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9 best small cities to move to

### 7. North Port, Fla.

Once a part of Port Charlotte, Fla., North Port became its own city in 1974. Now its 58,378 residents enjoy a cost of living that's 10 points below the national average, although the median household income there is actually 10 percent below average at \$47,655.

Finding a home in North Port is actually easier than anywhere else on our top 10; there is one available home for every 40 residents. The median price of its homes is \$139,900, which is 30 percent below the national average. Its crime rate is 16 percent below average.

North Port's unemployment rate is 7.4 percent, which is 2.7 percent above the U.S. average.

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