Built on the banks of the Huron River and located 45 minutes west of downtown Detroit, Ann Arbor is a cultural mecca within the Midwest basin. Not only is it home to one of the finest academic institutions and premiere health systems in the country, but it offers a unique blend of city sophistication and small town charm that appeals to everyone - students and professionals, singles and families, newly born and newly retired. It is both ethnically diverse and culturally rich. Just one visit and you will quickly understand why Ann Arbor is consistently voted one of the best places to live in the United States. It’s where tradition and innovation meet, where generations merge and ideas are kindled. Whether you enjoy perusing galleries, catching a movie, savoring fine cuisine, catching a comedy show or exploring nature, you will find it all – and then some – right here in Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor – quick facts

- **Size**: 28.2 square miles
- **Population**: 112,870
- **Median age**: 28 (2002 census)
- **Encompasses**: 17,252 acres (27.8 square miles) of city zoned land
- **County seat and largest city in Washtenaw County**
- **Ranked as one of Money Magazine’s** top 25 Best Places to Live in 2006
- **Ranked as one of America's top 150 places to live and work** in the book "Life 2.0" by Forbes Magazine Publisher Rich Karlgaard
- **Ranked second** on Babyfit.com's list of Top 100 Cities For Healthy Pregnancies
- **The Corcoran Group**, a leading east coast real estate firm, rated Ann Arbor One of the Top 5 Cities to Retire in 2005.
- **Forbes.com** ranked Ann Arbor as the 16th Best Place to Start a Business in the country in 2005.
- **Ranked in the top 10 nationally in terms of personal savings and investment**, according to A.G. Edwards’ Nest Egg Index in 2005.

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