

Money Magazine's Top-100 Best Places to Live (2008)

[67 Council-Manager; 20 Mayor-Council; 1 Commission; and 12 Unknowns]

Ranking	City	State	Population (<i>Money Magazine</i>)	Form of Government
1	Plymouth	MN	70,100	Council-Manager
2	Fort Collins	CO	129,400	Council-Manager
3	Naperville	IL	142,900	Council-Manager
4	Irvine	CA	193,900	Council-Manager
5	Franklin Township (Somerset)	NJ	59,100	Council-Manager
6	Norman	OK	102,800	Council-Manager
7	Round Rock	TX	92,300	Council-Manager
8	Columbia/Ellicott City	MD	158,800	<i>Unknown</i>
9	Overland Park	KS	166,700	Council-Manager
10	Fishers	IN	61,800	Council-Manager
11	Olathe	KS	114,600	Council-Manager
12	Highland Ranch	CO	102,600	<i>Unknown</i>
13	Parsippany/Troy Hills	NJ	52,900	Mayor-Council
14	McKinney	TX	107,500	Council-Manager
15	Carrollton	TX	121,600	Council-Manager
16	Cary	NC	112,400	Council-Manager
17	Eagan	MN	63,700	Council-Manager
18	Richardson	TX	99,800	Council-Manager
19	Hunter Mill	VA	124,132	<i>Unknown</i>
20	Allen	TX	73,298	Council-Manager
21	Abington	PA	57,424	Mayor-Council
22	Troy	MI	81,118	Council-Manager
23	Piscataway	NJ	53,903	Mayor-Council
24	Apple Valley	MN	50,109	Council-Manager
25	Sully	VA	158,568	<i>Unknown</i>
26	Lakeville	MN	53,074	Council-Manager
27	Ann Arbor	MI	113,206	Council-Manager
28	Gilbert	AZ	191,517	Council-Manager
29	Gaithersburg	MD	57,934	Council-Manager
30	Chandler	AZ	240,595	Council-Manager
31	Burke	VA	58,212	Council-Manager
32	Bolingbrook	IL	69,881	Council-Manager
33	Loveland	CO	51,122	Council-Manager
34	Euless	TX	52,016	Council-Manager
35	Edison	NJ	101,420	Mayor-Council
36	West Bloomfield Township	MI	65,957	<i>Unknown</i>
37	Reston	VA	63,608	<i>Unknown</i>
38	Frisco	TX	80,499	Council-Manager

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39	Shawnee	KS	59,252	Council-Manager
40	Eden Prairie	MN	60,952	Council-Manager
41	Maple Grove	MN	60,584	Council-Manager
42	Bellevue	WA	118,186	Council-Manager
43	Burnsville	MN	59,321	Council-Manager
44	Westminster	CO	105,753	Council-Manager
45	Franklin	TN	55,870	Mayor-Council
46	North Hempstead	NY	222,627	Mayor-Council
47	Scottsdale	AZ	231,127	Council-Manager
48	Novi	MI	54,105	Council-Manager
49	Newton	MA	82,819	Mayor-Council
50	Longmont	CO	82,646	Council-Manager
51	Hamilton	NJ	91,749	Mayor-Council
52	Edmond	OK	76,644	Council-Manager
53	Ames	IA	51,557	Council-Manager
54	Wheaton	IL	54,611	Council-Manager
55	Peoria	AZ	142,024	Council-Manager
56	Missouri City	TX	73,679	Council-Manager
57	Denton	TX	109,561	Council-Manager
58	Washington	NJ	52,640	Mayor-Council
59	Clay	NY	58,877	<i>Unknown</i>
60	St. Peters	MO	54,839	Mayor-Council
61	Sterling Heights	MI	127,991	Council-Manager
62	Shelby	MI	72,293	<i>Unknown</i>
63	Orem	UT	90,857	Council-Manager
64	Sugar Land	TX	79,943	Council-Manager
65	Chapel Hill	NC	49,919	Council-Manager
66	Rockville	MD	59,114	Council-Manager
67	Garland	TX	217,963	Council-Manager
68	O'Fallon	MO	72,477	Council-Manager
69	Lewisville	TX	94,589	Council-Manager
70	Rochester	MN	96,975	Mayor-Council
71	Clarkstown	NY	82,608	<i>Unknown</i>
72	Waltham	MA	59,352	Mayor-Council
73	Weston	FL	65,720	Council-Manager
74	Aurora	IL	170,617	Mayor-Council
75	Union	NJ	56,092	Mayor-Council
76	West Hartford	CT	65,131	Council-Manager
77	Howell	NJ	52,056	Council-Manager
78	Coral Springs	FL	129,805	Council-Manager
79	Lee's Summit	MO	81,913	Council-Manager
80	Greenburgh	NY	89,036	Mayor-Council

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81	Germantown	MD	59,629	<i>Unknown</i>
82	St. Charles	MO	63,009	Mayor-Council
83	Sandy	UT	94,203	Mayor-Council
84	Henderson	NV	240,614	Council-Manager
85	Chesapeake	VA	220,560	Council-Manager
86	Middletown	NJ	67,678	Council-Manager
87	Brookline	MA	59,632	Council-Manager
88	Fargo	ND	90,056	Mayor-Council
89	Madison	WI	223,389	Mayor-Council
90	Roseville	CA	107,158	Council-Manager
91	Fountain Valley	CA	55,857	Council-Manager
92	Orland Park	IL	55,520	Council-Manager
93	Blaine	MN	55,144	Council-Manager
94	Sunnyvale	CA	130,519	Council-Manager
95	Spring Valley	NV	176,757	<i>Unknown</i>
96	Grand Prairie	TX	153,812	Council-Manager
97	Bismarck	ND	58,333	Commission
98	Miramar	FL	108,072	Council-Manager
99	Midlothian	VA	54,567	<i>Unknown</i>
100	Wayne	NJ	55,700	Mayor-Council