HOUSTON, TX

HomeAdvisor's HAPPY HOME C− 2016 SCORE

17th happiest city

Top 50% of cities

Most like:
Colorado Springs
Cleveland

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8 out of 10 say:
"It's the best place to live"

72%
"My home makes me proud"

58%
"My home is my favorite place to be"

69%
"I plan to stay in my community for the next 5 years"

What Makes Houston's Homeowners Happy?

Our research shows that homeowner happiness boils down to a combination of three important factors:

1. DWELLING

Affordable, well-functioning homes offering enjoyable accommodations

27 years average home age

72% have renovated their homes

74% are happy with their home's size and layout

56% say they have adequate storage

$302,500
Average Home Price (M.S.A., U.S. Census)

59%
"The cost of living is reasonable"

2. COMMUNITY

A sense of diversity, safety and a strong neighborhood network

DIVERSITY

62%
"I feel that my community is racially diverse"

52%
"I feel that my community is religiously diverse"

SAFETY

69%
"I live in a community that makes me feel safe"

62%
"My community offers good fire, police and medical services"

NEIGHBORHOOD

55%
"I have neighbors I enjoy"

68%
"I trust my neighbors"

6,656,947
Population (M.S.A., U.S. Census)

3. ACCESSIBILITY

Practical commutes and access to important attractions and services

COMMUTING AND TRAVEL TIMES

57%
live and work in close proximity

66%
have a reasonable commute

86%
have easy access to highways

ACCESS TO ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES

94%
live within one hour of a major metro area

78%
have access to shopping that meets their needs

54%
live close to body of water

40 MINUTES
Average travel time to work

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