

Keller ranked in Top 100 Best Places to Live



On Monday, July 16, *Money* magazine named the City of Keller as one of the top 100 "Best Places to Live" in the United States. Keller was ranked number 50, the top rated city in North Texas, and among only six cities listed from the entire state.

This ranking reflects many years of vision, cooperation, and collaboration between elected officials and the city staff who have worked tirelessly to create a community that has unique country charm and all the convenience of a big city.

Some of the items that put Keller on the top of the list included our extremely low crime rate, access to an excellent recreation, park and trail system, and diverse housing opportunities. Keller can honestly say that we have "something for everyone."



The city's park system is highlighted by an extensive and beautiful trail system that continues to be expanded to offer recreational opportunities for all our citizens. The city is extremely proud of the award-winning Keller Pointe, which offers affordable fitness, recreation, and aquatic facilities for all of our residents.

Finally, the "Imagination Station" located at Johnson Road Park attracts families of all kinds to its huge playground with equipment for children of all ages. The playground was built using donations from corporate citizens and the hard work of volunteers from throughout the community, including the Keller Rotary Club, Lions Club, Greater Keller Women's Club, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and neighborhood residents who simply wanted to lend a hand.

In the area of public safety, our nationally accredited police department can boast on being having one of the lowest crime rates in Tarrant County. Our fire department is continuing to expand and the city is looking forward to the opening of a new fire station in the fall of 2008. This expansion will continue to improve on the impeccable service already being provided to our residents.

This ranking confirms what those who live in the city already know - Keller is truly a great place to live!



WINNER

Keller, TX

Top 100 rank: 50

Population: 35,900

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Financial

	City stats	Best places avg.
Median family income (per year)	\$103,889	\$90,316
Family purchasing power (annual, cost-of-living adjusted)	\$113,416	\$82,867
Sales tax	8.30%	6.74%
State income tax rate (highest bracket)	n/a	6.38%
State income tax rate (lowest bracket)	n/a	2.74%
Auto insurance premiums (Average for the state)	\$1,950	\$2,121
Job growth % (2000-2006)	30.01%	13.41%

Housing

	City stats	Best places average
Median home price	\$281,034	\$359,352
Average property taxes (2005)	\$4,605	\$3,585

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Education

	City stats	Best places average
Colleges, universities and professional schools (within 30 miles)	19	29
Junior colleges and technical institutes (within 30 miles)	20	18
Test scores reading (% above/below state average)	11.9%	20.1%
Test scores math (% above/below average)	23.0%	24.8%
% students attending public/private schools (located within town limits)	94.3/5.7	91.1/8.9

Quality of life

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	City stats	Best places average
Air quality index* (% of days AQI ranked as good)	68.2%	77.3%
Personal crime incidents (per 1,000)	1	13
Property crime incidents (per 1,000)	17	206
Median commute time (in minutes)	29.4	23.1
% population with commute 45 mins. or longer	21.6%	15.6%
% population walk or bike to work	1.7%	2.7%
Leisure and culture		
	City stats	Best places average
Movie theaters (within 15 miles)	34	30
Restaurants (within 15 miles)	3,029	2,899
Bars (within 15 miles)	249	287
Public golf courses (within 30 miles)	164	125
Libraries (within 15 miles)	57	71
Museums (accredited by AAM; within 30 miles)	8	11
Ski resorts (within 100 miles)	n/a	17
Arts funding (Dollars per person of state funds spent on arts)	0	1
Weather		
	City stats	Best places average
Annual rainfall (inches)	34.66	40.18
% clear days in the area	37	28
High temp in July ° F	95.5°	86.1°
Low temp in Jan ° F	30.8°	24.0°
Health*		
	City stats	Best places average
Has health plan (% of residents)	80.2%	90.5%
Body mass index (avg. for residents)	27	27
Diabetes rates (% of residents diagnosed)	9.5%	9.3%
Hypertension rates (% of residents diagnosed)	31.4%	30.6%
Elder-care facilities**	77	107
Meet the neighbors		

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	City stats	Best places average
Median age	34.6	36.8
Completed at least some college (% of residents)	78.5%	72.4%
Married	75.4%	60.8%
Divorced	5.6%	8.0%
Racial diversity index (100 is national average; higher numbers indicate greater diversity)	19.3	59.2
Amount spent on vacations (domestic and foreign, household avg. per year)	\$8,618	\$8,250

\*County data

\*\*Elder-care services refer to skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. Data from Total Living Choices.