

The Most Affordable City in the US is Pittsburgh

Description

Move over, Big Apple! Life in New York got you feeling down? Well, according to a recent study, the most **affordable** city in the country is just a short drive away from the **bustling** streets of the city that never sleeps. Enter Pittsburgh – a city with a **median** house price of \$274,900 and a rich history that includes famous figures like Andy Warhol and Mister Rogers.

Pittsburgh may be more **affordable** than New York, but it's not **immune** to housing affordability issues. Still, it offers a unique **blend** of blue-collar roots and artsy **heritage** that sets it apart from other cities in the US. Despite its affordability, Pittsburgh is facing challenges in job growth and **inclusive** economic development.

On the flip side, New York City ranked at number 77 on the list of affordability, still cheaper than other **global** cities like London and Toronto. The study also highlighted other US cities like San Jose, Los Angeles, and San Francisco as some of the least **affordable** places to live. Ultimately, the study raises concerns about the impact of high housing prices on young people, minorities, and immigrants across the country.

Vocabulary Insights

1. **Affordable** /??f??d?b(?)l/ (adjective): Inexpensive; reasonably priced.
2. **Busting** /?b?st??/ (verb): Move energetically or work hard.
3. **Median** /?mi?d??n/ (adjective): Relating to the middle value of an ordered set of values.
4. **Blend** /bl?nd/ (noun): A mixture of different things or qualities.
5. **Heritage** /?h?r?t?d??/ (noun): Valued objects and qualities such as historic buildings and cultural traditions that have been passed down from previous generations.
6. **Immune** /??mju?n/ (adjective): Resistant to a particular infection or toxin.
7. **Inclusive** /?n?klu?s?v/ (adjective): Including all the services or items normally expected or required.
8. **Global** /??l??b(?)l/ (adjective): Relating to the whole world; worldwide.

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Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the median house price in Pittsburgh according to the text?

- Option: \$274,900
- Option: \$200,000
- Option: \$350,000
- Option: \$400,000

2. Which city was highlighted as one of the least affordable places to live in the US?

- Option: San Jose
- Option: Los Angeles
- Option: San Francisco
- Option: All of the above

3. What is the main concern raised by the study mentioned in the text?

- Option: Job growth
- Option: Impact of high housing prices
- Option: Inclusive economic development
- Option: City rankings

4. Which adjective best describes the heritage of Pittsburgh according to the text?

- Option: Modern
- Option: Ancient
- Option: Artistic
- Option: Blue-collar

5. What adjective is used to describe cities like London and Toronto in comparison to New York in terms of affordability?

- Option: Expensive
- Option: Affordable
- Option: Exclusive
- Option: Busy

6. What adjective is used to describe a city that is resistant to housing affordability issues?

- Option: Resilient

- Option: Immune
- Option: Flexible
- Option: Vulnerable

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$274,900 2. All of the above 3. Impact of high housing prices 4. Blue-collar 5. Expensive 6. Immune

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which term refers to a specific area of economic activity?

- Option: Projection
- Option: Position
- Option: Sector
- Option: Efficiency

2. What term is used to describe a sudden and significant increase in something?

- Option: Surged
- Option: Permanent
- Option: Inclusive
- Option: Efficiency

3. What is the term for a company letting go of employees due to various reasons?

- Option: Frenzy
- Option: Declaration
- Option: Layoffs
- Option: Outperformed

4. Which term refers to something inherited from the past?

- Option: Affordable
- Option: Heritage
- Option: Media
- Option: Blend

5. What term describes something that involves the whole world?

- Option: Median
- Option: Global

Option: Immune

Option: Stoxx

6. Which term refers to the ability to accomplish something with the least waste of time and effort?

Option: Sector

Option: Flatline

Option: Efficiency

Option: Bourses

7. What term is used to describe advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty?

Option: Projection

Option: Permanent

Option: Inclusive

Option: Guidance

8. Which term describes a sudden increase in the value or level of something?

Option: Rally

Option: Yuan

Option: Scrutiny

Option: Outperformed

9. What term is used to describe something reasonably priced?

Option: Asset

Option: Blend

Option: Affordable

Option: Strengthened

10. Which term refers to a stock market index representing the European region?

Option: Stoxx

Option: Bustling

Option: Median

Option: Scrutiny

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The company presented a bright future _____ for the upcoming year.

12. Sales seemed to _____ for several months before picking up again.

13. The company aimed to expand its operations on a _____ scale.

14. The event was designed to be as _____ as possible welcoming people of all

backgrounds.

15. The partnership _____ our position in the market.

16. The city center was _____ with activity during the holiday season.

17. The _____ income of households in the area was higher than the national average.

18. The dish was a delicious _____ of flavors from different cultures.

19. After the vaccination she felt more _____ to the flu virus.

20. The new factory is considered a valuable _____ for the company.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The government issued a public announcement regarding the new policy changes.

22. The tech company its competitors in terms of market growth.

23. The Chinese currency is known as the .

24. The artist created a beautiful painting by mixing different colors in a harmonious .

25. The financial statements were under by the auditors to ensure accuracy.

26. The real estate property was listed as a valuable company .

27. The price of homes in the area was used to determine the market value.

28. The policy of ensures that everyone feels welcome and valued in the community.

29. The team's bond was after they won the championship together.

30. The limited edition product release caused a buying among customers.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Sector 2. Surged 3. Layoffs 4. Heritage 5. Global 6. Efficiency 7. Guidance 8. Rally
9. Affordable 10. Stoxx

Gap-Fill: 11. projection 12. flatline 13. global 14. inclusive 15. strengthened 16. bustling 17. median 18. blend



19. immune 20. asset

Matching sentence: 1. declaration 2. outperformed 3. yuan 4. blend 5. scrutiny 6. asset 7. median 8. inclusion
9. strengthened 10. frenzy

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