



City of Bristol Tennessee

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Bristol Among Best Towns in Tennessee for Young Families

The City of Bristol Tennessee was named as one of the best towns in the State of Tennessee for young families by a consumer advocacy website, NerdWallet. The website compiled a list of the top 10 towns in the state to raise a family. Bristol came in 7th above sister cities, Kingsport and Johnson City.

The San Francisco based company sited Tennessee as being important in American history, breathtaking scenery, and close-knit communities. The state also boasts of innovative companies, great universities, quintessential American culture, and endless outdoor activities. They noted too that many young couples ready to settle down are taking notice of the state.

NerdWallet sought to better inform young families and parents-to-be by analyzing towns across the state according to five criteria:

1. Public School rating from GreatSchools
2. Average home value
3. Cost of home ownership
4. Average income
5. Economic growth

Bristol was ranked seventh after assessing the town's cost of living, education system and economic growth.

"Bristol is big on family fun. Congress has dubbed it the Birthplace of Country Music, and the city has proved true to its name. Every fall, residents celebrate the city's country heritage with the Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion, a music festival held in Bristol's lively downtown," said Mike Anderson, the analyst who conducted the study said.

Anderson added, "Bristol is also home to the Bristol Motor Speedway, a NASCAR track, which normally sells out over 150,000 seats per race."

NerdWallet is a financial literacy website that helps individuals make better financial decisions. The website has been featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Reuters.

Bill Sorah, Interim City Manager responded to the rating by saying, "Anytime our city is recognized for the great place it is to live, work and play its wonderful. We feel our community has a lot to offer young families. We have great schools, parks, and lots to enjoy in a city that is safe, and is showing great strides on the economic front."

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<http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/2013/best-towns-tennessee-young-families/>

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