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Columbus Named One of the Top 20 Best-Run Cities in America by Wallethub

[Columbus, Georgia, June 23, 2025] – The City of Columbus has been recognized as one of the **Top 20 Best-Run Cities in America** in a recent 2024 study by WalletHub, a national financial and data analysis platform. The city ranked **#20 overall**, standing out among 148 of the nation's most populated cities for its effective use of taxpayer dollars and strong service delivery.

Each year, WalletHub evaluates how well city governments manage public funds by comparing the **quality of services** residents receive with the **city's total budget per capita**. This comprehensive analysis measures 36 key performance indicators across six essential categories:

- **Financial Stability**
- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Safety**
- **Economy**
- **Infrastructure & Pollution**

Columbus achieved one of the best cost-to-quality ratios in the country, delivering high-impact services across public safety, education, and economic development, while maintaining sound fiscal management. The ranking underscores the city's commitment to transparent governance, accountability, and continuous improvement.

Key Highlights from the Report:

- Columbus ranks **#20 overall** out of 148 cities for overall city performance and budget management.
- The city stands out in **Safety** and **Financial Stability**, performing better than many larger metropolitan areas.
- Columbus also scored highly in **Infrastructure & Pollution**, showing its investments in roads, facilities, and sustainable practices are paying off.

Columbus joins a short list of cities that WalletHub identified as models for efficient governance. Others in the top 20 include **Nampa, ID, Boise, ID, Durham, NC, and Lexington, KY**.

For more information and to view the full rankings, visit:

<https://wallethub.com/edu/best-run-cities/22869>