

Where Next - Topretirements

Result Details

Question 11	Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your thought process concerning moving to a new home in retirement.	Answers 517 46%	Skips 608 54%
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157,576,184	We have already bought a home in a 55+ active community in Florida.	Today, 9:40AM
157,570,395	Less expensive	Today, 7:44AM
157,563,786	We are seriously contemplating a tiny house customized just for us.	Today, 4:55AM
157,552,711	I'm looking at factors that include health care availability, volunteer opportunities, access to continuing education, taxes, what percentage of the population is over 55 & single, and how accepting the potential new community is of transplants,	Yesterday, 9:59PM
157,550,958	We have purchased a new house without stairs in a mixed community. Moving to a state where our real estate taxes are 1/10 of what we now pay plus the weather is better.	Yesterday, 8:34PM
157,545,058	Plan on selling our current home and moving into a rental in Florida for 6 months to a year. We know the general area in which we want to live and this will allow us to thoroughly research our next purchase, to ensure that it is exactly what we want, in a neighborhood in which we would want to live. We want this to be our final move.	Yesterday, 4:06PM
157,543,974	Two years prior we still have a lot to do - so cleaning out and where to go at the top concerns. We just are not sure where we want to go, but are considering visiting a lot of places and maybe staying for a few weeks or a month in the top 2 or 3 we end up choosing as possibilities. It seems overwhelming at the moment to even think about it, but we know we need to get going.	Yesterday, 3:27PM
157,532,157	<p>I had to Google "universal design homes" to be clear about what you meant. (Grab bars? Walk-in tubs?) I found this to be the most concise explanation: http://www.pbs.org/hometime/house/udesign.htm</p> <p>Universal design updates and upgrades to existing might be a good future blog topic.</p> <p>Regarding moving out of the immediate area, we are wrestling mightily with that possibility.</p> <p>Hubby & I are edging toward our mid-60s. While our health and mobility are currently excellent, we recognize that reality can change without a moment's notice. Living near our children will be crucial to our happiness and relative independence if our bodies or brains deteriorate considerably or unexpectedly.</p> <p>If we move soon, we could easily drive an hour to see them (rather than the 15 minutes it takes now). But when our driving abilities erode, how often could we realistically expect to see them? Once a month? They'll have burgeoning careers and active young families. DH and I will continue on the trajectory of increasingly lighter schedules and thus more time to commute to them than they do to us.</p> <p>On the other hand, if we don't move within the next 10 years we will likely never do so - unless it's to assisted living (not a happy thought). We've long dreamt of moving back near the ocean. If not very soon, probably never. Tough choices.</p>	Yesterday, 8:19AM
157,518,589	Would move to a smaller home which seems hard to find (1200-1300 sq ft) - everyone wants to build large home So!	Saturday, Jul 2nd 9:44PM
157,512,395	House actually being built in Durham. A half-mile (10 minute walk) to thriving downtown, a very successful performing arts center ("DPAC"), a paved 22 mile biking/walking trail, and AAA baseball (Durham Bulls in newly renovated stadium)	Saturday, Jul 2nd 4:54PM
157,506,560	Might be influenced by where kids and grandkids are	Saturday, Jul 2nd 1:27PM
157,499,649	Not interested in a retirement community (yet). Sounds too "old".	Saturday, Jul 2nd 10:32AM

157,494,970	I am in DC and MISS the ocean! I walk to work and shopping now and will purchase a car again after I relocate to FL.	Saturday, Jul 2nd 8:51AM
157,494,600	We moved to a retirement community in the same state in the northeast but, we would like to move to the southeast for warmer winters and little or no snow.	Saturday, Jul 2nd 8:41AM
157,487,144	Tax cost is a big deal, Illinois is pricing it self out of my ability to stay.	Saturday, Jul 2nd 4:35AM
157,476,045	Look for desired qualities in place and then did an assessment on overall costs. Input for you: I am single...your wording in one response of 'we' is poorly thought out.	Friday, Jul 1st 9:47PM
157,472,605	Will move to an area that has a low cost of living and is tax friendly	Friday, Jul 1st 8:13PM
157,471,947	Downsize from 3000 ft to less than 1500	Friday, Jul 1st 8:06PM
157,471,823	I'm thinking I'd like something newer, with a ground fl. MBR, with lots of closets and woodwork, something interesting...with a front porch. Somewhere I can walk and ride a bike...somewhere near good medical & airport...somewhere near the coast. Definatly, somewhere where ice is a rarity	Friday, Jul 1st 8:02PM
157,471,196	We want to live closer to friends.	Friday, Jul 1st 7:38PM
157,469,936	Wife and I have lived in same home for 38+ years. Home/environment has served us well in raising a family and maintaining life-long friendships. Northeast winters are less tolerable as time moves on; we want to maintain our friendships but winter in a warmer climate and less expensive environment. City taxes(real estate, car, water, etc) are now in excess of \$5k per year; moving South has to be a better deal financially and from a quality of life perspective. Would still plan to return to Rhode Island late spring/ summer timeframe.	Friday, Jul 1st 6:43PM
157,469,041	downsizing is a tough part as we make a plan for the future.	Friday, Jul 1st 6:27PM
157,458,460	I've been thinking about our next chapter in life for the past 3 years, and plan to keep thinking for another 2-3 years before we make the plunge. But it's not an easy decision at all.	Friday, Jul 1st 3:03PM
157,455,698	I would like not to have a mortgage	Friday, Jul 1st 2:24PM
157,455,007	Activities, near a beach, good restaurants, near airport.	Friday, Jul 1st 2:16PM
157,438,031	We are constantly looking for a community that is situated in a part of the country that enjoys all four seasons, that has good views, and good walking paths that run through nature, paths that do NOT run alongside the neighborhood's streets.	Friday, Jul 1st 11:02AM
157,433,262	Weather and economic conditions are highest on our list	Friday, Jul 1st 10:28AM
157,423,179	I have a strong desire to move to a place with mild year round sunny weather, low income taxes, fair property taxes, low crime, low population, close to open space, low pollution/no litter, conservative, adequate police/fire/EMS service, quality health care, near a military base, low light pollution, pro-second amendment.	Friday, Jul 1st 8:42AM
157,419,380	Having a VERY difficult decision finding a community in PA that is GATED and newer. GATED is important because we leave for 6 months to go to FL	Friday, Jul 1st 7:57AM
157,414,536	I have thought of living full time in my motorhome at a 55+ motorhome park.	Friday, Jul 1st 6:27AM
157,413,941	Will build a new home similar to our last two new homes, ranch with a lower level, with very little maintenance. Largest decision will be location. Shopping, medical and road cycling on light traffic roads will be factors.	Friday, Jul 1st 6:12AM

157,401,885	Do your research. Thanks to what I read in TopRetirements.com about 5 years ago, we found our Paradise. I saw something about Green Valley, AZ. I started researching it and the more I read, the more I liked the sound of it. We also checked our various places in Florida, Texas, New Mexico, and Nevada. After researching and reading for 3 years, we finally came to spend a week in Green Valley. Each day we were here, we were more and more sure this was the ideal place for us. We moved to Green Valley a year ago, and absolutely love it. Thank you TopRetirements.com for bringing it to my attention.	Friday, Jul 1st 1:32AM
157,395,457	Family has us retiring in place for now. If our responsibilities change, we may move.	Thursday, Jun 30th 10:56PM
157,393,781	Leaning towards renting versus buying. Would prefer to give the money to our children, once we sell our home, versus the Nursing Home.	Thursday, Jun 30th 10:21PM
157,393,771	Leaning towards renting versus buying. Would prefer to give the money to our children, once we sell our home, versus the Nursing Home.	Thursday, Jun 30th 10:15PM
157,393,045	First time I picked where to live instead of work making the choice for me.	Thursday, Jun 30th 10:00PM
157,392,806	Do not want to live in a community where there are many rules as to how I design my property....too many horror stories about senior communities /HOA restrictions.	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:52PM
157,392,553	After moving around the country with the military and civil service jobs, I may stay close to family no matter how expensive the living is here in California.	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:49PM
157,392,200	get with someone who can help modify home, if needed, to assist with aging	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:39PM
157,389,649	I want something with a little land, minimum 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, trees, a Bible teaching Church nearby. I take vacations in some of the areas I am considering and spend a lot of time on the internet!	Thursday, Jun 30th 8:41PM
157,387,970	The right community - active & friendly	Thursday, Jun 30th 8:11PM
157,383,980	With all the information about retirement locations I find it to be hard to up and move to any particular locale.	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:00PM
157,382,328	Difficult to settle on a location. Plan to rent for a year to be sure the city / town will work before buying a house. Do not want to move twice. Naturally, the most difficult task will be getting rid of all the stuff we no longer use but still see a perceived value. Hard to give away. Hard to sell. Finally, hard to get spouse to agree on best way to handle the two above tasks	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:33PM
157,381,473	It would be great to have all the the physical activities in close proximity to where you live.	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:15PM
157,381,459	It would be great to have all the the physical activities in close proximity to where you live.	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:06PM
157,379,800	It's too expensive in nj to live	Thursday, Jun 30th 5:38PM
157,378,298	We plan to visit the areas we may want to retire to first. Once an area has been identified, we will likely rent for a year prior to selling our CA home.A recent trip to GA and SC rules out those states for us. The people were lovely but the heat and humidity were horrible. We need/want accessible medical care within an hour of an international airport as our family is everywhere within 30 minutes or less of a nice ocean beach by car low cost	Thursday, Jun 30th 5:01PM

157,377,831	I answered this in terms of the first stage of my retirement. I could become a renter during later years.	Thursday, Jun 30th 4:49PM
157,375,599	The thought of moving half-way across the country is intimidating, but we will no longer be able to afford the property taxes here in TX on social security income.	Thursday, Jun 30th 3:58PM
157,375,232	no	Thursday, Jun 30th 3:58PM
157,374,900	Site is in between 2 children. One 300 miles away/other 600 miles away opposed to previous distances of 2000/1500 miles respectively. Weather in new place much more desirable. Hotter but drier. Scenery better. Food better. Drivers worse. Apartment living in retirement tougher to get used to compared to owning home.	Thursday, Jun 30th 3:47PM
157,371,584	I want to be within driving distance of all of the beauty, history and culture that exist in the eastern part of the country.	Thursday, Jun 30th 2:39PM
157,371,401	Current location is low cost with adequate amenities nearby and home is paid for and fairly well setup for aging in place. Also, many friends and some family nearby, although grandkids are 500 miles away. Don't plan to move but anything is possible.	Thursday, Jun 30th 2:36PM
157,368,906	Some place peaceful and good sunsets	Thursday, Jun 30th 1:50PM
157,368,355	Looking for new experiences. Smaller town.	Thursday, Jun 30th 1:38PM
157,365,713	It would have to be in an area where I can obtain reasonable healthcare, not a lot of government taxes, reasonable fuel costs, and have some free entertainment like good libraries, parks, and good infrastructure by the County and State in order for me to be able to live there.	Thursday, Jun 30th 12:56PM
157,365,053	Looking to move to an active 55+ community to avoid isolation.	Thursday, Jun 30th 12:55PM
157,364,262	I want to live in a state that is more progressive in it's offerings for the elderly. I am healthy, mobile, travel a lot, but in 15-20 years I need to be settled into my new location for aging in place. Louisiana is not such a place. I was born in	Thursday, Jun 30th 12:37PM
157,362,792	Can't wait to get out of CA!	Thursday, Jun 30th 12:13PM
157,362,083	lower taxes, beachside community, tourism, location near medical and entertainment	Thursday, Jun 30th 11:59AM
157,361,579	No	Thursday, Jun 30th 11:55AM
157,360,090	A community where, seniors are not RUSHED around & respected!!	Thursday, Jun 30th 11:14AM
157,359,148	Moved to Utah. Turned out to be big mistake. Left returned to Cali. Money isn't every thing	Thursday, Jun 30th 11:15AM
157,359,029	To be near our daughter.	Thursday, Jun 30th 11:13AM
157,358,421	desire warmer weather without being in the desert	Thursday, Jun 30th 11:04AM
157,354,355	We are looking into renting in the location we presently live and owning a home in a more tax friendly state.	Thursday, Jun 30th 10:02AM
157,353,883	like the idea of a 55+ community with extra layer of security and people our own age and plenty of activities.	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:56AM
157,352,813	By late 70s or 80ish, plan to move closer to urban setting.	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:41AM

157,351,062	One of the reasons for downsizing and moving from Indiana is we were tired of IN winters. We had a condo in SW FL so were familiar with the area. We seriously considered a main residence in the mountain west but FL offered many more months of comfortable outdoor weather. So we bought a house in SW FL and sold the condo.	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:03AM
157,350,966	live near shore in South Jersey but would move if state doesn't change its estate taxes	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:13AM
157,350,014	I moved to a 55+ community in Denver because it was affordable for me and because of the services and amenities it offered, especially for a single person who is an introvert.	Thursday, Jun 30th 9:01AM
157,347,890	Looking for something with less winter and very affordable.	Thursday, Jun 30th 8:35AM
157,345,476	We want to stay close to our adult children, but on a fixed income we must leave New York.	Thursday, Jun 30th 8:10AM
157,345,166	Its hard to find a home for a single person that isn't a single family house with a lot of square feet. Townhomes/condos far and few between in most of the area I currently live in.	Thursday, Jun 30th 8:06AM
157,344,171	Looking for a State that has a low cost of living, good medical facilities, not a large city rather have rural settings not far or on water, easy access to shopping etc.	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:48AM
157,342,803	The main reason for moving is financial. The second reason is to be closer to family.	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:33AM
157,342,112	<p>It appears that retirement communities here in Jacksonville, FL are geared more to the 80 to 90 year old range. I have been told that at 69 years old, I am too young to move into these communities. I also find that as a female African American, I would be the only black person in these communities.</p> <p>I have seen articles on "niche" communities for artists, equestrians, Indian (Asian), lesbians, etc, not on communities for African Americans. Are there such communities?</p>	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:21AM
157,341,569	We would like to see more information on smaller towns. 5,000 - 10,000 as opposed to the mega cities.	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:08AM
157,341,527	Grew up on the coast and re-settling on the coast (not the same place though) for retirement.	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:16AM
157,341,369	Want to get closer to kids.	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:13AM
157,341,268	Costs of moving to a new home in another state is a major factor as the housing would be more expensive and the cost of moving belongings. Also, change is harder as you get older especially when you've lived most of your adult life in one state/area (Southeast).	Thursday, Jun 30th 7:08AM
157,340,502	Excellent health care and living in a vibrant community are necessary.	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:58AM
157,340,117	Cost of living and closer proximity to family were the main drivers	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:49AM
157,339,709	We are looking for a lake house with no manicured lawn to maintain, but a great view of the water.	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:34AM
157,338,026	Current home is quiet, very pleasant and low cost. Poor access to medical care, shopping, and social activities.	Thursday, Jun 30th 5:59AM
157,337,980	It won't be conventional. We will be snowbirds	Thursday, Jun 30th 6:00AM
157,337,305	For us, the greatest determining factors are climate and proximity to friends and family.	Thursday, Jun 30th 5:40AM
157,334,801	Going to move to a 55+ community with quality medical care nearby.	Thursday, Jun 30th 4:35AM

157,328,982	I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LIVING 1/2 YR IN A WARM CLIMATE (WINTER), THE OTHER 1/2 YR IN A COOLER CLIMATE (SUMMER)	Thursday, Jun 30th 2:08AM
157,325,931	Want multiple stories, so an elevator or lift may be part of design features. We're in excellent health, so that shouldn't be an issue for about 20 years.	Thursday, Jun 30th 12:36AM
157,325,146	Low property taxes. No or low state income tax. Excellent medical facilities nearby. Safe community with low crime rate. Low maintenance home and yard.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:50PM
157,324,131	I Live in an expensive area and I think my current home is my cheapest option for staying in this area.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:34PM
157,323,988	A new locale has to be outdoor friendly (biking, hiking, kayaking, swimming) entertainment friendly preferably very close to college campus for concert & theater activities), tax friendly & decent health care!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:26PM
157,323,612	The cost of housing and medical care for retirement years are the most important issues. People don't want to think about needing specialists! Climate is next; I wouldn't live in the Midwest, deep South, or Southwestern states due to the weather hazards (especially tornadoes, extreme heat, and flooding). Since I know there is climate change just from the places I've lived, what does one do when your house or rental is wiped-away? We aren't young and hypothetically healthy in later years, so having a college town and activities for the younger crowd means nothing. If one is intelligent and the mind is active, there are many things to do or create for participation in groups: the theatre, any artistic endeavor, or starting a small home business. Moving to a new home involves thinking about one's future, not what is a current lifestyle.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:32PM
157,323,279	Again, don't know what "universal design" means. We chose Pueblo, Colorado, for three reasons: 1) Inexpensive, especially re: housing. 2) Climate. (Mild four-season) 3) Proximity to family. (But not in the same city) Have been retired for 1.5 years. Enjoying new home, community, and climate.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:00PM
157,321,240	It would be nice to find out about single living in retirement. Where are good places that would be easy to meet other singles. Also, I rarely see active communities that have rentals. I would prefer not to have the all responsibilities of ownership.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:58PM
157,321,193	Probably have to move to find something more affordable, and downsize.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:02PM
157,320,701	It's hard to think about starting over to build friendships after living 30 years in one place.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:48PM
157,320,253	Want good location. Places easy to walk to. Low maintainable on outside. Low crime rate. Affordable!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:34PM
157,320,036	Looking for a gated community so I don't have to mow the grass	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:30PM
157,318,619	Single 63 starting new life	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:54PM
157,318,081	Need a more temperate climate than Michigan - in the southern half of the U.S. Want a single-story house with open floor plan in an active-adult community.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:41PM
157,317,936	may not move due to relatives being nearby where we live now. Also, unsure where our kids will settle as permanent site.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:43PM
157,317,715	I can hardly wait to get out of Southern California. It's smoggy, congested, high cost of living, utility rates (I.e. Electric) are very high and ever increasing and the summers are too hot. I would very much like to move to Prescott, Az as soon as I am able	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:28PM

157,317,702	Although this is not a 55 over community, there are many that have relocated here.I have enjoyed meeting people from all over the country.Conway, SC is a delightful small town with great shops,dining,and festivals. In 30 minutes we can be in Myrtle Beach for more fun.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:25PM
157,317,692	Done it!!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:32PM
157,317,318	As we are new Grandparents to twins, we are torn between location, being near the kids, and somewhere nice that can be left to the kids after we pass.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:26PM
157,315,410	Warm weather and lower real estate taxes	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:41PM
157,315,362	Low HOA fees, single story home with gated entrance.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:44PM
157,315,081	Staying in home in New York state. Also own a manufactured home in a park in Florida. Spend 3 to 4 winter months there.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:34PM
157,314,700	n/a	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:27PM
157,314,277	Michigan changed it's tax laws after I moved. Want to avoid something similar.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:12PM
157,314,169	Need to move to a place that does not have highly monthly fees, including water and electric and maintenance. It is one thing to afford to buy a place but the monthly fees never go down so they have to be affordable to start.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:12PM
157,314,160	We have become fulltime snowbirds. NY Catskills spring through fall Florida Gulf Coast in Winter.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:08PM
157,314,117	No	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:11PM
157,314,112	Will consider outside country but have a retirement benefit with 9 years health care but must be inside US.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:10PM
157,314,073	climate, taxes, jobs, walking community, available Amtrak station	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:08PM
157,314,016	Currently living in RV traveling North America.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:09PM
157,313,927	Moving near family.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:06PM
157,313,881	Yes, this survey is asking me about my primary home which I will own and it will be in Michigan. I was hoping the survey would direct me to suggestions for where I want to spend 4 - 6 months of the year. Probably Florida, but maybe elsewhere. There did not seem to be any questions related to a second home.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:04PM
157,313,846	Been lifelong residents of Illinois; don't want to leave state but current state real estate taxes/state budget problems make it unattainable to stay here on a fixed income in retirement.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 7:02PM
157,313,801	Weather, healthcare, taxes, cost of living drive my location. Single level, low maintainence, energy efficiency push my home selection.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:59PM
157,313,535	I would like to downsize, and probably move out of Illinois. But I would not know where to move to. SE, SW, NE, ??? Active ret. comm. in Florida seem appealing during Illinois winters, but I don't think that I would care to live in Florida 12 months a year -but, I never tried. Also, skin cancer is a mild concern.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:52PM
157,313,012	hope to make my retirement savings last longer in a lower COL state and make new friends in an over 55 community.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:36PM
157,312,946	It's a bit overwhelming to think about retiring and moving at the same time. Big steps!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:36PM

157,312,687	Have to sell current home and buy a new one. Going to be difficult since we live in AZ and looking at the Pacific NW.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:29PM
157,312,511	One story great backyard n patio	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:26PM
157,312,493	Cost of the move itself can be a big factor; global warming seems to be affecting climates in the areas we're considering--unpredictable results	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:19PM
157,312,492	I moved from Vancouver WA, which is across the Columbia River from Portland OR, to White County TN in Feb 2015. The cost of living in the Pacific NW was high and was affecting the quality of retirement I wanted for myself and medically challenged adult son. I bought reasonably priced house and acreage that would have easily cost over \$750,000.00 in WA or more. Utilities are cheaper. GAS is definitely more affordable so more driving trips. For me, the heat and humidity has definitely had a positive effect on my aches and pains. I don't have them anymore and being very active on my property I'm in the best shape of my life and in excellent health.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:16PM
157,312,352	Thought process: clean air, not too hot in summer, good medical, small community, good walking, avoid taxes on retiree's income (social security and CA state pension).	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:20PM
157,312,079	I am thinking of moving to a retirement community with activities for my age group.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:14PM
157,311,920	Our state pension is taxed here but not next door plus we like the adventure of moving to a small town and closer to where our family has moved to;kids and grandparents all moved north.So we plan on renting in the south for a month or so.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:05PM
157,311,810	It is unfortunate that I feel I will HAVE to move once retired due to the cost of living here in New Jersey. I really like the state and the shore area where we live. But my retirement funding will not support us here.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:09PM
157,311,368	I would like to be able to go outdoors in the Winter and be somewhat comfortable.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:37PM
157,310,336	I want to travel for a while before figuring out where to live permanently. I plan to rent in various locations that would be good for retirement overseas, and in Kentucky. I know how awesome Colorado is, and may come back here, in the end.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:52PM
157,309,944	We are taking into consideration : 1. Cost of living 2. Quality of local Health Care facilities 3. Less congestion of people, stores, cars, where City Planning is still important. 4.Climate Change effects 5.Less sales taxes	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:39PM
157,309,461	Want to eliminate most of the snow and weather below 40 degrees.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:34PM
157,309,404		Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:33PM
157,309,250	We have lived in CA all of our lives. Now we can't wait to get out of CA. The cost of everything; housing, food, gasoline, taxes, etc., are constantly going up. Prop. 13 put limits on how much property taxes could be raised, but there is an ongoing effort to gut it. In time it will be weakened even more than it already has been. Services that in the past were	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:28PM
157,309,071	Still undecided as to where. We've lived here all of our lives, and vacationed in Florida from 2-4 weeks every year. Love the weather, even with the summer heat and humidity. Love being able to get fresh produce all throughout the year, and the many biking, kayaking, fishing and beach opportunities. Love pretty much everything about Florida.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:21PM

157,308,826	Biggest decision - leaving State that Son lives in	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:18PM
157,308,499	We want a lower cost of living, lower property taxes and lower crime.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 5:11PM
157,308,098	We have a new Class C Motorhome and we are considering purchasing a land in one or two locations that we really like and setting up that with a pad, septic, and electric for the motor home. Not sure if that is a good idea. I am retired Military and also retired Civil Service so being near a military base seems like a good idea. Medical also is important so we don't want to be too far away from a city that has excellent medical. When I took my current job a contractor in the middle east we were living on a small farm near Pulaski, TN. It was too rural for us and to much work form my age so we sold it and moved to Cape Canaveral Florida. We have not been especially happy there because of Snow Bird attitudes, the Medical Services, and the heat. Still trying to figure out a plan for the future.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:47PM
157,307,850	It is less expensive to cool house than to heat house. Just feel better (arthritis) in warmer weather. Want to be outside year round. If we can't afford to do the things we want to do, I would rather live in warmer temps and be able to get outside year round and do things for free: walk, bike, volunteer without cold/snow issues.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:48PM
157,307,587	The job has made us relocate many times over the past 35 years, so part of retiring will be to go back "home", where we're longing to be!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:51PM
157,307,547	My wife and I will not be retired at the same time. She also wants to be near the kids.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:50PM
157,306,837	Snowbird to Florida Deerfield beach	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:40PM
157,306,503	Would like an upscale area with good weather and low taxes.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:30PM
157,306,347	Miss four season climate and don't care for Florida's oppressive Summers that last for six months	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:30PM
157,305,317	Need to be in an area culturally and age wise appropriate to where you came from. Major differences in attitudes between East and West coast. Those from west coast would not find Florida well suited to there needs cultural, climate,	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:09PM
157,305,225	I had mulled over moving out of state or even out of country for many years; in the long run, what I want in other cities, I already have and enjoy in Columbus, Ohio. Never on my "where I'd like to live" radar, I ended up here quite by accident and it is truly an amazing area; healthcare options on par with HUGE cities; culture, outdoor opportunities, reasonable cost of living, easy access to other parts of the country either by road or air, and good-hearted people.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:09PM
157,305,221	Activies	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:12PM
157,305,154	My husband was laid off from his job at the age of 57. Although he wasn't ready to retire, we took this opportunity to only look for new jobs in the state where we wanted to retire - Florida. Fortunately he got a job offer in Tallahassee, and we moved from Ohio to Florida. We're not sure if we want to stay in Tallahassee once we retire, but being in Florida allows us to easily travel to other cities in the state in hopes of finding the perfect place!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:56PM
157,304,833	All the renovations I've done is to lower energy costs or safety measures for older age. Support system is more impart ant to me than climate, etc.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:03PM
157,304,546	Milder Winters, Beach	Wednesday, Jun 29th 4:02PM
157,304,344	Nj taxes too high. Moving to Delaw are where property taxes are lower. Other tax advantages within state. Lower auto insurance also.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:57PM
157,304,217	We visited NC before retiring here and enjoyed the warm weather, but lately it seems to be getting hotter. I think we now need to find a location where it doesn't get warmer than 80 or colder than 50. Any suggestions?	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:42PM

157,303,636	<p>We wrote a list of priorities. Mile high view as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where could we maintain our active lifestyle which included fishing, hiking, golf, kayaking, motorcycle riding and the list goes on without driving hours to start the activity. 2. Housing, what could we afford after selling current property and paying cash for the new property. 3. Cost of living - Utilities, insurance, transportation, entertainment and so forth. 4. Taxes - compared property taxes, state income taxes, sales tax, car registrations. 5. Medical services (availability) <p>We did a considerable amount of research and visited numerous areas before making the final decision. One year later and absolutely no regrets.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:34PM
157,303,606	Better weather and closer to the beach were also considerations.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:41PM
157,303,563	<p>We full-time RV'd for 10 years when we first retired and found several places we really liked but came back to Florida for awhile. I have been working part time and am now getting ready to completely retire (my wife says "yeah right!") and we are seriously thinking about Bowling Green KY. We spent several months there while RVing and loved the area and think we would enjoy retirement there. We will be visiting a couple times more before we finalize though.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:36PM
157,303,233	It's HUGE. Feels like the biggest decision we've ever faced. We research endlessly. Making a mistake at this stage of life does not leave much room/time to recover. Older friends have counseled that the right option will eventually present itself. It better happen soon or we will end up staying put by default!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:35PM
157,303,228	Must be cost effective	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:39PM
157,303,096	I am very excited about making a major change, I feel like opportunities for travel etc., are opening up for me.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:38PM
157,303,068	Deciding factors included not only weather but cost of living.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:37PM
157,303,048	Worst mistake ever made. I want to go back home to a familiar place.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:40PM
157,303,046	Worst mistake ever made. I want to go back home to a familiar place.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:36PM
157,302,720	we are still looking at several possible locations	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:32PM
157,302,575	Moving back to our hometown in Wisconsin and will spend our winters in the South, maybe Florida or Arizona. Will rent in the beginning to make a better long term decision.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:28PM
157,302,534	The grandchildren are in very expensive coastal California.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:28PM
157,302,175	Want to live in a moderate climate in the south.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:22PM
157,301,831	Most concerned about cost of living.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:11PM
157,301,651	No	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:13PM
157,301,456	We would like a little more land (1+ acre) and a lot less house. Somewhere with trees and where we can't hear our neighbor blow her nose every morning (a problem with tract housing).	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:05PM
157,301,417	Currently visiting numerous potential locals around the country, so far Idaho, (northern) Arizona, Colorado and (northern) NM.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 3:08PM
157,300,447	Escaped the Northeast to a state where we could afford to eat AND enjoy our retirement.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:55PM
157,300,114	Since southeast CA is more affordable than where I live now (Silicon Valley) I can use the equity in my home at sale and pay cash for a brand new home. I am also going bigger in sq feet so my kids families can visit me and have more space than I do now.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:48PM

	<p>Medical access. I receive an IVIG infusion every 4 weeks and my wife visits a retina specialist monthly for an injection in her eyeball. These require relatively sophisticated care only available near larger metropolitan areas.</p>	
157,300,064	<p>Smaller town with hospital within 50 miles of city. We have picked Austin as the city and the west side puts us into the Texas Hill Country.</p> <p>Whether we land in Marble Falls, Llano, or some other location is still to be determined since we are still in process of repairing flood damage from the April floods in Houston.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:36PM
157,299,959	<p>We currently spend the winter in Baltimore and wish to move to a less urban area in a warmer location. We spend June through mid-October in Maine and are comfortable with a 2 location retirement for the foreseeable future unless health needs dictate a change.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:44PM
157,299,958	<p>We are not sure about the leaving the family behind. (Children and grand children)</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:38PM
157,299,725	<p>Income, Sales tax, property taxes. 4 seasons keep within 100 miles of relatives probably not 55+ as homes are too close. Wooded and perhaps a water view is important Love to have a new home - manufactured or stick built. While moving is expensive, it gives us a very good reason to give our things to charity and downsize both in sq.ft. and in usage of rooms. Probably not a home >10 years old. Want to minimize maintenance costs in the beginning. Want to make sure our pension and social security will be sufficient to put money aside for home repairs. Don't want to eat into savings for home costs.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:40PM
157,299,681	<p>Looking for a warmer climate at an active 55 and older community.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:43PM
157,299,533	<p>Climate is everything to me. I hate het and humidity so that eliminates the East, Southeast, and the Midwest. I will stay on the west coast. Where - not sure yet but most likely the Northwest.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:36PM
157,299,266	<p>Expecting to rent indefinitely, as home prices in my desired region are atmospheric. But, that's O.K.--I've had 30+ years of home ownership and am now eager to embrace a lifestyle of maximum simplicity and freedom to move about, if I so choose.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:33PM
157,299,258	<p>We need more retirement friendly housing. I'm not a big fan of retirement communities. A nice slab on grade house with three bedrooms, you have to allow for guests, with easy access, not a lot of steps and an HOA to handle all your outside chores. There are a few here in Omaha, but not many</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:33PM
157,299,144	<p>I am 3 years away from retirement and still working. We are looking at places to move. And we are trying to decide what we need and want in retirement. We have looked at some of the southeast states and we like Florida. But we also like the northwest, but have not really experienced weather. So your magazine that I have just started reading and all these articles are a big help in the decision process.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:17PM
157,299,042	<p>Mild climate is important, however lack of potential natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, flooding, and wild fires are of critical importance. These issues will be influential along with financial considerations such as home owner's insurance, property/income tax, proximity to amenities, and other issues to be realized during preliminary visits to potential locations.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:28PM
157,299,038	<p>None</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:33PM
157,298,957	<p>We look forward to living away from Silicone Valley - moving will allow more cash flow to pursue travel interests versus just affording to live in expensive area. Will be able to buy much nice home with low yard needs and have money to travel while we are still healthy enough to enjoy it! Also better pace with less crowded areas.</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:25PM
157,298,807	<p>Weather</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:30PM
157,298,315	<p>Down sizing household items to reduce the moving cost</p>	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:23PM

157,298,163	We were sure we would leave Michigan as soon as we retired. My advice is to move before the grandchildren are born!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:19PM
157,297,829	We like to retire in North Carolina because it's much cheaper than living here in the Northeast.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:11PM
157,297,543	Plan to move to a CCRC	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:11PM
157,297,222	Staying close enough to be a part of our grandchildren's lives is important. They are still very young and we want them to know us. Having a summer (or winter) home would be nice, so the whole family could benefit from a few vacations.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:03PM
157,297,189	My 48 year old daughter lives in the same city (Albuquerque) as I do at this time. If she relocates somewhere else, I would probably move to where ever state/city she is living. However, she does know I don't like cold and snowy weather, so I may have to change my mind about moving if the new location is wrong for me.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 2:00PM
157,297,149	moving costs more than one would think and the NET it has to be a positive for us - money and comfort wise. We have been in this house for almost 40 years.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:44PM
157,296,572	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One story house. 2) Maintained yard, low maintenance. 3) Area with lots of activities and socialization. 4) Need long bicycle paths. 5) Warm winters. 	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:45PM
157,296,559	a very confusing process!!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:57PM
157,296,514	I am looking for winter escapes to warm climates, a month or less	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:56PM
157,296,452	I think it's more difficult when you are single. My husband and I were planning to move after we retired, but then he fell ill and passed away last year. I'm still considering moving but need to think about having to take care of everything myself. A move would take me across the country and far away from family.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:46PM
157,296,350	Do not want children running all over - parents do not supervise so must be 55+ community need a pet friendly community	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:55PM
157,296,297	The decision making is very confusing, lots of choices but, no perfect options. Definitely a case of weighing trade-offs particularly as I am a single woman, who wants an extremely active outdoor lifestyle, while having access to some urban amenities and a medium sized Jewish community. I also want high walkability scores, but, not a large city.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:49PM
157,295,641	I like change and breaking routines, thus a move would challenge us to learn again, meet new people, and grow stronger together for survival.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:41PM
157,295,373	Funny thing is, I'm in Florida, since I turned 50. It's gotten so much more crowded and the humidity wears on you. I'm anxious to exit and leave all the traffic behind, just can't figure out where yet!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:39PM
157,295,351	We're not ready to live in a "safe deposit box." We need a yard and house to enjoy maintaining, no shared walls, plenty of opportunities for fun (waterfront). We need to move out of our Lake County, Illinois economy into the more favorable Florida economy.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:38PM
157,295,281	I am looking for a place that is not too small, around 75,000 to 150,000. Good transportation (I can't drive any more. Hurry Google cars) Good medical care. (Just in case LOL) It's Goldie Locks situationsome place not too hot, not too cold and not too humid. Oh yeah and ofcourse not too expensive! Sorry California! I think anyone on social security only, needs to consider finding a place that they can afford to buy their house out right. If you know where my place is let me know. LOL	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:20AM
157,295,254	Main concern is finding a social atmosphere to enjoy	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:36PM
157,295,059	hope i can pull it off. doing your own relocation at 73 ain't the easiest thing to pull off.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:35PM

157,294,928	Escaping high taxes and a government that infringes on my rights and freedom in California. As a high-wage earner I will have a retirement income that would allow me to stay here but I REFUSE to stay in a state that puts the "welfare" of lazy and indigent people (citizens and non-citizens) before the working class. Moving will save me about \$17k per year.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:31PM
157,294,569	I want to be near, same city or town, as my kids.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:26PM
157,294,107	New home must be in a tax friendly state with mild winters. Also, our new home must be less than \$320k. Activities and cultural events are necessarv.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:20PM
157,294,015	Population too high for me. Weather is getting hotter. Taxes too high	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:22PM
157,293,829	Must have access to good medical facilities and an active lifestyle (sports, square dancing, etc.)	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:19PM
157,293,626	Had enough in Illinois	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:19PM
157,293,074	Seeking warm sunny weather and affordable living in friendly area.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:13PM
157,292,933	Need to move to area with reduced taxes, property and income!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:10PM
157,292,882	Lake Front Living a priority,within 100+ miles of an active military installation.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:08PM
157,292,778	We left the high taxes, traffic, poor air quality and nanny-centered political environment of Cali to move to the PNW. We spent six years vacationing in various areas of the PNW researching potential retirement locations. We settled in portion or western washington with moderate climate due to marine influence and little snow, 24" of rain per year. We left family and kids in California as it is not practical to foresee where kids might move for jobs. Most of family and friends from Cali have been up to visit us and escape oppressive heat of central and southern Cali-some have decide to move here. We enjoy the wildlife and nautral beauty of this area and do not desire a senior center or shopping or theaters for entertainment. We did spend two months in the winter here before deciding to move just to make sure the winters were not to harsh to handle.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:43PM
157,292,776	Moved from Ireland to Canada 2 years there in the wilderness. Moved to present location Madison Wi. here 25 years. Nice state cost of living expensive, and do not want to live and die in Madison whose culture is the exact opposite of mine!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:09PM
157,292,751	Our new retirement home is an RV & we travel through out the US so some of the questions do not directly apply.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:11PM
157,292,560	I would certainly check out or visit several times and include research prior to moving. Had the situation before of being told I had a job, moved and was replaced. Since I was not familiar what was all available, I had to come back. This time, I will not only have a primary job or goal when moving, but back up as well.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:05PM
157,292,509	We purchased the home as a second home while working and used it on weekends. the purchase was about 10 years prior to retirement.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:07PM
157,292,504	ILLINOIS SUCKS !	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:04PM
157,292,080	Getting out of a high property tax state, to a lower one	Wednesday, Jun 29th 1:01PM
157,292,018	We feel the need to be within easy driving distance, to a major airport, to make it easier on family to visit.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:58PM
157,291,988	My passion is animal rescue and I want to move to be near my favorite rescue organization; I also need to be concerned about an age-appropriate housing. This means no communities that prohibit privacy fences (for protection of my dogs from coyotes), communities with 3-dog limits (I want at least 3 of my own and also want to foster), and no houses that are more than one story or require going downstairs to a basement to get to the backyard. This likely means no active adult communities, and it makes it hard to find a house in the area of Colorado in which I'm interested (they all have basements and main-level decks). Unless I move back to SoCal, I will know no-one. So I would like an active adult community but cannot live with the restrictions.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:54PM

157,291,913	It's a difficult balance with a different answer for everyone. For us, it was overall tax environment, severity of winter, historical / cultural / volunteer opportunities and some reasonable driving proximity to family.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:58PM
157,291,506	At this point in life, all of these decisions are the result of budget the money available in retirement to the best possible advantage.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:33PM
157,291,283	Future retirees need to do their research. We loved the Gulf Coast of Florida (Venice) so we purchased a villa about 10 years ago. We continually went there for vacations, learned more about the area, made friends, etc. We subsequently sold our villa and built a home for retirement. The mistake some retirees make is to go somewhere for vacation once or twice and decide that is where they want to live out their golden years. They sell everything and move to the state where they vacationed a few times and find that living there full time isn't what they expected. You really have to do what we did - frequently visiting the same area to determine it is the right place for retirement. Renting is a good option if you aren't sure. Also, don't make the mistake of trying to buy something substantial after you retire if you don't have cash from the sale of your home or a good down payment. Getting a mortgage isn't always easy if you are on a fixed income and don't have a substantial down payment.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:16PM
157,290,983	If you enjoy living in a big city do not move to Albuquerque, NM. It has a small town mentality; which is fine if that's what you like. I didn't realize that I was a big city girl until I move here in March 2014. Now I cannot afford to move back to Ohio or anywhere else.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:42PM
157,290,845	The above questions do not envision full time RVing, which we plan to do for a while before permanently moving to a new state. We may plant ourselves for a few months in Asheville, NC to allow time to get our affairs and logistics in order before going full time RVing. We'd probably pay cash for a house and then rent it out after we leave.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:40PM
157,290,808	Looking at tiny homes as a vacation home option	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:44PM
157,290,513	No more family where we are	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:39PM
157,290,463	A lot depends on where my daughters end up. Will wait to see.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:37PM
157,290,436	We would love to rent before we buy but with 3 large dogs it probably won't be possible.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:39PM
157,290,342	We knew where we wanted but also figured it to be an investment toward a more refined choice. As it turns out we are laughing all the way to the bank as values skyrocket here. Leaving was part of the "future" plan. Has been a wise investment versus stock market lately.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:33PM
157,290,120	To travel the western United States	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:34PM
157,289,809	We moved from a high cost townhouse in Houston, Texas to a low cost custom built home in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas in an active adult community. We found an age appropriate active community which was high on our list of priorities.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:26PM
157,289,091	We are moving out of Illinois, which has the highest level of property taxes in the USA. The debt in Illinois is overwhelming and cannot subside unless our taxes are raised a lot.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:20PM
157,289,084	This may be one of the hardest things you've ever done. Make a plan (use a pencil with a good eraser if you prefer old school) or a computer. No matter, your plan will change. Make a list of priorities; be sure you start at the top and work your way down. This might change too, but it's important if for no other reason that you have something tangible to look at that you don't have to remember. Who, what, when, where, why and how? The fourth option in the list is the first difficult choice. Ignore "why." Why not? And then comes "how." Don't allow yourself to be rushed. This is not a race. It's more of a minefield so plod slowly through it. If circumstances catch up with you before you are really ready, do something temporary until you are comfortable with your plan. Consider getting a small RV and traveling for as long as you want to, while you still can. That will allow more time to remain fluid until you really know the where and how for your situation. Or find a short term rental that you can use as a base of operations. Follow your gut, it really works. For example, my gut starts vibrating when I even think about a place on the Chesapeake Bay or a river, a lake or anything on any kind of water. I'm pretty sure the vibrating means "are you drunk, or stupid, or both." I'm pretty sure that means no. Remember, retirement should be about freedom and flexibility to do what you want to do. Just be smart about it.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:49AM
157,289,054	eager for a change, once both of us are retired	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:20PM

157,288,933	Have lived in Kansas the majority of my life, with the exception of 3 1/2 years in Colorado, and 2 years in Texas. Have always liked the Ozarks of SW Missouri and NE Arkansas, but they are becoming overcrowded with retirees and Walmartians. May opt for either west/central Missouri or north/central Oklahoma. These areas do not have the Ozark landscape I was hoping for, but they won't have the crowds and traffic either. Those are two of the things that I most want to get away from in my retirement. To each his own, but I like a little space between my neighbors and their septic tank, if you know what I mean.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:09PM
157,288,888	To many of the advertising and new over 55 communities are way too high end!!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:15PM
157,288,871	Going to Asheville to the Ramble. House is under construction.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:18PM
157,288,841	Proximity to family was a major factor (and we are originally from the area)	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:18PM
157,288,709	I plan to move to be near my children. I am not sure where yet since they have not settled into one area. It might be Phoenix area or Washington state or ? Time will tell before I can start planning where and how I'm going to retire. I do	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:11PM
157,288,462	I'm a US citizen living long-term in Canada and expect to move back to the states for retirement to be closer to family. Hoping to find most of the amenities I currently have in Calgary (a city of 1.3 million) but smaller and less congested. And walkable with good transit.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:13PM
157,288,071	move to an area where re-sale is a great possibility if ownership is too much to continue.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:07PM
157,287,956	Yes. Crime rate, cost of living, and climate are very important.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:06PM
157,287,790	We hope to move closer to friends and family.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:03PM
157,287,755	Looking for a healthy fit population, most likely an urban location with tax breaks and shorter Winters.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 12:00PM
157,287,567	Do your homework. I was researching and had reached the point I wanted to visit areas and communities. My husband hadn't thought about it all. He was impressed with the over-55 community and because interest rates were low we purchased even though he wasn't ready to retire. I think we should have looked more and considered delaying until we could consider areas further away from his work.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:57AM
157,287,534	I'm in a quandry really. I own the condo where I live now, with low common charges, 1-floor living, low taxes. Not in debt. BUT: there are steps to get from parking lot to my front door. No garage. Getting tired of all the increasing traffic (particularly I95). Would like a smaller community (20,000 to 35,000?). Would like more nature (country living). But I'm wondering if I move, will living expenses be higher? (taxes, etc.). I need to research, research, research towns in New England. Ideally, I'd like to live a few towns for at least a year to "try them out" - and then (magically, of course) just "know" the right one.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:53AM
157,287,441	I am unsure about many things, since most of my children & grand children live within the area.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:55AM
157,287,419	We live in NJ an hour and a half by train to NYC. Our daughter currently lives in Brooklyn. We would probably stay close to her (even though the weather is not ideal) but it is so expensive. So we are looking to move within a day's drive to NYC where it's less expensive, and warmer. We like the Raleigh Durham area because of the college environment and the Research Triangle and the quality of healthcare. there is a lot going on there!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:53AM
157,287,351	Making and keeping friends?	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:48AM
157,287,151	We are just doing lots of homework and visiting areas we are interested in...	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:53AM
157,287,022	We moved to a less expensive home in a 55+ community so that we would no longer have a mortgage and so that we would no longer have a big yard to take care of.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:50AM

157,286,957	Wish there were good short term rentals to try out a place.....like Geezer Airbnbs....	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:48AM
157,286,800	Need to move to a smaller home with little outside maintenance. Currently live in a rural area, would like to be in a community where we can meet people.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:46AM
157,286,758	Need to be in a location with lower taxes and hope to save \$3000/yr	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:45AM
157,286,577	Just gotta do it. Inertia has taken over	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:45AM
157,286,564	Will b selling my condo in No VA but won't b buying anymore. Just rent.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:43AM
157,286,216	Probably mtge up to 50% of value of new modular or high end manufactured home.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:37AM
157,285,987	If we moved, we would seriously consider a 55+ place.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:34AM
157,285,678	Looking for healthy local economy, affordable housing, low taxes and reasonable cost of living, 4 seasons weather, demographic diversity (not just black & white)and healthy local politics	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:28AM
157,285,517	Going to lower tax area, lower cost of living, no cold weather	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:27AM
157,285,483	I want to move to a different location that has better amenities. Low crime, parking, scenic... I don't want to look at a "Cement Forest". I want to look at a real forest.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:28AM
157,285,351	no snow, no kids! 55+ for me!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:27AM
157,285,281	Our primary reason for entertaining the idea of moving is to be where we can spend more time outdoors without having to wear layers of clothing. The older we get the more time we want to be outside. It is a matter of finding a like environment in terms of walkability, health care, entertainment options, etc.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:14AM
157,284,931	Needs to be a ranch style with opportunities to meet new people. Club house would be nice and must have golf and active adult activities.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:18AM
157,284,559	Moving to a more tax-friendly state with better medical resources	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:13AM
157,284,522	We are just trying to ensure we find an affordable place we like better than where we live now and want to make sure we get it right the first time. Since we like where we live now and it is expensive and a hassle to move, we don't want to make a move we regret in a couple years.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:08AM
157,284,499	Our children live in Seattle - 300 miles north. We expect one of them to make us grandparents soon. We would like to be close enough to see our children and any grandchildren. Our local community is where we have friends and are established. both of us are in good health and enjoy the outdoors. Living east of the mountains in central Oregon (Bend, Sister, Redmond) would give us more outdoor environment we enjoy. We don't know where we are going to end up.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:09AM
157,284,338	I purchased my retirement home almost 12 years ago in an area where our family spent many vacations, so I have many fond memories and have already established some friendships. Best thing I've ever done! When I retire in a year a half, I'll be more than ready for this move.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:03AM
157,284,306	I am probably not even close to typical for your target group. I've always rented and moved every few years. May continue to do the same when retired, may go with an RV, or may try and purchase a modest home. I truly have no idea what is going to happen.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:08AM
157,284,249	Not sure if we want to live in a community	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:10AM
157,284,073	Would like the weather to be warm not too hot	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:06AM

157,284,035	Its all very confusing!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 11:08AM
157,283,832	We're also looking for a new adventure, where we can explore new areas, try new things, and meet new people. The area we live in now is great for raising a family, but offers very little for retirees. Guess we're just at a point where we feel we need to shake things up a little. Will retire in 6 months, have already bought our home and plan to move at that time. We're very excited!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:53AM
157,283,090	Wisconsin taxes are outrageous, especially property taxes. Also would like access to medical marijuana for pain issues.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:50AM
157,283,082	Retiring as a single person is a lot different than retiring as a couple working together and making retirement plans. I feel there should be more written about single, low income retirement and the options for those people.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:50AM
157,283,056	We plan to move to an active adult community with warm winters.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:52AM
157,283,029	Depends a lot on where the children and grandchildren end up!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:52AM
157,282,996	Cost of living was big factor in choosing where to retire. Wanted to be close to family in CA but couldn't afford to retire in CA so retired in AZ.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:48AM
157,282,981	Very concerned about the real estate market tanking again, like in 2008.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:51AM
157,282,599	We currently live in Hawaii and love it here. Our home is appropriate, but all the kids and grandchildren are on the mainland. Also air travel is big expense as are utilities and food, etc,	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:41AM
157,282,562	Small town, less than 100,000. Within an hour drive of a major airport. College town. Low crime rate. Quality medical care. Educated populace. Looks like it will be Corvallis, OR.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:43AM
157,282,541	It's not for everyone as moving is very traumatic, especially as we get older. I was on the road full time in an RV until we found this ideal 55+ community in Hemet, CA. Now I'm older and looking forward to selling and moving back east with my children. Would spend the colder months renting a condo on the beach, possibly Myrtle Beach, Belize, Panama, Costa Rica, many choices but move will still be traumatic as I am widowed now. I have no trouble moving into a new environment, making new friends but many people do so they have to think about that. Just think of it as an adventure.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:40AM
157,282,416	Excited to have a new, more active lifestyle!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:43AM
157,282,339	Questions make it too "black or white" - retirement moves I believe is all about choices, then narrowing down those choices until have the one place that best fits. It is hard to declare a single type of home or place to locate when just starting to look. For me, want to keep all options open until sell my current home and know better my financial situation. Until then I am looking at Washington State, Oregon, and North Carolina; however, that could change as I look and eliminate.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:40AM
157,281,933	Reasons for moving: Closer to family No more cold winters Reasonable cost of living and tax burden Very friendly social retirement community Many activities within community	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:31AM
157,281,851	On moving to mountains of AZ which I visited 9 times I look to my 401K as reserve cash and if I get employed then would qualify for a VA loan. Initially renting while looking. Minimize home and little to no yard worries but able to BBQ, picnic. So my answer above "conventional loan" included a Veteran's Administration loan.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:34AM

157,281,836	Moved from NH to FL. Much less expensive to live. Property tax in NH \$6K. In FL \$1600.00. No income tax. Utilities much less. Car cheaper to operate and register.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:35AM
157,281,811	superior environment	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:38AM
157,281,553	Only that it's a choice I want to take my time deciding on. I only wish to move once.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:35AM
157,281,515	It would be fun to experience a new living environment. Plus, a smaller community is appealing. Cost of living is high in our current location.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:33AM
157,281,500	It would be fun to experience a new living environment. Plus, a smaller community is appealing. Cost of living is high in our current location.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:33AM
157,281,463	Since our area and home suit our needs now, the next move will only be to a retirement home with multi-level care to address our needs late in life. We would like more information on various communities that offer this. We have explored CCRC's in Oregon and Washington as well in California, but nothing looks great at this point.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:32AM
157,281,119	We had already downsized from the big 2-story family home to a ranch in a maintenance free community. We planned to live there for several years and rent in FL for the winter, but ended building a new home in a great community with lots of activities. So far so good!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:28AM
157,280,773	Difficult to find location that meets all of our interests. Tennis community, outdoor lifestyle [warm climate], college nearby, bike trails, water views with kayaking/canoeing possible, good medical facilities, within hour of airport and interstate highways, low crime rate, low taxes.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:19AM
157,280,629	It will take at least a year to clear out the accumulated stuff in the basement and garage, but we've begun.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:22AM
157,280,543	Keeping expenses as low as possible leaves more leftover for retirement fun.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:22AM
157,280,498	We have lived all over the Southeast and Mississippi. In our retirement thoughts we looked back to see where we were the happiest and that was South Carolina. The weather is good, has all of the seasons without the snow, the people are friendly, costs are down and it is a good retirement state.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:20AM
157,280,462	New England is beautiful but the taxes are horrendous	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:22AM
157,280,421	We put a lot of thought into our decision to relocate from Pennsylvania to South Carolina, and although we are still in the throes of unpacking, etc., thus so far, we are very glad that we made the move.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:22AM
157,280,278	Moved closer to family for the summer and to warmer weather for the winter	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:20AM
157,280,087	We moved to a Del Webb active adult community for all of the activities.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:17AM
157,280,082	Have been avidly looking for more inside information about living in Portland Maine and not finding much. Instead of general sites on the web, I would love to communicate with real people through your site for instance but there is never that much about Maine. Not a favorite to retire for most... Cannot finish this survey without mentioning how thankful I am for your site and the enormous communication work you've been doing for years. I have been a fervent reader for a long time. THANK YOU!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:04AM
157,280,079	I will split my time between living in a condo close to where we live now, but much less sf. And another condo we have in FL.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:16AM
157,280,059	Weather Community Activities	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:18AM
157,280,042	WILL PROBABLY USE FLORIDA RENTAL AS "HOME BASE" AND TRAVEL IN SUMMER/FALL	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:18AM

157,280,002	We want to get out of the congested area we live, and get out of an old house that will require lots of maintenance in the future	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:15AM
157,279,920	Did NOT want to move to a retirement community.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:08AM
157,279,739	What are the steps to seamlessly pull of a move as big as this. Purging, selling, buying, leaving family behind, moving where you know no one. Starting over can be exciting but very scary! How do you do the logistics of something this big. Do you sell, rent then buy or buy, sell move or sell, buy move hoping that the timing works out.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:06AM
157,279,707	Been in current home 44 years. Hard to start over. With everything doctors, friends, church, new shopping learning your way where everything is located. But is a new adventure too.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:10AM
157,279,306	I spent much time researching online (areavibes, city-data, Sperling, Tax Foundation tax maps, etc) and creating Excel spreadsheets for easy comparison. I narrowed my search to 3 states, and went on road trips to cities of interest. My first choice was Oregon, but after calculating estimated state income tax on my annual pension and 401K distributions, I decided on Washington. Washington has a state sales tax (Oregon does not), but I estimated how much I would have to spend annually to "breakeven" with Oregon's state income tax and, as a retiree I have no needs to warrant spending that much.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:59AM
157,279,272	We gladly rent in TX on coast three month each winter.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:09AM
157,279,255	Active adult communities are the way to go! There are so many social clubs and activities to keep us busy and connected with other people.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:08AM
157,279,243	Depending on who is elected President next November, EVERYTHING might change!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:09AM
157,279,220	I would love to stay in my home and in my current city but both are very expensive.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:10AM
157,279,217	Depending on who is elected President next November, EVERYTHING might change!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:09AM
157,279,158	Even major companies, ala GE are leaving CT - due largely to usurious taxes	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:08AM
157,278,758	We have 3 children and want to be within easy driving distance to all of them but not in the same town as any of them.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:04AM
157,278,754	We live in Illinois in a 4 bedroom house so we will downsize in about 4.5 years. We will most likely stay in IL and move into a townhouse. At this time, we plan to rent a winter home in Florida (Sarasota/Cape Coral, Venice Beach area) in about 1-2 years. We would stay in Florida Jan-April and come back to IL during spring, summer and fall.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:59AM
157,278,753	Want to move to an area with low humidity, warm temperatures and away from frequent storms and natural disasters like hurricanes, tornados floods, extreme cold and snow.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:02AM
157,278,614	Needs to be energy efficient, safe, and low or no maintenance.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:02AM
157,278,583	I do not want to live in a gated "retirement community" where everyone is very similar. Having been significantly influenced by/in the '60s I want diversity in my community.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:00AM
157,278,465	May buy or rent	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:02AM
157,278,445	Better weather, ability to walk to amenities	Wednesday, Jun 29th 10:01AM
157,278,412	Stayed one days drive at most from family but moved to a totally different type of location... (Sheboygan WI) .but only after multiple trips to the area and MUCH thought. Rented for several months before buying to have better idea of the various areas and to feel confident this was where we wanted to be. Bottom line we feel you have to be really honest about who you are , what you like to do and what sort of environment you feel comfortable in....no one size fits all that's for sure! I	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:57AM

157,278,208	I have never married or had kids so I don't feel tied to staying where I am currently though I have siblings that all live within an hour of me. Though one of my sisters isn't too happy with me saying I want to move away, I want to at least try living somewhere else. I can always move back if I miss not having my siblings near me. Also, I don't feel Michigan is a retiree friendly state and I want to live somewhere with a lower cost of living, warmer weather and no snow.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:28AM
157,278,159	dont want to ,but must	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:56AM
157,277,979	Living FT in Motorhome for 2 years. Want to sample different areas of the US to evaluate which area and community we like best.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:54AM
157,277,972	Living FT in Motorhome for 2 years. Want to sample different areas of the US to evaluate which area and community we like best.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:54AM
157,277,927	will snowbird - only live in florida for 6 months of year	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:52AM
157,277,903	A better overall tax environment. Much less nepotism in politics. Can see what my tax dollars are actually spent on.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:54AM
157,277,887	Close to children/grandchildren	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:57AM
157,277,802	Begin downsizing way before you start the moving process.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:55AM
157,277,771	We moved to South Carolina about a year and a half ago from New York State and are so happy we did. Lower property taxes and cost of living expenses are so much better. We experience the four seasons but no more the almost 5 months of winter!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:50AM
157,277,748	Being near children & grandchildren trumps anything else for us!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:54AM
157,277,625	Looming forward to the journey and appreciate your help in mapping it out.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:52AM
157,277,133	Closer to children, more activities & culture.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:48AM
157,277,067	Sold house live and travel in a class A Motorhomes until unable to drive then will settle in one up north and one in south	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:42AM
157,277,062	We want to be able to age in place and in an area with other retired professionals.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:45AM
157,277,014	tax concerns,weather,fun stuff to do and others to do with, want it to fun and easy!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:47AM
157,276,915	Thinking a 55 plus community would enhance finding activities and friendships	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:13AM
157,276,887	Regarding questions 7 and 8 above: I am still trying to determine which makes more sense - to rent during retirement, or to own. Is there a good formula to use to make this analysis easier? If owning makes more sense, then depending on the price of the home, I would either pay cash, or apply for a 10 to 15 year mortgage. If you have any insights to offer me, please respond to shelly4ten@verizon.net. Thank you!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:36AM
157,276,857	Made mistake first try very leery about doing same	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:46AM
157,276,854	Well we indeed have first floor living in our new home, guest bedrooms and the craft room are upstairs. In retrospect we would've built first floor living completely with all rooms accessible on one level.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:43AM

157,276,851	In the snowy/cold/miserable months of January, February & March we plan to travel to different parts of the U.S. that are on our "bucket list".	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:38AM
157,276,727	Glad to get away from a very suburban, commuter-type community and move to one that's less frenetic, crowded, and always in a rush.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:36AM
157,276,545	New York state is not a place for retirement due to cost, weather and political	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:40AM
157,276,477	I would think carefully before moving a distance away from family and friends. It is not easy to form new relationships when you are older and have no history with people. Would never do it again, and plan to move back to New England. Culture of the South is not for me. Also, too many technical things to sort out without support from family or friends.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:35AM
157,276,428	Again, it is really dependent on whether or not our daughter and her husband remain in NJ, which they probably will, as he works in NYC as an architect and she gets clients in NJ as a part time architect. As such, they need a part time baby sitter which I am happy to do 2 days a week max. Still like NJ, the 4 seasons and proximity to many states...would miss that moving to NC along the coast or SC slightly inland	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:37AM
157,276,409	depends on where the kids end up	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:40AM
157,276,304	Looking forward to living in a more affordable and fiscally conservative state	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:36AM
157,276,272	More affordability with senior services	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:16AM
157,276,253	my house in seal beach, ca is nearly paid off. I could live here with only taxes and maintenance and even have a supermarket and CVS a block away. I truly thought I wanted to relocate to morro bay, ca, but wherever I move it will be on my own unless I find a partner and that could change everything. leisure world is 5 mins away from me and would be an option. I could rent my house and live in leisure world if need be for the amenities they offer as I get older.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:34AM
157,276,050	I have always rented and plan to continue renting in retirement.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:36AM
157,276,037	Looking for the climate I enjoy because you're in that 24/7/365. Some of my must haves: At least one independent bookstore, good library system, lots of culture, progressive thinking (that leaves out much of the South except Asheville), and be in a beautiful natural setting.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,276,030	Desire much slower pace and far less constant traffic. I am tired feeling I am living in the middle of a two way turn lane!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:38AM
157,276,011	Desire much slower pace and far less constant traffic. I am tired feeling I am living in the middle of a two way turn lane!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,275,844	My husband previously lived in Florida, and he loved it there. We have visited often, and enjoy being near the ocean AND the gulf. Don't like snow, and even though it doesn't snow much in the mid-Atlantic, it does snow. We don't plan to move for 2 - 3 years, but are already scoping out locations and properties.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:30AM
157,275,823	I would advise people, if possible, to narrow their choice of areas to two. Spend some time in each season there. Can you handle the heat and humidity in the dead of summer? Can you handle that in Florida you may very well be in flip flops and shirtsleeves on Christmas Day. Can you handle the rainy weather in South Carolina in July, August and some of September? Remember it is warmer at the coast during the winter and cooler during the summer. The reverse is true for inland areas. You have to experience both to find the right fit for your tastes. Better to rent for a few weeks and make an informed decision than to buy a house, investing thousands of dollars and find you're unhappy after a few months.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:24AM
157,275,689	Downsizing and purchasind less expensive home to have more cash on hand and less home upkeep.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:31AM
157,275,664	Planning to move to a warmer climate, an active community, not so car-dependent. Don't want to do lawn maintenance	Wednesday, Jun 29th

157,275,001	or snow shoveling any more. Proximity to airport, local attractions and people is high on my list.	9:30AM
157,275,597	We THINK we will stay in the same state, but because of long harsh winters, we are also looking at southwest. Our kids are everywhere from east coast to west coast, so we are not sure living near family should be part of the decision-making process.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,275,590	Many places outside U.S. where Social goes a lot further.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,275,572	Retiring the end of this July. House already sold. After 21 years of living in the damp and rainy Northwest (Portland, OR)we're going to the other extreme of constant sunshine and heat (Tucson).	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,275,561	I may keep my home for now but purchase a home to winter in warmer area	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,275,545	I am not a 'warm/hot weather person. I am considering mid-coast Maine or Cape Cod if I do decide to move. For the moment, Connecticut is expensive tax-wise, but has so many things I DO like that I am not inclined to follow the crowd 'just because' it seems like the thing to do.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:28AM
157,275,508	cost is important wud rather buy but wont b able to afford it	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:29AM
157,275,500	No	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:26AM
157,275,433	moving outside of the US is extremely challenging and certainly not recommended for most retirees. however, the rewards are truly amazing.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:28AM
157,275,410	4 season climate, safe, low cost living, reasonable quality of health care	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:27AM
157,275,241	We are looking exclusively at 55 and older retirement communities. Buy a house in that community and enjoy the activities that are offered.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:26AM
157,275,236	Delaware is a great state to own a home & your retirement monies go sooo much further. The beach(for us)is only 20 minutes away!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:19AM
157,275,228	Must be in an active 55+ condo building with nice rentals We never want to own a house again ONLY RENT!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:22AM
157,275,193	Warmer weather in winter will escape during summer months.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:25AM
157,275,171	Weather, public transportation, drivability, walkability, proximity to amenities (shopping, movies, restaurants, etc.), culture and political climate (as minorities from the north, we have to consider if we will encounter resistance and prejudice from either resentment of northerners or overt racism). In fact, while I'm sure the majority of your readers don't have to worry about the racial aspect, I know many are concerned about northern resentment. Perhaps you can include a diversity element in your reviews?	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:14AM
157,275,148	Getting rid of the furniture and all the stuff you have accumulated moving from a single family home you have lived in for 30 years.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:22AM
157,275,011	Do not want to move south. Already in VA (originally from Chicago) and that is south enough for us. Want lower cost of living than Northern VA. But also want access to amenities like good restaurants and grocery stores without having to drive everywhere. A smaller college town seems to be in order (like Winchester VA). Seems like our kids are settling in the mid-Atlantic region and we like to travel to Europe, so staying in the east makes sense. Will also be considering cities like Pittsburgh, Portland ME, Cincinnati. VA social services and economy very good, so an incentive to stay in state. Want a single family home that is easy to maintain (small lot) and has all we need on the main floor for living. Not interested in condo or townhouse due to HOA fees. Rather pay someone to mow the yard as needed.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:17AM

157,274,965	I found focusing solely on taxes to be dangerous. I would hate living in an age restricted community. They are for retired middle managers and self-employed glad handers and back slippers who like to drink.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:17AM
157,274,901	Considering a ccrc in 10 to 15 years if i can afford it	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:22AM
157,274,894		Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:15AM
	We have lived almost all our adult lives in Atlanta and the south sucks for quality of life and weather. I have traveled in my business career much and probably any big American city has similar problems. We are moving to Loveland, CO. We	
157,274,852	Not interested in moving within United State as we are going to travel the world.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:17AM
157,274,820	Live very low COL area. Would like to move, but snowbirding, other travel options might make better financial sense.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:11AM
157,274,783	Moving to a warmer climate to escape the cold, ice & snow of New England.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:21AM
157,274,637	Needs to be reasonably close to good medical facilities	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:20AM
157,274,632	The town we are moving to is very gay friendly.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:19AM
157,274,546	We are looking for new adventure. We will be young enough that if it doesn't work out, we will just move and try something else.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:21AM
157,274,543	Want one-story, low maintenance house.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:17AM
157,274,539	Simplicity ranks high.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:17AM
157,274,535	We are looking for new adventure. We will be young enough that if it doesn't work out, we will just move and try something else.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:12AM
157,274,470	California is not longer the land of opportunity. It is the land of increase in taxes, neglect of the citizens and promoter of benefits for the illegals. Born here but time to leave.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:16AM
157,274,373	Do it before your too old and trapped. I think a comfortable home in a stimulating area adds to longevity and quality of life!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:13AM
157,274,339	Looking to move to tax friendly Delaware, in a SAFE town for senior woman living alone. Or...will hope to stay in PA.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:16AM
157,274,259	also thinking about being a snow-bird; summers in Montana, winters in a warmer climate	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:15AM
157,274,254	Less expensive, mentally stimulating environment, new friends in similar circumstances, less traffic, good access to grocery and other stores, must be all on one level,	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:13AM
157,274,238	No, but we really enjoy your web site and have found it extremely helpful in many ways. Thank you for starting it and keeping it going.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:12AM
157,274,217	Priority emphasis is to visit these states fist; then rent for a while before ultimately buying. Plan to take a "test drive" before I commit to a particular destination.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:08AM
157,274,186	Nothing at this time.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:14AM
157,274,129	NO	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:13AM
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157,274,107	Moving to a lower cost area with a lot to do is very attractive; but family ties can put pressure on a move.	9:11AM
157,274,078	Wanting to move when still have time to make links and relationships in new area.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:13AM
157,274,037	I live in CT and it's too crowded and expensive here.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:13AM
157,273,887	We are moving west for one last adventure before we are not able to travel.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:07AM
157,273,846	We are retired - sometimes think of moving to FL - Boca Raton as niece, brother, other relatives live there.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:10AM
157,273,714	May in future have to move to smaller less expensive housing, but there isn't much for over 55 housing in this area.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:04AM
157,273,684	We love where we live. In the future we'd like to go to a warmer climate just for a couple of months in the winter. We lived in the south and know we have no desire to live in that heat and humidity full time. The only reason we'll move to a different place here is to live in the village so we can walk to everything and not need to drive nearly as much.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:08AM
157,273,666	I would rather rent and keep the house I have now. That has its own set of problems. Taking care of the home while gone, etc. Then if you are renting - can you take pets, costs will be high, can I get the same place next year. It is a daunting task to decide to either rent or buy. Hubby would rather buy. Hubby doesn't have any family to keep him where we live now. I do and that is another concern.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:07AM
157,273,654	We are entertaining the possibility of seasonally renting apartments in different parts of the country when my wife retires in 6 years. Like winter in Arizona, then Florida, etc.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:03AM
157,273,624	Can't wait to try something new	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:09AM
157,273,520	I really need to get out of Illinois.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:09AM
157,273,501	I'm still searching for my "ideal" location!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:07AM
157,273,496	I am semi retired and will consider moving in a few years when the wife retires.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:07AM
157,273,402	Helping out my daughter and grandchildren at this point....will definitely consider relocating once they are all independent	Wednesday, Jun 29th 9:07AM
157,271,598	I'm risk- (move-) averse, so I bought near my pre-retirement home -- I bought a 591-SF co-op in Washington, D.C.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:46AM
157,269,847	This newsletter was helpful to us in looking at retirement locations. We settled in a Del Webb near Nashville, TN and are loving it!	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:37AM
157,269,658	Primary objective is to move to an area that promotes social interaction and activity.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:33AM
157,269,253	Why S Carolina; lower income taxes, lower property taxes, more home for less dollars, warmer weather, family nearby.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:21AM
157,267,997	We both knew the types of activities we wished to pursue in full retirement, so those opportunities became the driving force on our selected location.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:19AM
157,267,754	Looking to move to a firearms friendly state.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:22AM
157,267,521	Start planning early and take your time.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:20AM
	Moving to the suburbs of Las Vegas because of the lack of taxes, weather in the winter time and closer to my family in	

157,267,462	Palm Springs California and Anchorage Alaska. I'm a little overwhelmed with the heat in the summer being that I'm moving from Pennsylvania and with Lake Mead drying up its concerning. I don't gamble so I can live fairly cheaply.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:11AM
157,267,430	We are looking forward to the next adventure and are excited about the chance for a new beginning at that stage in our lives.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:17AM
157,267,277	Good airport Good arts Good healthcare Good sports	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:15AM
157,267,217	still too active and enjoying the area. When we get to the point where travel and doing things is less important, we will look into what is next for the living situation.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:13AM
157,267,106	Climate, taxes, safety, values.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:09AM
157,267,074	My biggest concern will be to remain near family and loved ones.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:10AM
157,266,995	want to move to area of lower cost of living, lower property taxes & near adult children	Wednesday, Jun 29th 8:07AM
157,264,718	I am a 68 year old widow and, unfortunately, without family. Although this leaves me to be flexible, I realized that I must consider areas that provide amenities for single living (nearness to transportation, medical facilities, etc.) - not necessarily considered when one has a spouse). As a result, I am looking for retirement communities within good proximity to a city that would provide me with those things, along with the social aspects of such a community. I may consider renting to experience those communities before moving. I find reading the retirement blogs helpful in evaluating certain areas.	Wednesday, Jun 29th 6:50AM
157,122,912	Being by neighbors of similar age and interests.	Sunday, Jun 26th 8:56PM
157,076,900	I want a cooler climate than we have in So. California.	Saturday, Jun 25th 9:43PM
157,071,658	We would like to significantly downsize, we lived in a home 360 sf for 7 years, 1800 sf for 4 years, 2000 for 4 years, and with an addition, 2900 sf for about 11 years. The new home will not be in a 55+ community, as we have never had neighbors close to our home. It will more likely be a manufactured home on site with about 2-3 wooded acres. It will have to be within 30 miles of an excellent hospital due to health conditions. We love our home, but the state of CT is driving us out. I hope we get a good price for it before everyone moves away.	Saturday, Jun 25th 6:44PM
157,050,010	Affordability is a factor.	Saturday, Jun 25th 9:28AM
157,048,786	Like many others, we've RVed for vacations for awhile. We've decided there's so much to see and do, so we are moving to our RV full-time, giving up our "sticks-and-bricks" home until we've either found the next place we want to call home or we can't wander any longer. Both my husband and I will turn 70 within the next year and a half, and feel that it's just the right time to begin this new phase of our lives. It would be interesting to see pieces about this choice in your e-mag and read about others' adventures. Thanks for the great job you do getting people thinking and communicating about this stage of our lives.	Saturday, Jun 25th 8:36AM
156,964,767	Mainly weather and taxes	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:02PM
156,963,171	I have lived in Southern California {Los Angeles Metro} most of my life. I do think about leaving because of how crowded California has become and the high cost of living. However, I do worry that it would be a mistake. I have traveled to many parts of the country; and in my personal opinion the difference in climate between Southern California and the rest of the country is phenomenal, not even close!! I really enjoy being outside every day of the year. The dry mediterranean climate is very addictive!!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:17PM
156,961,508	We currently live in Illinois and cannot wait to leave this totally dysfunctional state.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:50PM

156,960,457	We want to make enough profit off our current home to pay cash for a simpler home with a couple acres in a retirement (people and taxes) friendly state and town.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:23PM
156,959,951	In addition to my comments above we need to move to a smaller home that one of us could manage if the other person becomes ill or dies. We live in the NH. The winters are long and the shoveling is very difficult for us at this stage in our lives. The property taxes, vehicle registration costs, etc. are expensive in NH.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:04PM
156,959,708	We wanted to be in a warmer climate during winter. Also wanted to have organized activities, walkability and trails to explore. Having all these things with the added bonus of being a part of an community.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:57PM
156,959,703	I'm single, looking for a change. Illinois is going to hell in a hand basket, taxes will rise and I am not paying for politicians' mismanagement and greed. I'm tired of winters. Looking for a place to make friends and create a good life for myself.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:01PM
156,958,121	Moving to a low tax state	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:28PM
156,949,546	Moved back to Nebraska (I left in 1985) from Washington state to care for my 97 year-old father. Also, NE is where my brother and SIL live.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:40PM
156,948,617	Moved to be near daughter, granddaughter and son-in-law.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:27PM
156,942,734	Need to leave CT because it is too expensive to live in. North or South Carolina are much more attractive and reasonable to live in.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 2:00PM
156,939,324	We are leaving NJ due to high taxes. We have to sell our home and relocate to another state after living here for many years.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 1:17PM
156,938,238	We do not like where California politics is headed with more taxation and too much tax support for undocumented immigrants.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 1:00PM
156,928,800	Will move after this pres.election, Trump wins...Lexington, KY; clinton wins...Panama!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 10:45AM
156,927,993	will pay off mortgage on new home when sell current home so there will be no mortgage in retirement.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 10:33AM
156,927,497	My wife live in Long Island and we vacationed in all of the states West of the Mississippi during our working lives. The South holds no interest for either of us. It is getting more crowded here and we need some room. The West is beautiful and our savings will also go further there. Yes we will miss our family; we'll visit. We are looking at this as a new adventure.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 10:04AM
156,927,291	I have given a lot of thought and still continue to research the areas in NH/ME and FL where I wish to move. I thoroughly enjoy your emails and everyone's posts too. As you know, there is so much to consider because as we age we really don't want to get any relocating move wrong, and yet must be willing and able to be a little flexible as well. For me, one of the most important considerations beyond financial is "where will I be happiest" and hands-down I always come back to the same answer: I must move back to New England, my roots, to live year-round for at least a couple of years. However, as we age, it makes more sense to get out of the ice and snow and move to a better climate for safety reasons. So, God willing, this is my basic plan. I wish everyone the very best and good health.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:26AM
156,926,809	I found my future retirement area, and am renting here while selling my home. I want to pay cash for my retirement home, making improvements before I retire. I will have less trouble living in the same state then trying to "figure out" a new state's taxes and laws. Living in a 2 bedroom apartment (720 square feet)is not enough room. I will be looking for a home with more cabinets, and storage areas.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:54AM
156,925,909	We are moving to be more physically comfortable. The southern heat and humidity is killing us! Since most of our family is on the east coast, we started our discussion in Florida. It gradually moved up the coast until we found a place that had the most of what we were looking for - small city with things to do, not overly taxed and cooler weather. A spreadsheet to compare places was also helpful.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:58AM

156,925,344	We will be full time RVers for a couple of years when we sell our current home.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:45AM
156,925,171	Moving out of Massachusetts, mainly for better weather, but lower cost of living is also a factor. Decided on building a new house because we didn't want to spend a lot of money fixing up an existing house, only to have a remodeled, old house. Looking to build our 'ideal' house.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:45AM
156,925,164	I could write a lot had my wife not died. That stopped everything.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:46AM
156,923,573	NYC Metro much too costly; taxes wayyyy too high. Winters not conducive to retirement living.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:24AM
156,923,162	It is hard to find a home that matches what I want and is affordable in the south it seems. Brick exterior ranch homes that are less than 20 years old and have nice amenities cost a fortune elsewhere if you can even find the house in a desirable area at any cost.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:16AM
156,922,855	Primary focus is better weather in Florida than the Northeast. Secondly the lower tax rate in Florida with no income tax Thirdly is general cost of living	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:12AM
156,922,762	Still having living space but on one floor or at least the master on the ground floor	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:05AM
156,922,570	Looking forward to escaping Midwest winters!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:05AM
156,922,283	condos are attractive with no home maintenance required. 1 story only. warmer weather is attractive...can't tolerate the cold like I used to. Ocean still beautiful but cold water keeps me on shore...miss swimming. Don't know if I want to live in a sea of all older people...but don't know if I want to live around children/teens. too many questions. best to do nothing at this time.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:57AM
156,921,980	The cost of moving added to the cost of a new home	Thursday, Jun 23rd 9:00AM
156,921,671	We're excited!!!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:56AM
156,921,609	Have to be in a 55+ community and have to have numerous activities.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:55AM
156,921,506	Would like to have a custom built home with a large utility room for washer, dryer, folding area, freezer. Would like to have a walk in pantry to organize all my food items. Ceiling fans in all bedrooms, dining room and living room. Gourmet kitchen with special built in drawers and cabinets for storing carving knives, cutting boards and other things.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:43AM
156,921,453	We lived in a large home in South Jersey for 30 years. Our dream was to move to a smaller house in Virginia Beach. We made that dream come true in 2013 by buying a completely rehab 3bed/2 bath rancher. We couldn't be happier. Although leaving my NJ home was difficult I am glad we did it. My advice to retirees is to take the plunge to make this kind of move while you are still physically and financially able to do so.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:47AM
156,920,836	moving to Deland, Fl. Bought a condo for lower maintenance chores. Also conveniently located for walking/biking. Plan not to have a car.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:42AM
156,920,331	As I mentioned, I am bored here. I miss clean streets, and quiet nights. The weather is perfect here, but I'm willing to give it up in exchange for more opportunities to be active, eg hiking, biking, swimming, kayaking, and volunteering. And to make more friends who are intellectually stimulating. However, if Trump is elected President I won't return to the US.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:32AM
156,920,253	involves downsizing as well as - no need for big house	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:29AM
156,920,017	As a single person, apprehensive about moving to a place where I don't know anyone.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:26AM
156,919,423	I want to be near the beach have found a perfect apartment if I could only retire now!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:26AM

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156,919,412	Love CT where we live now but may have to downsize or move due to taxes. Looking for less house and more suitability for more limited mobility.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:18AM
156,918,684	Want to live in 55 community to enjoy all they offer. Probly one home owned in one and rent 3-4 months in another just to enjoy.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:09AM
156,918,577	want better weather, reduce allergies, and much smaller home in age-restricted community. NO CHILDREN, NO SNOW--PERFECT!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:08AM
156,918,280	I find the rules of the community I live in now overly restrictive and the HOA fees are outrageous. I would like to move into a community that has less rules, lower fees.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 8:02AM
156,917,970	We both retired a year or so ago. I retired at 71 and my wife 69. We did not contemplate retiring in our 60's and so are older than other retirees. We find are situation somewhat diifferent than the average retiree.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:51AM
156,917,258	Helpful hints on how to locate that "right" place!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:44AM
156,916,982	Full time living in a Motorhome and travelling throughout the US.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:40AM
156,916,732	I wish, wish, wish I could figure out where to move as a SINGLE woman where I could belong!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:35AM
156,916,348	Right now, our move is 6-8 weeks away, and i'm scared to death. I've lived in this area of the country for 38 years and it's home. Is this the right thing for me to do???	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:28AM
156,916,110	Most seniors will want to have access to health care	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:27AM
156,915,693	We want to be where we have at least a grocery within walking distance. when my mother quit driving, she had difficulty getting to the store because of where her house is located.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:19AM
156,915,664	I will be renting first in a new location, then looking to purchase if I like the area.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:19AM
156,915,450	on a limited budget so need an inexpensive community - not sure if 55 and over communities are as financially feasible.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:12AM
156,914,821	Active adult community groups & activities; get out of NJ.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 7:02AM
156,914,625	having close access to towns to socialize, near hospital if ever needing medical attention.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:59AM
156,914,324	Spouse and I are in agreement about needing a smaller more efficient and easier to maintain house. However, we differ about moving out of the area due to family and friends. I want a smaller city and a better climate. She wants to stay near the children. She will probably win out, at least until the children move on to other places.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:47AM
156,913,537	Politics of he area	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:38AM
156,912,819	We always planned to move to a warmer climate when we retired.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:22AM
156,912,481	if you live in nyc like I do , don't think the rest of the country is the same cesspool. visited SC twice last year, thought I was in another country.... people POLITE, no honking horns as soon as the light turns green, civil GOD'S COUNTRY. yes there is no utopia, but it is not for sure in nyc .	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:11AM
156,912,012	Making new friends	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:07AM
156,911,825	Hate to leave current home but unable to afford to stay here. Forged out	Thursday, Jun 23rd

156,911,923	Wanted to leave current home but unable to afford to stay here. Forced out.	6:01AM
156,911,764	Finally able to leave Illinois. Would have left sooner but my husband's job kept us here. He is the one retiring, and I will continue to work, part-time, as a nurse.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 6:01AM
156,911,583	have thought about winter rental in SE & back to New England (Vermont) for summer, or new house must be in area that is tax friendly to retirees!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:47AM
156,911,271	Renting is my best option since I haven't lived in the USA in 32 years and not 100% sure of what State will meet my overall needs.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:43AM
156,910,439	Moving to CCRC	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:32AM
156,910,090	We set clear criteria: Near major urban area with art, culture, hospitals Near the beach Age diverse living area Lock and leave potential After several visits, We selected Daniel Island, SC.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:22AM
156,909,956	another reason for moving is to downsize	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:20AM
156,909,666	Looking for single level living, low maintenance.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:11AM
156,909,659	One story, 2 bedrooms	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:14AM
156,909,616	We moved primarily for the following reasons: Better life-style (including better weather conditions); One-story living; new house with a lot less maintenance issues; and a new lease on life!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:12AM
156,909,383	I presently live on a lake in New Jersey where the taxes (\$13,000 a year) are horrible. I can find the same size home (even though I don't need the size)in the southeast (SC or TN) with taxes of approximately \$1000-\$1500 a year. What I	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:02AM
156,909,382	Lower cost, on one level & less yard work.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 5:05AM
156,909,002	We still have three off site storage units housing our collector cars . After 30 years in one place, the down sizing continues. So very glad that we made the initial move while we were still working.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 4:40AM
156,908,903	Counting down to retirement!!!	Thursday, Jun 23rd 4:56AM
156,906,216	Struggling with choice of a 55+ community or not. There are strong pluses (facilities, peers, opportunities for activities) but also strong negatives (living only with old people, HOA controls over maintenance and personalization; more restricted resale market if choose to move).	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:57AM
156,905,701	I'm looking forward to getting away from the New England winters! (Though I'm not so sure about the Florida summers)	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:49AM
156,905,498	We downsized quite a bit	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:46AM
156,904,599	Moved to Greenville,SC and purchased a home on 7 acres. Relatively peaceful and relaxing after 5 yrs. in Houston. Picked Greenville area due to low property taxes. Currently exploring Summerville/Charleston area as we would like to be closer to the coast.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:23AM
156,904,117	Forced to prematurely retire. Cannot afford to stay in California.	Thursday, Jun 23rd 3:11AM

156,889,206 Trying to end up aprox. halfway between our two kids.

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156,873,493

It is frightening to me...I have been looking at real estate websites as well as reading a lot about living in various places.....I am having a very tough time figuring out where I will live. Right now, I am alone.....so even more scary as I leave my few remaining friends, it will be like completely starting life over again.

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