

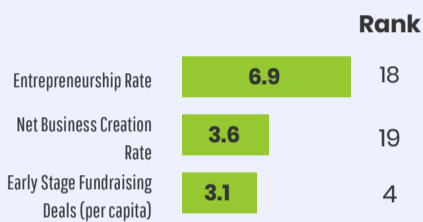
10 Best Places in America for Starting a Business



Let's take a look at some of the cities that are emerging as business hot spots and three of the reasons why CEOs and entrepreneurs are finding them specially attractive.

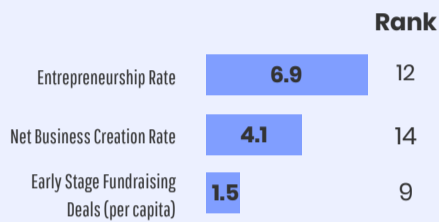
1 Austin

Austin is now growing four times faster than most of Silicon Valley—drawing talent and startups from all over the country.



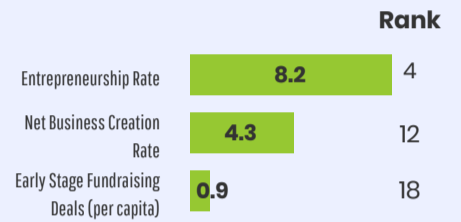
2 Salt Lake City

Mormons, skiing, and a herd of tech unicorns have colonized Silicon Slopes, the region with the greatest volume of high-growth companies.



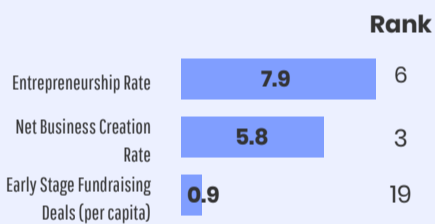
3 Raleigh

The state capital, part of the hyper-educated Research Triangle, is buzzing with software startups.



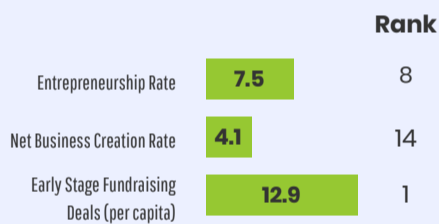
4 Nashville

An abundance of hospital chains in the country music mecca has made it famous for something else: a new wave of health startups.



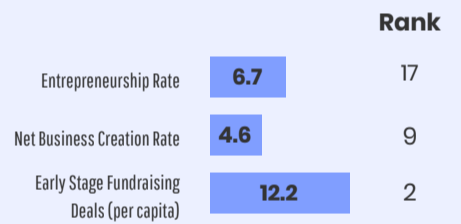
5 San Francisco

San Francisco is booming when it comes to innovation, but the new jobs aren't following. Now startups are fleeing to Oakland—and from the West Coast.



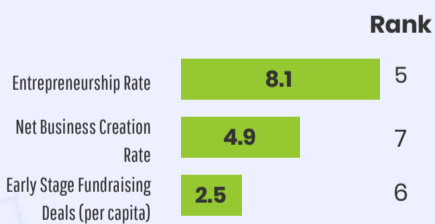
6 San Jose

This Silicon Valley stalwart now has the highest home prices in the U.S.—and tech giants scrambling for alternative offices.



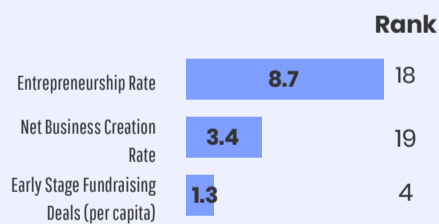
7 San Diego

Biotech, aerospace and 157 breweries keep this SoCal startup community busy.



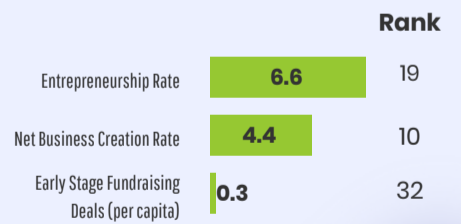
8 Denver

Millennials are flocking to this booming city, and it's not just for the weed—all 222 dispensaries, and counting.



9 Orlando

The destination best known for Disney is now a hotbed for geeky industries—and a new home for displaced Puerto Ricans rebuilding their lives.



10 Portland

This might be Nike's hometown, but with software startups and a slew of new apparel brands, this Pacific Northwest city is impossible to pin down.

