

The 2006 Spring Allergy Capital™ Rankings

"The Most Challenging Places to Live with Spring Allergies"

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(columns/factors are not weighted equally)

2006 Spring Rank	Overall	Rank Last Year	Metropolitan Area	Total Score (62.42 Avg.)	Subtotal: Pollen Score	Subtotal: Medicine Utilization per Patientn (2.1 Medications Per Patient Avg.)	Subtotal: Board Certified Allergists per Patient (1.3 Board Certified Allergists Per 1000 Patients Avg.)
1	●	49	Hartford,CT	100	●	●	◐
2	●	6	Greenville,SC	97.99	●	◐	●
3	●	47	Boston,MA	86.66	●	●	◐
4	●	80	Detroit,MI	86.34	●	●	◐
5	●	56	Orlando,FL	86.19	●	◐	●
6	●	11	Knoxville,TN	81.96	◐	●	◐
7	●	17	Omaha,NE	81.82	◐	●	●
8	●	62	Sacramento,CA	77.79	●	◐	◐
9	●	16	Washington, DC	76.49	◐	●	●
10	●	58	Baltimore,MD	75.72	●	●	◐
11	●	88	New York,NY	75.69	◐	●	◐
12	●	4	Louisville,KY	75.21	●	●	●
13	●	68	Rochester,NY	75.02	◐	●	◐
14	●	50	Houston,TX	74.61	◐	●	◐
15	●	34	New Orleans,LA	73.83	◐	●	●
16	●	51	Nashville,TN	73.79	◐	●	◐
17	●	29	Baton Rouge,LA	73.74	◐	●	◐
18	●	89	Sarasota,FL	73.32	●	◐	◐
19	●	12	Greensboro,NC	73	●	●	◐
20	●	28	Las Vegas,NV	72.95	◐	◐	●
21	●	5	Johnson City,TN	72.56	◐	●	○
22	●	42	Syracuse,NY	72.02	◐	●	○
23	●	100	Miami-Ft.Lauderdale,FL	71.74	◐	●	●
24	●	31	Charleston,SC	71.37	◐	●	◐
25	●	37	Kansas City,MO	71.01	◐	●	◐
26	●	26	Austin,TX	70.96	●	●	◐
27	●	35	Minneapolis-St. Paul,MN	69.94	◐	◐	○
28	●	20	Atlanta,GA	69.59	●	◐	○
29	◐	25	Philadelphia,PA	69.49	●	◐	○
30	◐	48	Modesto,CA	69.44	●	○	○

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31	◐	90	San Diego,CA	68.53	◐	○	◐
32	◐	67	Cincinnati,OH	68.33	◐	●	○
33	◐	10	St. Louis,MO	68.28	●	◐	○
34	◐	45	Tampa,FL	67.57	●	◐	○
35	◐	7	Richmond,VA	67.17	●	◐	○
36	◐	32	Allentown,PA	67.13	●	◐	○
37	◐	8	Charlotte,NC	67.02	◐	●	◐
38	◐	96	Cleveland,OH	66.99	●	◐	◐
39	◐	36	Dallas-Ft. Worth,TX	66.98	●	○	●
40	◐	84	Chicago,IL	66.74	◐	◐	○
41	◐	24	Memphis,TN	66.72	◐	●	◐
42	◐	75	Grand Rapids,MI	65.7	●	●	○
43	◐	33	Indianapolis,IN	65.65	◐	◐	●
44	◐	63	Boise City,ID	64.95	◐	◐	●
45	◐	57	Stockton,CA	64.03	●	○	◐
46	◐	53	Lansing,MI	63.99	○	●	○
47	◐	39	Columbus,OH	63.91	◐	●	○
48	◐	41	Tucson,AZ	63.03	●	○	●
49	◐	15	Birmingham,AL	62.91	●	○	●
50	◐	3	Chattanooga,TN	62.86	●	◐	○
51	◐	2	Little Rock,AR	62.06	◐	◐	●
52	◐	70	Norfolk,VA	61.93	◐	○	◐
53	◐	27	Augusta,GA	61.17	●	◐	○
54	◐	21	Columbia,SC	61.1	◐	●	○
55	◐	19	Oklahoma City,OK	60.53	●	◐	◐
56	◐		Springfield,MO	60.29	○	●	○
57	◐	69	Phoenix-Mesa,AZ	60.24	●	◐	○
58	◐	22	San Antonio,TX	60.02	◐	○	◐
59	◐	64	Providence,RI	59.81	◐	●	○
60	◐	18	Tulsa,OK	59.8	◐	◐	◐
61	◐	9	Jackson,MS	59.52	●	◐	◐
62	◐	66	Harrisburg,PA	58.54	◐	○	○
63	◐	91	Youngstown,OH	58.19	○	●	○
64	◐	38	Dayton,OH	58.16	●	◐	○
65	◐	40	Salt Lake City,UT	57.77	●	○	◐
66	◐	43	Albany,NY	57.72	◐	◐	○
67	◐	23	Madison,WI	57.68	◐	◐	○

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68	●	73	Milwaukee,WI	57.56	●	●	●
69	●	60	Buffalo,NY	57.25	●	●	○
70	○	74	Fort Wayne,IN	57.05	●	●	○
71	○	83	Pittsburgh,PA	57.04	●	●	○
72	○	13	Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill,NC	56.11	●	○	○
73	○	87	Melbourne,FL	55.74	●	○	●
74	○	94	Daytona Beach,FL	55.21	●	○	●
75	○	1	Lexington,KY	54.56	●	●	●
76	○	93	San Francisco,CA	53.1	●	●	●
77	○	65	Jacksonville,FL	52.76	●	●	○
78	○	71	Toledo,OH	52.74	○	●	○
79	○	81	Lancaster,PA	52.68	●	○	○
80	○	54	Denver,CO	51.84	●	○	●
81	○	99	Los Angeles,CA	51.83	○	●	●
82	○	72	El Paso,TX	51.63	●	●	○
83	○	95	Bakersfield,CA	51.16	●	●	○
84	○	30	Wichita,KS	50.75	●	●	●
85	○	82	West Palm Beach,FL	50.64	○	●	○
86	○	14	Albuquerque,NM	50.25	●	○	●
87	○	52	Des Moines,IA	49.13	○	●	○
88	○	92	Seattle,WA	47.77	●	●	●
89	○	44	Mobile,AL	45.46	●	○	●
90	○	61	Fresno,CA	45.22	○	●	○
91	○	46	Kalamazoo,MI	44.83	●	○	○
92	○	85	Portland,OR	44	●	●	○
93	○	55	Scranton,PA	43.81	○	●	○
94	○	98	South Bend,IN	43.03	●	○	●
95	○	77	Colorado Springs,CO	42.01	●	●	○
96	○	76	McAllen,TX	39.58	●	○	●
97	○	79	Fort Myers,FL	37.17	●	○	○
98	○	59	Pensacola,FL	36.84	●	○	○
99	○	78	Canton,OH	36.44	●	○	○
100	○	97	Spokane,WA	33.18	●	○	○

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2006 Rank - Rankings for the Allergy Capitals™ are based on analysis of data from 4 factors: Prevalence Data, Seasonal Pollen, Allergy Medicine Utilization per Patient, and the number of Board Certified Allergists per patient. Weights were applied to each factor and a composite final score was calculated for each Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Total Score - Final total scores and subtotals were rescaled assigning 100 points to the largest score and presenting all other scores as a percentage of the largest. The metro area with a total score of 100 points did not necessarily have the "most severe" score for all factors, but, rather, the highest total weighted final score overall.

Pollen Score - Quantitative data analysis of average recorded pollen/mold spore levels and predicted prevalence for certain types of pollens/molds over the most recent spring season and the duration of the peak season for the most allergenic pollen types; this score also takes into consideration local prevalence statistics for people affected by allergies to pollen.

Medicine Utilization per Patient Score - Quantitative data analysis of recorded per capita utilization of recorded pharmacy data for prescription (RX) and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines in each metro area during the most recent spring season, including oral, nasal and ocular antihistamines, corticosteroids and non-steroidal medications.

Board Certified Allergists per Patient Score - Quantitative data analysis for the most recent spring season of the number of Board Certified allergy, immunology, pulmonology specialists per capita.

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