



# Houzeo Names Pennsylvania's Best Places to Live in 2026 Using Comprehensive Housing Data

*These new rankings compare affordability, livability, and economic strength to guide Pennsylvania homebuyers.*

PHILADELPHIA, PA, UNITED STATES, February 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Houzeo, America's best home buying and selling website, announced the launch of its new "Best Places to Live" landing pages. The rankings highlight the top 10 Pennsylvania cities based on housing affordability, income alignment, and economic strength. This helps homebuyers make more informed decisions about locations.

Houzeo's rankings are built on a rigorous, data-first framework designed to remove subjectivity from livability comparisons. Instead of opinion-based scores, it analyzes cities using verified housing and economic datasets. The methodology blends employment and job stability data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, cost-of-living benchmarks from C2ER, and housing metrics such as median home prices and rent sourced from Houzeo's proprietary listings. Income figures from the U.S. Census Bureau further help measure how well earnings align with local housing costs.

Among the best areas to live in Pennsylvania, Houzeo ranks State College as the top city. Known for its safe neighborhoods, highly rated public schools, and stable economy driven by Penn State University, State College offers an exceptional quality of life beyond its college-town reputation. With a median home price of about \$539K and a median rent near \$1,760, the city appeals to buyers seeking long-term stability, cultural amenities, and easy access to outdoor recreation.

Other cities earning top positions in Houzeo's Pennsylvania rankings include Lancaster, Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Allentown, and Philadelphia. These top five cities span a wide price range: \$263,825 in Lancaster, \$292,500 in Bethlehem, \$143,000 in Harrisburg, \$247,000 in Allentown, and \$265,000 in Philadelphia. Explore the full rankings of the [best places to live in Pennsylvania](#) to discover how each city corresponds in the Keystone State.

Supported by in-depth analysis of housing costs, employment conditions, school quality, safety metrics, and lifestyle amenities, the rankings evaluate the top 10 cities statewide. The list also identifies the three best Pennsylvania locations for families, young adults, and retirees planning their next move in 2026 and beyond.

For families, cities like Bethlehem, Mechanicsburg, and West Chester stand out for their strong school systems, safe neighborhoods, and access to parks and community events. Young professionals gravitate toward Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg, with affordable housing, growing job markets, and lively downtown districts. Retirees favor destinations such as Harrisburg, Lancaster, and Allentown, which combine manageable living costs with excellent healthcare access.

According to Houzeo, Lancaster ranks among Pennsylvania's most desirable places to live, celebrated for its historic character, strong healthcare sector, and balanced cost of living. Buyers exploring [homes for sale in Lancaster PA](#) can choose from charming historic properties, suburban single-family homes, and newer developments, all supported by a stable local economy rooted in healthcare, manufacturing, and tourism.

Mechanicsburg also earns recognition as a top Pennsylvania city. Located near Harrisburg, it offers top-rated schools, abundant green spaces, and convenient access to major employment hubs. Its family-friendly neighborhoods and steady housing market make [homes for sale in Mechanicsburg PA](#), attractive to buyers seeking long-term value, safety, and everyday convenience.

With more than 1.5 million active listings nationwide, Houzeo continues to simplify the homebuying journey. Buyers can browse homes, save favorites, schedule tours, and submit offers, all on one platform. Houzeo's ultimate goal is to help buyers not just find the perfect home, but the right place to live without any hassle.

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