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## This local city was named among America's 50 best cities

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Higher than average job and population growth helped Palm Coast rank among America's 50 best cities to live.

According to the study, the number of jobs in the city grew by 5 percent from 2012 through 2014, considerably faster than the nationwide job growth rate of 1.8 percent. Despite the relatively high unemployment rate, the strong job growth is

likely among the factors encouraging people to move to the area. Over the five years through last year, Palm Coast's population grew by 14.8 percent, more than double the national growth rate.

The rankings, compiled by website **24/7 Wall St.**, included Palm Coast at No. 39. It was the only Central Florida city on the list.

"To determine America's best cities to live in, 24/7 Wall St. reviewed data on the 550 U.S. cities with populations of 65,000 or more as measured by the **U.S. Census Bureau**. Based on a range of variables, including crime rates, employment growth, access to restaurants and attractions, educational attainment, and housing affordability, 24/7 Wall St. identified America's 50 Best Cities to Live," the study says.

Here are some of the data highlights for Palm Coast:

**Population:** 82,388

**Median home value:** \$159,300

**Poverty rate:** 10.6%

**Pct. with at least a bachelor's degree:** 18.4%

**Amenities per 100,000 residents:** 160.2

You can read the full 24/7 Wall St. study [here](#).



Courtesy of the City of Palm Coast/Photo by Palm Coast resident Tyson Kinnison

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