

EventCarpooling City Comparison — October 2026

Scores 1–5 (blue = editable). Total and Rank recalculate when you change a score.

| Rank | City           | Data source            | Events listed | Culture | Intellect | Progressive | Event density | Car-light | Public transit | Total (/30) | Rail systems                                                                                                           | Key evidence                                                                                                                                                | Sources                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | San Francisco  | Newsletter (Oct 12–31) | 31            | 5       | 5         | 4           | 5             | 5         | 5              | 29          | BART, Muni Metro light rail, Caltrain, cable cars, F-line streetcar                                                    | Exploratorium & Cal Academy nights, de Young, Litquake film, open-source AI debate, critical AI-ethics reading list; nearly all venues in-city on Muni/BART | <a href="https://sanfrancisco.eventcarpooling.com/">https://sanfrancisco.eventcarpooling.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1    | Washington, DC | Web pull (Oct 15–31)   | n/a           | 5       | 5         | 4           | 5             | 5         | 5              | 29          | Metrorail (6 lines), DC Streetcar, MARC & VRE commuter rail, Amtrak at Union Station                                   | Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden reopening; Politics and Prose author events Oct 15 & 28; ISS astronaut talk at Air and Space Oct 29; core venues on Metro        | <a href="https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/events">https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/events</a> ; <a href="https://politicsprose.com/events/tags/ticketed">https://politicsprose.com/events/tags/ticketed</a>                                           |
| 3    | Tokyo          | Web pull (Oct 15–31)   | n/a           | 5       | 4         | 3           | 5             | 5         | 5              | 27          | Tokyo Metro, Toei Subway, JR lines incl. Yamanote loop, private railways; among the densest rail networks in the world | TOKYO ATLAS (Kusama) Oct 10–Dec 20; Roppongi Art Night Oct 31–Nov 1 all-night; DESIGNART citywide from Oct 30; little civic programming found               | <a href="https://spoon-tamago.com/tokyo-art-events-autumn-2026/">https://spoon-tamago.com/tokyo-art-events-autumn-2026/</a>                                                                                                                                         |
| 3    | Boston         | Newsletter (Oct 14–31) | 17            | 4       | 5         | 5           | 3             | 5         | 5              | 27          | MBTA subway (Red, Orange, Blue, Green), commuter rail, Silver Line; Amtrak                                             | Boston Book Festival, free ICA Thursdays, waterfront art walks, Mayor Wu coffee hour, Roxbury Medicare clinic, justice-focused AI reading list; walkable/T  | <a href="https://boston.eventcarpooling.com/">https://boston.eventcarpooling.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5    | Portland       | Web pull (Oct 15–31)   | n/a           | 4       | 5         | 4           | 4             | 4         | 4              | 25          | MAX light rail (5 lines), Portland Streetcar, WES commuter rail; strong bike network                                   | Literary Arts lectures: Ayad Akhtar Oct 21, Michael Lewis Oct 29; 234 October concerts incl. Gorillaz Oct 30; some events in suburbs                        | <a href="https://literary-arts.org/events/category/ticketed-events/">https://literary-arts.org/events/category/ticketed-events/</a> ; <a href="https://www.eventworld.com/portland-or/concerts/october">https://www.eventworld.com/portland-or/concerts/october</a> |
| 6    | Miami          | Newsletter (Oct 14–31) | 24            | 4       | 3         | 5           | 4             | 3         | 3              | 22          | Metrorail, free downtown Metromover, TriRail, Brightline; no rail to Miami Beach, where many listed events are         | Miami Beach Human Rights, Affordable Housing, Land Use & Sustainability meetings; Catalyst Miami; The Bass; tech events spread out                          | <a href="https://miami.eventcarpooling.com/">https://miami.eventcarpooling.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 7    | Sacramento     | Newsletter (Oct 13–31) | 24            | 3       | 3         | 4           | 4             | 4         | 3              | 21          | SacRT light rail (3 lines) serving downtown; Amtrak Capitol Corridor                                                   | 8 City Hall meetings incl. Active Transportation Commission; Crocker Art Museum; count inflated by 4 Disney On Ice shows; walkable downtown core            | <a href="https://sacramento.eventcarpooling.com/">https://sacramento.eventcarpooling.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8    | Atlanta        | Web pull (Oct 15–31)   | n/a           | 4       | 2         | 4           | 3             | 2         | 3              | 18          | MARTA heavy rail (4 lines) incl. airport; Atlanta Streetcar; coverage thin outside core                                | Little Five Points Halloween Oct 17–18; much else in Stone Mountain, Duluth, Chamblee                                                                       | <a href="https://www.ajc.com/accessatl/2026/10/things-to-do-in-metroatlanta-this-weekend-2/">https://www.ajc.com/accessatl/2026/10/things-to-do-in-metroatlanta-this-weekend-2/</a>                                                                                 |
| 9    | Austin         | Newsletter (Oct 4–31)  | 27            | 4       | 4         | 2           | 4             | 1         | 2              | 17          | CapMetro Rail Red Line only (single commuter line); light rail planned but not open; mostly buses                      | Austin Salon, Thinkers & Drinkers, Hillis biodiversity lecture; many events in Georgetown, Round Rock, Bee Cave, San Saba; F1 at COTA                       | <a href="https://austin.eventcarpooling.com/">https://austin.eventcarpooling.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 9    | Houston        | Web pull (Oct 15–31)   | n/a           | 4       | 3         | 3           | 4             | 1         | 2              | 17          | METRORail light rail (Red, Green, Purple) covering downtown, Midtown, Museum District; limited reach                   | Alley Theatre's Uhuru from Oct 16; free Día de Muertos at MECA Oct 31; many listings in Pearland, The Woodlands, Richmond                                   | <a href="https://365thingsinhouston.com/top-events-in-houston-this-monthoctober-2026/">https://365thingsinhouston.com/top-events-in-houston-this-monthoctober-2026/</a>                                                                                             |
| 11   | St. Louis      | Web pull (Oct 15–31)   | n/a           | 3       | 2         | 2           | 3             | 2         | 3              | 15          | MetroLink light rail (Red, Blue) incl. airport, downtown, Central West End                                             | 119 October concerts; GalaxyCon at The Dome; few talks or civic events found                                                                                | <a href="https://www.eventworld.com/st-louis-mo/concerts/october">https://www.eventworld.com/st-louis-mo/concerts/october</a>                                                                                                                                       |

Note: Web-pull cities were scored from large public calendars, not curated newsletters — density may be overstated and intellectual content understated. Treat 1–2 point gaps as ties. Brushy Creek and Bulverde were not scored.

Newsletter = current eventcarpooling.com city edition. Web pull = public calendars for Oct 15–31, 2026, gathered Oct 15, 2026. Rail systems from general knowledge as of 2026. Rebuilt from the PDF export; rows sorted by Total.

| Criterion             | What it measures                                                                       | How scores are assigned                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Culture</b>        | Museums, arts, film, music, festivals and cultural celebrations.                       | 5 = many major institutions and festivals in the window; 3 = a solid mix; 1 = little cultural programming                                                                     |
| <b>Intellect</b>      | Lectures, author talks, salons, debates, science programs and reading lists.           | 5 = several notable talks or lectures plus ideas-driven programming; 3 = a few; 1 = almost none                                                                               |
| <b>Progressive</b>    | Civic meetings, equity, justice and climate programming, and community-focused events. | 5 = public meetings and justice/equity programming throughout; 3 = some; 1 = none found                                                                                       |
| <b>Event density</b>  | Number and variety of events in the Oct 15–31 window.                                  | 5 = 30+ varied events or a very large calendar; 3 = 15–20; 1 = only a handful                                                                                                 |
| <b>Car-light</b>      | How clustered and walk/bike/transit-reachable the listed event venues are.             | 5 = nearly all venues in a walkable, transit-served core; 3 = mixed; 1 = many events in suburbs or hours away                                                                 |
| <b>Public transit</b> | Quality of the city's transit system, weighted toward rail.                            | 5 = extensive subway/metro plus commuter rail; 4 = multiple rail lines with real coverage; 3 = some rail, limited reach; 2 = one limited rail line, mostly buses; 1 = no rail |
| <b>Total</b>          | Sum of the six criteria, out of 30. Rank is ordered by Total.                          |                                                                                                                                                                               |