

Troy named to Money Magazine's best places to live list

Troy is among the top 100 small cities in America according to Money Magazine's list of best places to live.

"This special recognition is a testament to the excellent leadership and vision of the elected officials, businesses and residents in each of these towns," Michigan Economic Development Corporation President and CEO Michael A. Finney said. "We are working with our partners in every region of the state to help create vibrant communities where businesses, workers, families and visitors can all share in a strong sense of place."

As Melissa Anders of MLive noted, Michigan was one of seven states with five towns on the list. No other state had more. Troy was ranked 26, West Bloomfield Township 37, Shelby Township 78, Macomb Township 84, and Ann Arbor 100.



According to the magazine:

Troy – Like many places near Detroit, Troy suffered during the recession, but good times seem to be back. Auto companies' profits are rising and formerly vacant office space in Troy is filling up. Housing in the area is a bargain: The median home price is just \$166,000, and property taxes are ultralow. That's a pretty good deal for a city that's been rated the safest in Michigan for 10 of the past 14 years, has great schools and the best community sports and music programs in the state. *Photo courtesy of Troy.*

Troy is a place where families and businesses thrive. The community is recognized for its excellent quality of life, including being the "Safest City in Michigan," offering an A+ rated school system, having one of the lowest tax rates in Oakland County, and providing outstanding City services. As one of Detroit's northern suburbs, Troy is home to 6,000 flourishing businesses — including some of the most advanced technology companies in the world — that employ 125,000 people.

Troy's unique location in the heart of Oakland County, only 20 minutes from Detroit with access to I-75, I-696 and M-59, offers residents and businesses a tremendous competitive advantage, including attractive neighborhoods, excellent schools, prime shopping and employment opportunities. Troy's strategic location puts residents, employees and visitors within easy reach of a wide variety of recreational and cultural opportunities. Troy has a total area of 34.3 square miles, with over 900 acres of parklands, two golf courses and a variety of lakes and streams.

Combine the City's abundant job opportunities with an excellent quality of life and it comes as no surprise that Troy offers one of the state's friendliest business environments. With our forward thinking Master Plan, new and flexible Zoning Ordinance and privatized Building Services/Inspection Department, Troy provides development processes that are fast, fair and predictable. Those interested in relocating or expanding their business in Troy can expect to receive a warm welcome from the City's Economic & Community Development Team.

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