

5.15% **American Dream Savings Account™** Member FDIC
 More Money For Your Money™
 ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD Ask about our new Credit Card. **EmigrantDirect.com™** [Learn More ▶](#)

The Internet home of: **FORTUNE Money BUSINESS 2.0** FORTUNE SMALL BUSINESS

[Subscribe to Money | Free Trial](#)

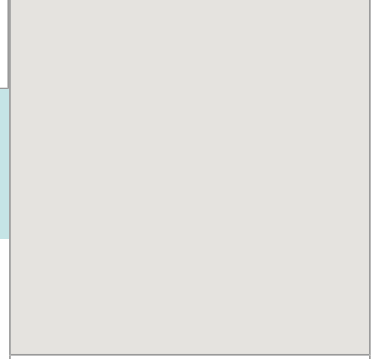


- HOME
- NEWS
- MARKETS
- TECHNOLOGY
- JOBS & ECONOMY
- PERSONAL FINANCE
- LIFESTYLE
- REAL ESTATE
- SMALL BUSINESS
- LISTS

Money BEST PLACES TO LIVE
Money BEST PLACES TO LIVE

Winners	Top 100 Top 100	Cities Cities	States States	FAQ FAQ
High incomes	Safest Safest	Pricey homes	Educated	Job growth
High incomes		Pricey homes	Educated	Job growth
Hottest Hottest	Most singles	Youngest	Skinniest	Clean air
	Most singles	Youngest	Skinniest	Clean air

Map data ©2006 TeleAtlas - [Terms of Use](#)



Data: OnBoard, FORTUNE. [Details](#)

[Click map to enlarge](#)

Show: [Top companies](#) | [Colleges](#) | [Hospitals](#) | [Museums](#) | [Wineries](#) | [Gardens](#) | [Ski resorts](#) | [Zoos/aquariums](#) (Map sources)

WINNER
Overland Park, KS
 Top 100 rank: 6
 Population: 164,800
[Compare Overland Park to Top 10 Best Places](#)

◀ [PREVIOUS](#) [FULL LIST](#) [NEXT](#) ▶

Financial

	City stats	Best places average
Median family income (per year)	\$89,792	\$76,893
Family purchasing power (annual, cost-of-living adjusted)	\$86,422	\$68,109
Sales tax	7.53%	6.55%
State income tax rate (highest bracket)	6.45%*	6.46%
State income tax rate (lowest bracket)	3.50%*	2.74%
Auto insurance premiums (Average for the state)	\$2,108	\$2,207
Job growth % (2000-2005)	10.07%	10.97%

[See gallery of Top 10 Best Places](#)

Housing

	City stats	Best places average
Median home price	\$239,400	\$259,566
Home price gain (2004-2005)	6.80%	9.26%

Education

	City stats	Best places average
Colleges, universities and professional schools	16	8
Junior colleges and technical institutes	1	0

Nearby places

- See city stats [Compare](#)
- [Shawnee, KS](#)
 - [Olathe, KS](#)
 - [Kansas City, MO](#)
 - [Kansas City, KS](#)
 - [Lee's Summit, MO](#)
 - [Independence, MO](#)
 - [Lawrence, KS](#)
 - [Topeka, KS](#)
 - [St. Joseph, MO](#)
 - [Columbia, MO](#)

What the bloggers say

Find your best place

Criteria	Not important	Very important
Affordable housing		
Plentiful leisure activities		
Plentiful cultural options		
Job growth		
Low crime rate		
Good weather		
Short commute time		
Good health care access		

Find best places by

City: State:

Search for Listings Nationwide!

Search for Listings Nationwide!

Test scores reading (% +/- state average)	19.7%	13.3%
Test scores math (% +/- state average)	21.2%	16.9%
% students attending public/private schools	86.0/14.00	88.4/11.59

Quality of life

	City stats	Best places average
Air quality index (% of days AQI ranked as good)	84.4%	71.9%
Personal crime risk (100 is nat'l average; lower is better)	24	45
Property crime risk (100 is nat'l average; lower is better)	71	74
Personal crime incidents (per 100,000)	205	228
Property crime incidents (per 100,000)	2,922	3,105
Median commute time (in minutes)	17.7	20.8
% population with commute 45 mins. or longer	4.4%	13.4%

Leisure and culture

	City stats	Best places average
Movie theaters (within 15 miles)	29	22
Restaurants (within 15 miles)	2,232	2,268
Bars (within 15 miles)	145	127
Public golf courses (within 30 miles)	58	74
Libraries (within 15 miles)	47	43
Museums (accredited by AAM within 30 miles)	2	7
Ski resorts (within 100 miles)	1	10

Weather

	City stats	Best places average
Annual precipitation (inches)	40.17	36.00
Clear days	120	107
High temp in July ° F	89.4°	87.7°
Low temp in Jan ° F	19.9°	23.5°

Health*

	City stats	Best places average
Has health plan (% of residents)	92.1%	88.2%
Body mass index (avg. for residents)	26	27
Cancer mortality (per 100,000, age-adjusted)	185.4	191.3
Cardiac mortality (per 100,000)	150.4	202.0

Meet the neighbors

	City stats	Best places average
Median age	36.2	34.5
Completed at least some college (% of residents)	65.3%	63.9%
Married	60.3%	54.3%
Divorced	9.0%	9.3%

• I've been living in Overland Park all of my life. I can't see myself livin...

• I've lived in Overland Park for almost all of my life, and I love it. I've...

• I love Overland Park. It is one of America's best kept secrets. the people ...

Have your say

Kansas companies

FORTUNE 500

Company	F500 rank
YRC Worldwide Inc.	263
Seaboard	652
Payless Shoesource	654

[See the rest](#)

Biggest employers

Company	Employees
Spirit Aerosystems, Inc.	8,000
Via Christi Regional Medical Center Inc	4,000
Wesley Medical Center Llc	3,000

Feedback on the Best Places to Live list?
[E-mail the editors](#)



Information powered by [OnBoard LLC](#)
Some data may be provided courtesy of its [partners](#).



Additional data and consulting services provided by Bert Sperling's [bestplaces.net](#).

5.15%

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE YIELD

American Dream Savings Account™

More Money For Your Money™

EmigrantDirect.com™

Ask about our new Credit Card.

Member FDIC
[Learn More ▶](#)

[-advertiser links](#)

Mortgage Broker Quotes

Compare quotes for mortgages, refinance and home equity loans. Receive up...
www.nextag.com

Mortgage Brokers - Move.com

Find information and quotes for a home mortgage loan in your area.
www.move.com

Brokers Mortgages Quotes

\$170,000 loan as low as \$560/month. Up to 4 free quotes. Intro terms.
www.calibex.com

RE/MAX Mortgage Tools

Visit RE/MAX's mortgage center for loans, mortgage rates and more.
www.remax.com

[what's this?](#)

Top earning cities

	Median household income
Greenwich, CT	\$112,493
Cupertino, CA	\$110,518
San Ramon, CA	\$109,500

[See the rest](#)

Hottest cities

	Avg. high temp in July (°F)
Avondale, AZ	107.6°F
Glendale, AZ	107.6°F
Peoria, AZ	107.6°F

[See the rest](#)

Priciest homes

	Median price
Newport Beach, CA	\$1,362,500
Greenwich, CT	\$1,129,000
Santa Barbara, CA	\$979,500

[See the rest](#)