

Men's Health

AMERICA'S LUCKIEST CITIES

LUCKY TOWNS

See the cities where Americans are hitting the jackpot and the ones where their luck has run out

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Luck is like that dark matter stuff scientists have spent billions of dollars trying to find with the Large Hadron Collider—a powerful presence that people surmise exists but no one has actually seen. The difference is that we found luck. Using statistics instead of protons, we pinpointed the location of a large supply in, of all places, San Diego.

Wondering how Vegas didn't hit this jackpot? Here's our definition of good luck: the most winners of Powerball, Mega Millions, and Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes; most hole-in-ones (PGA); fewest lightning strikes (including the fatal kind) and deaths from falling objects (Vaisala Inc., National Climatic Data Center, CDC); and least money lost on lottery tickets and race betting (Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Luckiest

1. San Diego, CA **A+**
2. Baltimore, MD **A+**
3. Phoenix, AZ **A**
4. Wilmington, DE **A**
5. Richmond, VA **A-**
6. San Francisco, CA **A-**
7. Las Vegas, NV **A-**
8. Philadelphia, PA **A-**
9. Louisville, KY **A-**
10. Reno, NV **B+**

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11. San Jose, CA **B+**
 12. New York, NY **B+**
 13. Boise, ID **B+**
 14. Baton Rouge, LA **B+**
 15. Fort Worth, TX **B+**
 16. Omaha, NE **B+**
 17. Indianapolis, IN **B**
 18. Fresno, CA **B**
 19. Dallas, TX **B**
 20. Lincoln, NE **B**
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21. St. Louis, MO **B**
 22. Cincinnati, OH **B**
 23. Los Angeles, CA **B**
 24. Santa Ana, CA **B-**
 25. Portland, OR **B-**
 26. Pittsburgh, PA **B-**
 27. Tulsa, OK **B-**
 28. Seattle, WA **B-**
 29. Denver, CO **B-**
 30. Fort Wayne, IN **B-**
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31. Charlotte, NC **B-**
 32. Milwaukee, WI **C+**
 33. Houston, TX **C+**
 34. Kansas City, MO **C+**
 35. Wichita, KS **C+**
 36. Chicago, IL **C+**
 37. Toledo, OH **C+**
 38. Greensboro, NC **C+**
 39. Columbus, OH **C+**
 40. Providence, RI **C+**
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41. Riverside, CA **C+**
 42. Bakersfield, CA **C+**
 43. Oakland, CA **C**
 44. El Paso, TX **C**
 45. Minneapolis, MN **C**
 46. Tucson, AZ **C**
 47. Sacramento, CA **C**
 48. Plano, TX **C**
 49. Honolulu, HI **C**
 50. Albuquerque, NM **C**
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51. Virginia Beach, VA **C**
 52. Washington, DC **C**
 53. Manchester, NH **C**
 54. Durham, NC **C-**
 55. Norfolk, VA **C-**
 56. Columbia, SC **C-**
 57. Oklahoma City, OK **C-**
 58. Cleveland, OH **C-**
 59. Lexington, KY **C-**
 60. New Orleans, LA **C-**
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61. Winston-Salem, NC **C-**
62. Detroit, MI **C-**
63. Portland, ME **C-**
64. Laredo, TX **C-**
65. Chesapeake, VA **C-**

66. Cheyenne, WY C-
 67. Jersey City, NJ C-
 68. Lubbock, TX C-
 69. Jacksonville, FL C-
 70. Austin, TX C-
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71. Madison, WI D+
 72. Stockton, CA D+
 73. Aurora, CO D+
 74. Birmingham, AL D+
 75. Raleigh, NC D+
 76. San Antonio, TX D+
 77. Atlanta, GA D+
 78. Corpus Christi, TX D
 79. Orlando, FL D
 80. St. Paul, MN D
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81. Buffalo, NY D
 82. Boston, MA D
 83. Salt Lake City, UT D
 84. Colorado Springs, CO D
 85. Des Moines, IA D
 86. Newark, NJ D-
 87. Burlington, VT D-
 88. Little Rock, AR D-
 89. Anchorage, AK D-
 90. Nashville, TN D-
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Least lucky

91. Fargo, ND F
92. Miami, FL F
93. Bridgeport, CT F
94. St. Petersburg, FL F
95. Billings, MT F
96. Sioux Falls, SD F
97. Memphis, TN F
98. Jackson, MS F
99. Tampa, FL F
100. Charleston, WV F

How to Avoid a Metro Meteor

Is it bad luck if a brick falls from a building and hits you? Definitely. Preventable? Often. It's usually up to city building inspectors to spot crumbling edifices. Unfortunately, there's a shortage of inspectors. "We've seen a decrease in construction activity, and a lot of the building departments have cut back their staffs," says Ryan Colker, J.D., director of the consultative council of the National Institute of Building Sciences. Ask your city officials to allocate more funds to building inspectors.

Get Lucky

Want an edge at the office? Make tomorrow "Bring a talisman to work day." In a study in the journal Psychological

Science, people who carried a good-luck charm performed better on memory and verbal tasks than those left empty-handed. The reason: Just believing that luck is on your side can make you more confident and persistent.

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