Pittsburgh is the Best City to Retire

Riverside/San Bernardino, CA Metro Area is the Worst

NEW YORK – November 20, 2017 – Thinking of warm weather and sandy beaches when it comes to your retirement? Well, think again. Pittsburgh has been named the best metro area to retire, according to a new report by Bankrate.com. The Riverside/San Bernardino metro, located in sunny California came in last. Click here to view the full list:


Bankrate.com reviewed 50 metro areas according to several factors, including local weather, cost of living, crime rate, health care quality and affordability, taxes, senior well-being, friend factor (percentage of population ages 65+), cultural vitality and public transportation.

Although the Steel City scored poorly for the local weather, the metro area’s low crime rate, cost of living, and high friend factor helped secure the its place in the #1 spot. Boston, Los Angeles, Denver and Providence, RI comprise the rest of the top 5 metro areas to retire.

“Oftentimes people focus their retirement search on warm weather locations, but there are many important factors to weigh when it comes to where to live in your later years,” said Bankrate.com analyst Taylor Tepper. “Sun and sand are great, but finding high-quality medical care and an affordable cost of living are important, too.”

Case in point, the metro area of Riverside/San Bernardino, CA; although the area scored well for nice weather, they received the lowest score for cultural vitality. That paired with the area’s high cost of living, and low population of seniors helped to secure its bottom placement. The metro areas of Memphis, TN, Louisville, KY, Buffalo, NY and Indianapolis, IN round out the bottom of the list.

Sources: Agency for Health Care Research and Quality; United Health Foundation; Healthview Services; Tax Foundation; FBI; Gallup Sharecare Well-Being Index; America's Health Rankings from the United Health Foundation; The Council for Community and Economic Research; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Creative Vitality Suite; Economic Census; American Community Survey; Bureau of Transportation Statistics

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