETS

(METRO AREAS WITH POPULATIONS 1.3 MILLION+)

RANKINGS: 1-50

1. Pittsburgh, PA
2. Indianapolis/Carmel, IN
3. Austin/Round Rock, TX
4. Fort Worth/Arlington, TX
5. San Antonio, TX
6. Cambridge/Newton/Framingham, MA
7. Columbus, OH
8. Kansas City, MO/KS
9. Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomington, MN/WI
10. Cincinnati/Middletown, OH/KY/IN
11. Denver/Aurora, CO
12. Cleveland/Elyria/Mentor, OH
13. Dallas/Plano/Irving, TX
14. St. Louis, MO/IL
15. Portland/Vancouver/Beaverton, OR/WA
16. Milwaukee/Waukesha/West Allis, WI
17. Virginia Beach/Norfolk/Newport News, VA/NC
18. Houston/Sugar Land/Baytown, TX
19. Atlanta/Sandy Springs/Marietta, GA
20. Nashville-Davidson/Murfreesboro, TN
21. Boston/Quincy, MA
22. Charlotte/Gastonia/Concord, NC/SC
23. Edison, NJ
24. Philadelphia, PA
25. Nassau/Suffolk, NY
26. Seattle/Bellevue/Everett, WA
27. Warren/Troy/Farmington Hills, MI
28. Baltimore/Towson, MD
29. Washington/Arlington/Alexandria, DC/VA/MD/WW
30. Providence/New Bedford/Fall River, RI/MA
31. Jacksonville, FL
32. Phoenix/Mesa/Scottsdale, AZ
33. Las Vegas/Paradise, NV
34. Detroit/Livonia/Dearborn, MI
35. Tampa/St. Petersburg/Clearwater, FL
36. Orlando/Kissimmee, FL
37. New York/White Plains/Wayne, NY/NJ
38. San Francisco/San Mateo/Redwood City, CA
39. Newark/Union, NJ/PA
40. San Jose/Sunnyvale/Santa Clara, CA
41. San Diego/Carlsbad/San Marcos, CA
42. Chicago/Naperville/Joliet, IL
43. Los Angeles/Long Beach/Glendale, CA
44. Santa Ana/Anaheim/Irvine, CA
45. Sacramento/Arden-Arcade/Roseville, CA
46. Fort Lauderdale/Pompano Beach/Deerfield, FL
47. Oakland/Fremont/Hayward, CA
48. West Palm Beach/Boca Raton/Boynton Beach, FL
49. Miami/Miami Beach/Kendall, FL
50. Riverside/San Bernardino/Ontario, CA

MID-SIZE MARKETS

(METRO AREAS WITH POPULATIONS 600,000 - 1.3 MILLION)

RANKINGS: 1-50

1. Omaha/Council Bluffs, NE/IA
2. Syracuse, NY
3. Rochester, NY
4. Knoxville, TN
5. Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY
6. Worcester, MA
7. Little Rock/North Little Rock, AR
8. Springfield, MA
9. McAllen/Edinburg/Mission, TX
10. Richmond, VA
11. Colorado Springs, CO
12. Albany/Schenectady/Troy, NY
13. Bethesda/Gaithersburg/Frederick, MD
14. New Haven/Milford, CT
15. Dayton, OH
16. Tucson, AZ
17. Hartford/West Hartford/East Hartford, CT
18. Raleigh/Cary, NC
19. Salt Lake City, UT
20. El Paso, TX
21. Oklahoma City, OK
22. Greenville, SC
23. Akron, OH
24. Birmingham/Hoover, AL
25. Louisville/Jefferson County, KY/IN
26. Memphis, TN/MS/AR
27. Wilmington, DE/MD/NJ
28. Allentown/Bethlehem/Easton, PA/NJ
29. Grand Rapids/Wyoming, MI
30. Greensboro/High Point, NC
31. Lake County/Kenosha County, IL/WI
32. Columbia, SC
33. Camden, NJ
34. Tacoma, WA
35. Tulsa, OK
36. Essex County, MA
37. Albuquerque, NM
38. Toledo, OH
39. Poughkeepsie/Newburgh/Middletown, NY
40. Honolulu, HI
41. New Orleans/Metairie/Kenner, LA
42. Baton Rouge, LA
43. Charleston/North Charleston, SC
44. Bridgeport/Stamford/Norwalk, CT
45. Gary, IN
46. Sarasota/Bradenton/Venice, FL
47. Oxnard/Thousand Oaks/Ventura, CA
48. Fresno, CA
49. Bakersfield, CA
50. Stockton, CA

SMALL MARKETS

(METRO AREAS WITH POPULATIONS 360,000 - 600,000)

RANKINGS: 1-50

1. Rockingham County/Stafford County, NH
2. Lexington/Fayette, KY
3. Durham, NC
4. Provo/Orem, UT
5. Des Moines/West Des Moines, IA
6. Wichita, KS
7. Ogden/Clearfield, UT
8. Manchester/Nashua, NH
9. Harrisburg/Carlisle, PA
10. Madison, WI
11. Huntsville, AL
12. Fort Wayne, IN
13. Springfield, MO
14. Boise City/Nampa, ID
15. Jackson, MS
16. Shreveport/Bossier City, LA
17. Portland/South Portland/Biddeford, ME
18. Brownsville/Harlingen, TX
19. Spokane, WA
20. Chattanooga, TN/GA
21. Davenport/Moline/Rock Island, IA/IL
22. Mobile, AL
23. Youngstown/Warren/Boardman, OH/PA
24. Canton/Massillon, OH
25. Beaumont/Port Arthur, TX
26. Asheville, NC
27. Winston-Salem, NC
28. Lancaster, PA
29. Corpus Christi, TX
30. Fayetteville/Springdale/Rogers, AR/MO
31. Pensacola/Ferry Pass/Brent, FL
32. Salem, OR
33. Lansing/East Lansing, MI
34. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, PA
35. Reno/Sparks, NV
36. Augusta/Richmond County, GA/SC
37. York/Hanover, PA
38. Flint, MI
39. Palm Bay/Melbourne/Titusville, FL
40. Santa Barbara/Santa Maria, CA
41. Lakeland, FL
42. Reading, PA
43. Deltona/Daytona Beach/Ormond Beach, FL
44. Cape Coral/Fort Myers, FL
45. Santa Rosa/Petaluma, CA
46. Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce, FL
47. Vallejo/Fairfield, CA
48. Visalia/Porterville, CA
49. Salinas, CA
50. Modesto, CA

Rankings based on 2007-2008 statistical records.



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