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# BusinessWeek cites Huntersville for affordability

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*BusinessWeek* magazine has ranked Huntersville the fourth-most affordable suburb in the United States.

One suburb was chosen from each state. Selections were limited to towns within 25 miles of the most populated city in the state, median family incomes of \$51,000 to \$120,000, and lower-than-average crime rates.

The magazine also considered factors such as livability (short commutes, low pollution, green space), education (well-educated residents, high test scores), crime (low personal and property crime), economy (high job growth, low unemployment rate, high family income) and affordability (median household income, cost of expenditures).

*BusinessWeek* describes Huntersville as “a fast-growing suburb ... along Lake Norman, a manmade lake with 520 miles of shoreline. There is an entertainment and shopping center, nature preserve, and amusement park, and the mountains and beach are a short drive away. Education here is also exceptional: Huntersville Elementary School earned a Blue Ribbon Award in 2008.”

Fishers, Ind., came in first on the magazine’s list, followed in order by Papillon, Neb., and Mililani Town, Hawaii.

*BusinessWeek* says it evaluated information provided by community data company OnBoard Informatics to determine the best affordable suburb in each state.

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