

Birmingham was recently included in [a Forbes Magazine list of the nation's biggest brain magnets](#) - it's on the list at number six.

While that result shocked some (maybe some of the same folks still in shock about [UAB's NCAA tournament selection](#)) visitors to [BhamWiki](#) really weren't. The volunteer-built virtual archive of the city's history (whose creator John Morse is still an occasional contributor to this site) is celebrating its fifth anniversary today.



Another reason to not necessarily doubt the ranking is the success of [mental_floss magazine](#). Yesterday's announcement of [its sale to magazine publisher Felix Dennis](#) was the first time many learned (or realized) that the magazine is based in The Magic City (their offices are on Southside) or that one of the founders, Will Pearson, is from Hoover.

Neither one of these fine establishments are going anywhere anytime soon, but that's no reason to not go ahead and check them out.