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# Leander ranked one of best U.S. suburbs

## City to host area's first manmade, crystal-clear lagoon

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Here's another selling-point for local Realtors working the northern suburbs: Leander just made a list of the top suburbs in the United States.

The Northwest Austin suburb ranked No. 5 on Homes.com's "Best Suburbs to Move to in 2021" report.

Westfield, Indiana, near Indianapolis ranked No. 1; Forney, Texas, near Dallas is No. 2; Woodstock, Georgia, near Atlanta is No. 3; No. 4 went to Yorkville, Illinois near Chicago.

The report writers at the Virginia-based home-selling website evaluated nine factors for the ranking from a variety of sources. Average yard size, racial diversity, home sizes and school districts are among the things weighed.

Get the report [here](#).

Leander reached an estimated population of 68,583 in 2019. That was up 12% from the year prior, the fastest growth in the United States among cities with at least 50,000 residents, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.



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Unlike most suburbs, Leander can boast of being on the Capital Metro train line that leads into downtown Austin.

Homebuilders and commercial developers are flocking to the area. Perhaps the most notable project is a \$1 billion endeavor to build 1,600 residential units, a hotel and more than 1 million square feet of commercial space on 80 acres at the southwest corner of FM 2243 and the 183A toll road. It will include a manmade, crystal-clear lagoon. Another major mixed-use development planned in the city, Northline, would combine thousands of residences with big spaces for offices and stores. Commercial developers are trying to catch up with all of the city's homebuilding.