

Reidsville makes best 250 cities for Postgraduates

Postgraduates getting ready to settle down somewhere might want to consider the Reidsville area.

LendEDU narrowed down a list of 30,000 cities across the country based on population to the top 250 that present ideal conditions for postgraduates looking to find their first homes. Reidsville came in at 236, one of five cities in North Carolina on the list. Asheville (#118), Newport (#132), Sylva (#155) and Boone (#185) also ranked from the Tar Heel State. The listing also included places like Roanoke and Blacksburg, Virginia and Spartanburg, South Carolina.

“This is wonderful news for Reidsville,” said Dr. Jay Donecker, Reidsville Mayor. “It is so nice to be recognized by LendEDU because it validates what many of us who have received post-graduate degrees have experienced. Reidsville is a great place to live, work and raise a family.”

“We are proud to be recognized by LendEDU as a place for postgraduates to make their home,” said Reidsville Chamber of Commerce President Diane Sawyer. “We celebrate that Reidsville has a wonderful, affordable, quality of living. There are wonderful opportunities in our area, and we certainly welcome those graduates.”

LendEDU used Onboard Informatics data to look at the following factors, which gave Reidsville a total of 73.12 out of a possible 100 points:

- Age Ratio Score (valued at 30%, with the number of people between the ages of 25-34 divided by the city’s total population) – Reidsville scored 29.49 out of 30 possible points.
- Cost of Living Score (10% value where towns and cities were ranked against each other on a percent scale from 0 to 100 for general living expenses) – Reidsville received 8.66 out of 10 possible points.
- Income Growth Score (20% value, where the growth in median incomes in the town were projected for the next five years) – Reidsville got 3.86 out of 20 points.
- Entertainment Experience Score (20% value, based on the the number of bars, gyms, etc. in the area) – Reidsville received 17.76 out of 20 points.
- Commute Score (5% value, accessibility to commuters) – Reidsville scored 2.55 out of five possible points.
- Single Ratio Score (15% value, proportion of single residents to the entire population) – Reidsville got 10.80 points out of 15.

So for those graduates considering where to begin the next phase of their journey, Reidsville and Rockingham County might be the next best stop.

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