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The Best Places to Raise Kids 2013

By Daniel D'Addario on December 18, 2012



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Best Place to Raise Kids in Ohio: Solon

- Population:** 23,046
- GreatSchools city score:** 10
- Median family income:** \$113,613
- Housing costs as a percentage of income:** 20.4%
- County unemployment rate:** 6.2%
- Nearby city:** Cleveland

The citizens of this affluent Cleveland suburb have made the Solon City School District one of the best in the nation. Great amenities, such as a philharmonic orchestra, help bring the town together. Solon is also one of the few towns in the area still economically fit enough to provide free services like snowplowing and garbage pickup.



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Sarah Goodwin, Yesterday 12:46 PM

“ Littleton, MA is my hometown! YEAH!!!! Go us!!!
Finally gaining some recognition for something!!! :D ”

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Bev Schultz, Yesterday 06:37 PM

Me, too! YEAH!!! great place to be...

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Bonnie Bova, Yesterday 10:24 PM

We need to continually recognize the great communities out there for our families. ...
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Benjamin Henson, Yesterday 12:01 PM

“ 44 of these 50 places (88%) have Median Household Incomes greater than the state they're in. On average, the difference is 28% higher income (and this is in spite of the fact that "The list excludes places where the median family income exceeds \$115,866, the lower limit for the wealthiest 20 percent of U.S. families."

Additionally, 41 (82%) places have greater white racial makeup than the state. On average, 6% greater.

Hyperbolic adjectives such as "Best" should NEVER be used on lists like this. Best for whom? ”

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Phat Phil, Yesterday 01:25 PM

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Greg Padsen, Today 05:55 AM

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We are actually doing this too. We are relocating to an island in the center of the Philippines: low population density, beautiful nature, excellent infrastructure, low crime (~0%), excellent lifestyle and low cost of living. We feel so fortunate that We even founded a charity to help others (The Just a Child Foundation).

If you are interested in seeing more about what we are doing, you can follow us on Facebook or see my LinkedIn personal website.

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George, Yesterday 03:10 PM

“Canada.”

10 people liked this. [Like](#) [Reply](#)

Corey Saunders, Yesterday 03:43 PM

“Such a POOR representation of WA... As I scrolled through the other states' winners to get to WA I enjoyed pictures of rolling hills, leafy trees, rivers, coastlines, etc... and then when I get to Maple Valley, WA I see an UGLY picture of depressing military base-style tract homes. Are you KIDDING ME? WA is one of the most beautiful states in the nation, and that's the best you could come up with? If I were you I'd be embarrassed.”

7 people liked this. [Like](#) [Reply](#)

jessica z, Yesterday 07:15 PM

Corey such an AWFUL picture of Maple Valley. whoever picked that should loose their job. What about Lake Wilderness Park? The Lodge they spoke of? Witte Road? The Library? The Cedar River? Shoot even my chicken poop covered pasture would have been a better representation of Maple Valley. 100% agree with you!

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jay_seattle, Yesterday 05:46 PM

11 months of sideways cold RAIN. Great place to raise a family.

NOT I hate it here

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jessica z, Yesterday 07:14 PM

then move.

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ConnieB, Yesterday 12:14 PM

“ I'm raising two kids in Lenexa right now and I quite agree! :) ”

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networkding, Yesterday 01:14 PM

“ I'm the author of an edition of "50 Fabulous Places to Raise Your Family." Glad to see you are keeping up with the tradition of watching over the best places to raise a family. I remember the year I wrote this book and then was showcased on "Oprah" and "The Today Show." It was a year of tremendous effort to analyze all the elements that go into choosing these cities! My hat is off to you. What I will add is that I visited a number of cities like Blue Ash, Ohio and Vista, California--what a great experience! We need to continually recognize the great communities out there for our families.

There is nothing like a wonderful community! ”

3 people liked this. [Like](#) [Reply](#)

PRmaven2, Yesterday 12:33 PM

“ I live adjacent to Herndon, VA, and while the Town has the best homestyle restaurant ever -- the Virginia Kitchen -- as the best place to raise kids in the state, a very odd choice. ”

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Blackeyedbear, Yesterday 08:25 PM

“ Given the allowance of guns in schools I cant think of a single place in America that I would find attractive to live. Here in Australia we maybe America's Deputy Dawg but at least it is a safe clean place to live. America - yuck ”

1 person liked this. [Like](#) [Reply](#)

Amy Woodworth, Yesterday 09:25 PM

Hi we don't allow guns in schools thanks! That's a pretty low and sad comment given the horrific nature of what our country has had to deal with. I am pretty sure we are not the only country that has had those kinds of losses.

Also I have seen some pretty unattractive Aussie

landscape through pictures, just like I am sure you are judging America through pictures. Kinda glad you don't live in my country....keep your crappy attitude down under where it belongs! Merry Christmas!

4 people liked this. [Like](#) [Reply](#)

Andres Pinto, Today 01:09 AM

As per the Blackeyedbear's comment, I believe that it was definitively inadequate and untasteful, however there is a solid and undeniable truth behind it.

A country with no guns is safer.

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Valerie Allman, Yesterday 10:18 AM

“ Hell NO! ”

1 person liked this. [Like](#) [Reply](#)

Karen Weinstein Simon, 20 minutes ago

“ Yay Norwood!!! Way to go!!! ”

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Marcus Pol, Today 05:25 AM

“ New Zealand, Few guns, little corruption, lots of space, middle of no where (Middle Earth)! ”

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