

The Best College Towns in the U.S.

Sports, traditions, food, and surroundings make these college town across America extra special.

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Providence, Rhode Island

From the outside, Providence looks like any other mid-sized American city, with a modest skyline and bustling downtown. But walk around and you'll see that rather than suit-wearing professionals, Providence's streets are filled with fresh-faced college kids from one of five universities that call the city home. Downtown has a vibrant club scene, whether imbibing on the rooftop at the [Providence G](#), or dancing at [Alchemy](#). Federal Hill can make a case as the best Little Italy in America, where distinctively old-school spots [Andino's](#) and [Camille's](#) harken back to a different era of Italian dining, and plate up some of the best red sauces you'll ever have.