Huntsville, widely known as “The Rocket City”, is home to the US Space and Rocket center and the Redstone Arsenal military base. Some major businesses within the city include NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center, Northrop Grumman, Boeing, ADTRAN, Intergraph, Hexagon, and many more. Facebook is also opening a new data center in the city. According to the U.S. News & World Report’s Best Places to Live rankings, Huntsville, Alabama ranks #7 out of the 125 most populous metro areas in the country. This can be attributed to Huntsville’s high quality of life ratings and high value and affordability. Huntsville residents generally pay less than those in other major metro areas thanks to lower housing costs.

Huntsville boasts a wide variety of local and chain restaurants, performance arts, visual arts, outdoor and nature activities, and several other amenities and attractions. Huntsville is the second largest city in Alabama and is rapidly on its way to become the largest. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance has listed Huntsville as one of the country’s Top 10 Cities for Raising Families.

The area is home to 9 of the “Top 50 Best School Districts in Alabama” and provides over 75,000 children and families with top notch public and private education. Local high schools report an average act score of 25 and average SAT score of 1215. $54 Million in scholarships were offered to Huntsville city graduating seniors in 2016. In 2017, Madison city graduating seniors were offered over $50 million in scholarships. 52% of 2018 graduating seniors in Madison county were offered over $42 Million in scholarships.