

These Are The 10 Happiest Small Places In America

1. State College, PA



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While college might make you think of finals week and a ton of homework, this place is actually known as The Happy Valley by many locals.

Why? For starters, Psychology Today ranked this little [Pennsylvania](#) locale as one of the least stressful places in the United States. That's certainly something to feel glad about.

Our numbers pretty much back up that low-stress environment, too. Only about 12 percent of folks here made below \$25,000 a year, and the highest percent of people owned their homes rather than renting.

The commute was the fifth lowest, the married percent of people ranked 22nd. Even the walkability here was No. 19 on our list.

In fact, the only area where State College wasn't in the top third of scores was in percent of people with at least a Bachelor's degree.

To be fair, though, Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) is partially in this city, where most people are simply in the process of getting their degree, so these folks are probably more educated than this number shows.