

A photograph of an elderly couple standing on a dirt path in a wooded area. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is wearing a blue jacket over a blue shirt and black pants. The man on the right is wearing a blue t-shirt and light-colored shorts. They are both smiling and looking at each other. They are standing next to two light-colored bicycles. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

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**YOUR GUIDE TO
RETIREMENT LIVING IN**

**LANCASTER
COUNTY**
Pennsylvania

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Why Lancaster County?

If you haven't heard, US News & World Report ranked Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as the best place to retire in the United States! Their analysis compares 150 popular metropolitan areas and looks at housing affordability, access to health care, job market, retiree taxes, happiness and desirability. According to their article, the results are based on an online survey of people 45 years and older about their retirement preferences. Overall, Lancaster came up as the number one match for retirement!

Not only does Lancaster offer great housing, jobs, and healthcare, Lancaster has great shopping and restaurants, plus beautiful rolling farmland and outdoor recreation! In a few minutes you can go from shopping at Belmont to chocolate buying at Wilbur to Rieff's farm market. You can ride a bike on the rail trails, get a workout in at state-of-the-art gyms, or walk your dogs in parks located all over the county.

Let's check out some fun features about Lancaster County that make it so special, and make it the #1 location in the U.S. to retire!

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Small Town Feel

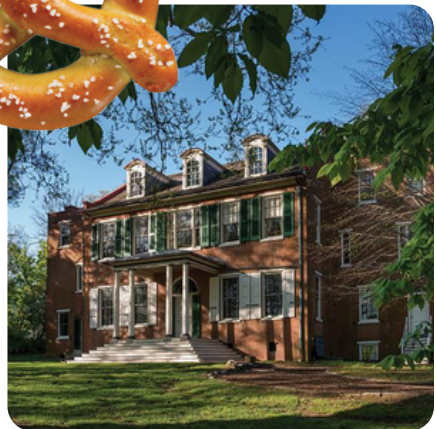


Lancaster County boasts a small city with theaters, shopping, and restaurants, but it is filled with unique small towns. Each town has something special to offer with local “mom and pop” shops and cafes, walkable main streets like something out of a Hallmark movie, and yearly events that bring the community together. Find your favorite spots in each town and enjoy that local small town feel around every corner.



Rich in History

Lancaster was established in 1729! You can dig into history in every corner of this county. Check out the early settlement at Landis Valley, ride the historic train at Strasburg Railroad, visit a Quaker community at Ephrata Cloister, tour Wheatland (President Buchanan's home), and learn the history of pretzel making at Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery - just to name a few!



Shopping

Lancaster boasts a huge array of shopping centers and stores to meet anyone's preference. Lancaster Shopping Center, Belmont, Tanger Outlets, Golden Triangle, and Park City Mall are just a few of the options. Find everything from business wear to casual clothes, outerwear to intimates. Shop in a small boutique in downtown Lititz, or stop by a big department store at the mall. There's a store for everything you need right here in Lancaster.



Restaurants

From fine dining to cheap eats, Lancaster County has it all! You can find everything from American fare to Italian, Mexican, and African. Plus there are cozy coffee shops and cafes in every town.

Fine Dining

Find gourmet restaurants with world-class dining. Dress up for special occasions and celebrate in class.

Moderately Priced

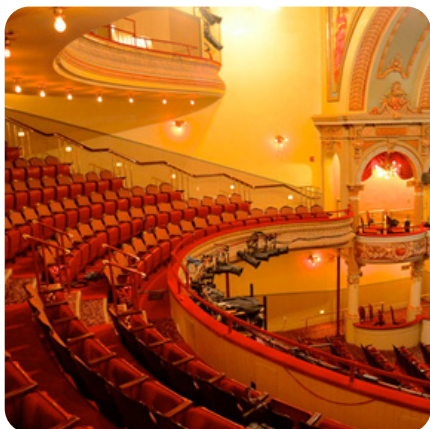
Enjoy good food, but don't worry about the restaurant being too fancy or pricey.

Cheap Eats

Grab a quick bite or take out the grandkids without spending a bunch. Casual atmospheres and budget-friendly menus abound.



Entertainment

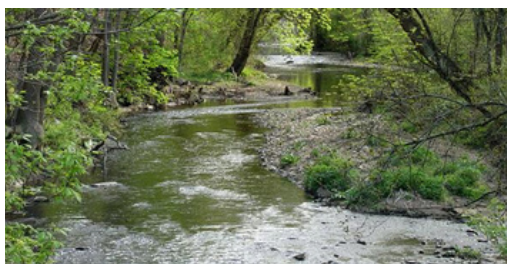


From young to old, fun to sophisticated, the Lancaster area has so much to offer. Ride roller coasters at Dutch Wonderland or Hershey Park, take in a play at Fulton Opera House or Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, make your own ice cream flavor at Turkey Hill Experience, take a full moon tour at the Wolf Sanctuary, or hop on a wagon ride at Cherry Crest Adventure Farm. And when the weather is bad try bowling, roller skating, or trampoline/adventure parks. You won't run out of fun things to do!



Beautiful Scenery

There is no arguing that Lancaster County has some of the most beautiful farmland, fields, streams, parks and trails around. It's one of the most unique features of our area that you can be shopping in town and in just a short drive be in the country. Enjoy waterways, farms, towns, woodlands, and even covered bridges (over 25!).



Amish Culture & Crafts



Lancaster is well known for rolling hills of farmland, barns, silos, and the plain community. Along with this comes farm stands with fresh produce and delicious baked goods. Add to this handmade crafts, quilts, and furniture for an old-fashioned experience. Many people seek out the quality goods, foods, and craftsmanship provided by the local Amish.



Healthcare Access

All across Lancaster County residents have access to a multitude of healthcare systems with hospitals, urgent care centers, rehabilitation centers, and health campuses. Large providers such as WellSpan, Penn Medicine, UPMC, and Penn State offer numerous locations and services for all medical needs. You can find doctors of every specialty within a short drive from your home.



Lancaster is also an easy commute to Philadelphia or Baltimore when there is a need for advanced services, hospitals, and medical centers.

Housing Affordability

Even though some local people complain about the cost of homes and property taxes, Lancaster County is quite affordable compared to many other locations around the nation.

Pennsylvania ranks 8th in housing affordability across the nation.



Median home price for PA is \$254,597 (as compared to neighboring NY \$382k and NJ \$441k). Our property taxes also come in lower than many other states. Lancaster County's median home price has been in the low \$300,000s, but still offers great affordability compared to many other areas.



Retirement Communities



Lancaster County offers dozens of retirement communities of all types! In areas all around the county you can find 55+ communities for active living with amenities such as club houses and pools, tennis courts and pickleball, weekly planned activities, walking trails, and much more. Most communities provide lawn care and snow removal, making it easy for care-free living and traveling.



Your Local Expert

If you have questions about any areas, services, or amenities throughout Lancaster County, I'm here to help! I was born and raised right here. My parents came from the Mennonite background and my dad was a small business owner. I love everything about where I live, the culture, the people, the small towns, and the heritage of our hard-working community. I think it's the best place to live... and to retire!

Please contact me for your personal tour.

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Quick Guide

Enjoy this list of popular places in Lancaster County. It is in no way exhaustive, but will help you get started exploring the area!

Amish Attractions

Amish All Around Buggy Rides
Old Order Amish Tours
Old Windmill Farm
Smucker's Quilts
The Amish Experience
The Amish Village

Entertainment

American Music Theater
Bird-in-Hand Stage
Cherry Crest Adventure Farm
Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
Dutch Wonderland
Ephrata Performing Arts Center
Fulton Opera House
Hershey Park
Lancaster Symphony Orchestra
Rocky Springs Entertainment
Center
Round1 Bowling & Amusement
Sight & Sound Theaters
Sky Zone Trampoline Park

Turkey Hill Experience
Urban Air Adventure Park
Wolf Sanctuary

Farmer's Markets

Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market
Green Dragon
Lancaster Central Market
Lititz Farmers Market
Roots Market

Greenhouses

Black Creek Nursery
Esbenshade's Garden Center
Farmstead Flowers
Frey's Greenhouse
Homestead Gardens
Ken's Gardens
Perfect Pots
Village Farm Garden Center

Healthcare

America's Home Health

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Lancaster Family Health
Lancaster General Health
Lancaster Health Center
PA Health Management
Penn Medicine
Penn State Health
UPMC
WellSpan Health

History

Ephrata Cloister
Herr Family Homestead
Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery
Lancaster Museum of Art
Landis Valley Village & Farm
Lititz Museum
Robert Fulton Birthplace
Strasburg Railroad
Wheatland
Wright's Ferry Mansion

Parks & Trails

Chickie's Rock County Park
Conestoga Greenway Trail
D.F Buchmiller County Park
Enola Low Grade Trail

Greenfield Park
Lancaster County Central Park
Lancaster Junction Rec Trail
Money Rocks County Park
Noel Dorwart Park
Northwest County River Trail
Speedwell Forge County Park
Theodore A. Parker III Natural Area

Restaurants

Belvedere Inn
Cocina Mexicana
Cork & Cap Restaurant
Fox Meadows Creamery
Gibraltar Restaurant
Greenfield Restaurant
Harvest Seasonal Grill
Knight & Day Diner
Lancaster Brewing Company
LUCA Italian Kitchen
Rachel's Creperie
Reflections Restaurant
Rooster Street Butcher
Scratch Bakes
The Log Cabin

Quick Guide

Shopping

Fruitville Pike Center
Golden Triangle
Hawthorne Center
Kitchen Kettle Village
Lancaster Shopping Center
Lincoln Plaza
Manor Shopping Center
Mill Creek Square
Park City Mall
Red Rose Commons
Stone Mill Plaza
Shoppes at Belmont
Tanger Outlets

Towns

Columbia
Denver
Elizabethtown
Ephrata
Lancaster
Lititz
Manheim
Marietta
Mount Joy
New Holland
Paradise
Quarryville
Strasburg
Willow Street

Thank you for joining me!

