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A Survey of the Indexes – How Does Halifax Measure Up?

If you can think of an issue regarding cities, there's a ranking, survey or an index to accompany it.

How does Halifax measure up and what, if anything, can this information tell us about where our city should be heading in the future?

We attempted to answer this question with an "Index of the Indexes". If you know of an index that should be added to this list, please email Nancy Bray at nancyb@halifaxchamber.com.

The Index	The Source	Where Halifax Ranks
City Magnets II, Benchmarking the Attractiveness of 50 Canadian Cities – Conference Board of Canada – January 2010	http://sso.conferenceboard.ca/e-Library/LayoutAbstract.asp?DID=3380	The city earned an overall B grade, ranking a respectable 16th out of 50 Canadian cities. Halifax got Ds in the innovation category — in productivity and the low proportion of the population employed in computer and information systems jobs.
CIBC's latest Metropolitan Economic Activity ranking – December 2009	http://research.cibcwm.com/economic_public/download/metro_monitor.pdf	Halifax ranked number 1 - measures the economic performance of Canadian cities
CIBC Metropolitan Economic Activity Index- October 2009	http://research.cibcwm.com/res/eco/ArEcoMEA.html	Halifax was 5 th , behind Regina, Toronto, St. John's, N.L., and Saskatoon, but ahead of Winnipeg, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Edmonton and Ottawa.

Money Sense Magazine “The Best Places to do Business in Canada” 2008	http://list.canadianbusiness.com/rankings/best-places-to-do-business/2008/Default.aspx?sp2=1&d1=a&sc1=7	9 out of 40
Money Sense “The Best Places to Live in Canada” 2009	http://list.canadianbusiness.com/rankings/bestplacestolive/2009/Default.aspx?sp2=1&d1=a&sc1=6	14 out of 154
Corporate Knights Sustainable Cities Report	http://static.corporateknights.ca/SustainableCities2009.pdf	Best Medium City
CBC Sunday	http://www.cbc.ca/sunday/toptencities/experts.html	Overall rank is 4 out of 10 for the best city in Canada. Rank for the economy is 7 out of 10.
MacLean’s Top Ten Most Dangerous Cities in Canada 2009	http://www2.macleans.ca/2009/03/04/the-most-dangerous-cities-in-canada-overall-crime-score%E2%80%94by-rank/	Halifax ranks as the 7 th most dangerous out of 100.
MacLean’s Canada’s Best and Worst Run Cities	http://www2.macleans.ca/2009/07/16/canadas-best-and-worst-run-cities/#more-70773	Halifax placed 24 th out of 31 cities.
Intelligent Community Forum	http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=51737	Fredericton and Moncton – both located in New Brunswick – have been named among the world's top seven smart communities. Halifax did not make the list.
Canadian Provincial Investment Climate Report – the Fraser Institute	http://www.fraserinstitute.org/mercerce.web/product_files/ProvincialInvestmentClimate2008.pdf	PEI and Nova Scotia tied for last place.
Next Generation Consulting	http://nextgenerationconsulting.com	5 th best place out of 27, in Canada, for young people to live and work
KPMG - Most Competitive Cities in	http://www.kpmg.ca/en/news/pr20	4 th cheapest city to do business in, in Canada.

the North East (bi-annual)	080327d.html#	KPMG ranked Halifax cheaper than St. John's Nfld., which ranked 10 out of 15.
Richard Florida, author of the book "Who's Your City"	http://creativeclass.com/whos_your_city/best_cities/#CanadaTerritory	<p><u>Overall Best Cities in Canada For Retirees</u> - Halifax placed 10th out of 10 in this category.</p> <p><u>Best City for Gay and Lesbians</u> – Halifax ranked 9 out of 10 in two categories (for singles and empty nesters) and 10th for Gay and Lesbian Retirees. Halifax ranked 8 out of 10 for singles, gay and lesbian costs.</p>
fDi Magazine North American Cities of the Future	http://www.fdimagazine.com/news/fullstory.php/aid/2775/North_American_Cities_of_the_Future_2009_10.html	<p>Halifax received the highest small city score for FDI strategy.</p> <p>FDI Strategy is comprised of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of staff dedicated to promoting and facilitating inward investment and any key initiatives being implemented to attract more investment • Information on high-growth sectors/ sub-sectors in the city which offer excellent potential for inward investment • Description of incentives which are available to inward investors, outlining where possible the typical

		<p>size of incentives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High profile, world class property/sites available in the city suitable for investors to move into, with basic information on each property if available
<p>Communities In Bloom – Entrepreneur Friendly Cities</p>	<p>http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/english/research/canada/110-economic_development/1320-communities_in_boom_canada's_top_entrepreneurial_cities.html</p>	<p>Communities in Boom study prepared by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. Halifax ranked 70th.</p>