

Best Places to Live: Top 100

For this year's list we focused on smaller places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community.

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21. Chelmsford, Mass.

Population: 33,800
Median home price (2006): \$352,002
Average property taxes (2006):\$4,019

Chelmsford has a long and colorful history. Ralph Waldo Emerson founded a school there and its militia fought in some of the Revolutionary War's most famous battles. While many historical landmarks remain, Chelmsford has developed into a thriving industrial town. Nevertheless, Chelmsford has plenty to offer nature lovers, with several parks scattered throughout town. -B.N.



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The barn at 200 Acton Road

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