

Meredith Corporation's MONEY.com Reveals The 2019 Best Places To Live

Clarksville, Tennessee Ranked No. 1 Best Place to Live for the First Time

List Ranks 100 Best Places to Live in America

NEW YORK, Sept. 16, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Today Meredith Corporation's (NYSE: MDP: [Meredith.com](https://www.meredith.com)) [MONEY.com](https://www.money.com) announced its annual [Best Places to Live](https://www.money.com) list with Clarksville, Tennessee, ranked No. 1, followed by Round Rock, Texas, and Fishers, Indiana, respectively. The list, first published more than 30 years ago, takes into account each city's economic health, cost of living, diversity, public education, income, crime, ease of living and amenities, among other data points.

"We're excited to announce this year's list of the 100 best places to live in America, which, for the first time, includes neighborhoods as well as cities," says Shaina Mishkin, the writer at MONEY.com who oversaw the project. "The average American will move nearly a dozen times during his or her lifetime. Our Best Places to Live franchise gives individuals and families the guidance they need to make informed decisions about where they will have the best living experience across the country."

MONEY's Top 10 Best Places to Live are as follows:

- Clarksville, Tennessee
- Round Rock, Texas
- Fishers, Indiana
- Fulton River District, Chicago, Illinois
- Country Club Heights, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Draper, Utah
- Bentonville, Arkansas
- Madison, Wisconsin
- Meridian, Idaho
- Winter Garden, Florida

Click [here](#) to view MONEY's complete 2019 Best Places to Live list.

This year's rankings include winners in 42 states and count 10 states with four places each on the list: Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

The variety of winners ranges from a family-friendly suburb in Indiana to a bustling downtown neighborhood in Denver. Clarksville, Tennessee, MONEY's No. 1 pick, is attracting young homebuyers with its affordable prices and growing economy; the average home costs \$155,000 and companies like Google and LG are moving to the area, with jobs predicted to grow nearly 10% in coming years.

The list also reflects the larger demographic changes within the U.S., as Americans are increasingly leaving large coastal cities in favor of warmer climates, more affordable housing and better job opportunities. Each year, roughly 40 million Americans, or about 14 percent of the U.S. population, [move at least once](#).

Methodology

MONEY's rankings include only places with populations of 50,000 or greater. Places with 300,000 or

more people were broken down into neighborhoods, and from there we considered only neighborhoods with estimated populations between 5,000 and 200,000. Places with more than double the national crime risk, less than 85% of its state's median household income, or a lack of ethnic diversity were screened out, resulting in 1,796 places.

More than 160,000 different data points were then collected to narrow the list, including economic health, cost of living, ethnic and economic diversity, public education, income, health and safety, ease of living and amenities, all provided by research partner Witytic. The greatest weight was given to economic factors, housing, health and safety, diversity and cost of living. Quality of life, education and local amenities were also critical components.

Finally, MONEY reporters researched each place and interviewed residents in our top-ranking locations.

To ensure a geographically diverse set, MONEY limited the Best Places to Live list to no more than four places per state and one per county. States were represented only once per every 25 places. Places that made the list last year were not included in this year's ranking. For a full methodology, click [here](#).

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