

What Factors Affect Your Where...

Result Details

Question 12	Do you have anything else you would like to share about your retirement living preferences and the reasons behind them?	Answers 193 26%	Skips 546 74%
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200,904,314	I would consider a 55 and older community, but we are currently caring for a 2 year old and will be for a few years.	Today, 8:40AM
200,895,131	I am trying to find someplace with a lot of activities, access to airports to come visit family, nice weather, and inexpensive. Water would be nice. My wife and I are having a hard time finding a location that meets both of our wish lists,	Yesterday, 8:36PM
200,887,569	Would like to live on a golf course	Yesterday, 12:27PM
200,884,802	Condo living. No time or desire for yard work.	Yesterday, 9:28AM
200,872,193	When the money runs out, then it won't matter, as I will have to end my life as opposed to be homeless in my 70s or 80s.	Friday, Jul 13th 7:23PM
200,871,526	Live in Southern Calif currently and family is on west coast. Want to retire somewhere not super far from family and friends, but less expensive than California and that offers tons of activities and sunny weather.	Friday, Jul 13th 6:35PM
200,870,145	<p>I spend so much time on the TopRetirement web site researching and researching for information of great places to retire. We work so many hours and days, that we just don't have time to travel around the US looking for places to live.</p> <p>Our ideal day would be to walk to a local breakfast place. Open the back door to an in-ground pool and fenced in yard for our cocker spaniels. Not drive in snow.</p> <p>We have a very nice house, lots of land and privacy, a pool; but realistically we know we will not be able to maintain the house, so will have to move.</p>	Friday, Jul 13th 5:10PM
200,870,101	have lived in San Diego my whole life. Now the traffic is terrible any time of the day. Very high living cost, thousands of homeless. I want to retire where my money will go farther. Also less people and cars but still things to do. And some greenery would help.	Friday, Jul 13th 4:39PM
200,865,119	I am about a year from retirement, but have given it a lot of thought. I would like to be warm and be able to go outside in the winter and be in the Northeast during the summer to be near my grandchildren.	Friday, Jul 13th 1:57PM
200,862,495	The less snow the better! But we need to have a good infrastructure for healthcare, and senior centers, senior friendly services.	Friday, Jul 13th 10:56AM
200,861,206	Close to family is very important. You can travel to see other parts of our beautiful country.	Friday, Jul 13th 12:10PM
200,833,100	We are planning to build (custom built) our LAST home upon retirement ...	Thursday, Jul 12th 8:47PM
200,824,786	mild, dry climate with enough precipitation to garden and grow trees	Thursday, Jul 12th 5:33PM
200,823,451	No	Thursday, Jul 12th 4:45PM

Rhode Island has a reputation for being one of the least tax-friendly states. However, each person's or family's situation varies, so this is not necessarily the case with everyone. After using a couple of online income tax calculators (such as Smart Asset), we have discovered that in our case, it's quite possible that we could reside in RI with very minimal state income tax liability. This would involve careful management of distributions from our retirement accounts in the same

200,820,307	income tax liability. This would involve careful management of distributions from our retirement accounts, in the same way that we do now on the federal tax level. So it really depends on each individual financial situation, and it pays to do the research before moving into another state, rather than just going by a list of top 10 best or worst states to retire! Same with property taxes, since they vary more by town than by state. We live in NH, usually considered one of the most tax friendly states, because we have no sales tax or income tax, but our property taxes are some of the highest in the country.	Thursday, Jul 12th 2:46PM
200,819,888	\$400. a mos social security and no money saved.	Thursday, Jul 12th 2:49PM
200,817,921	Just being able to enjoy retirement years and avoid being taxed to death and avoid living in areas of intolerance for others. Also want a safe environment and where all respect the laws of this fine country.	Thursday, Jul 12th 1:25PM
200,815,980	We have family near Nashville, TN who are begging us to move there. We also like KY primarily Bowling Green	Thursday, Jul 12th 12:21PM
200,815,700	what's the deal with such a high interest towards political bent? shouldn't we all just get along? if people cared more about each other this would be a better country and it wouldn't matter who you were or where you came from, which is how it should be. this country was founded by immigrants you know. we're all just immigrants unless you're a native american.	Thursday, Jul 12th 12:06PM
200,814,264	We are relocating to NC in a couple weeks and are renting a house for a year. This will allow us to thoroughly check out where we want to live and allow my husband to work part-time for the same company.	Thursday, Jul 12th 11:21AM
200,812,573	Need to be a pet friendly area with specialty veterinary care	Thursday, Jul 12th 10:33AM
200,811,819	A 55+ community is still an option but I'm not into HOA's or condo/townhomes. I need my space and prefer a one floor dwelling. I've looked into renting before but renting a house or an apartment is just too expensive, Having a mortgage is less expensive then what they're asking for rent. I would rather pay off my own mortgage then someone elses.	Thursday, Jul 12th 9:52AM
200,811,632	Many places are more interesting than Michigan with it's high taxes and bad winters. However, as we get older and sicker it will be good to be near family.	Thursday, Jul 12th 9:57AM
200,810,412	Want four seasons, but with mild winters, low cost of living, no taxes on retirement funds, good medical care close, trees around lake if possible.	Thursday, Jul 12th 9:24AM
200,810,194	Open to possibilities as events unfold.	Thursday, Jul 12th 9:15AM
200,810,073	Taxes, medical options and access to transportation,	Thursday, Jul 12th 9:09AM
200,809,474	back to a basic simple lifestyle with nature and health as emphasis plus safe community with diversity	Thursday, Jul 12th 8:50AM
200,809,373	No.	Thursday, Jul 12th 8:42AM
200,806,417	Easy to make new friends when the old ones pass on!	Thursday, Jul 12th 7:09AM
200,806,143	Want a tax friendly state but still want to remain close to family and friends.	Thursday, Jul 12th 7:06AM
200,805,399	Availability of good medical care becomes more important as we age. Close access to a wide variety of activities helps keep us healthy and happy. If you cannot easily afford where you retire, you will be financially stressed. To move somewhere cheaper will give you an instant boost in your fixed income.	Thursday, Jul 12th 6:26AM
200,805,095	We live near a major river and close to the Outer Banks of NC. We did a lot of boating and camping over the years and now we are only doing our camp trailer on week long trips. We own our home outright. The weather is good for most of the year except in the summer when it	Thursday, Jul 12th 6:14AM

	<p>is hot and humid. The tax rate is good at \$.53 per 100 valuation. services are good as well.</p>	
200,799,900	<p>I like where I am now (Albuquerque) but am alone. If I stay here I would move to a condo/townhouse so I would have less upkeep and live in an area of less crime. If I go, it would be to be closer to friends in AZ, WA or CO. I prefer a condo/townhouse but may have to do something different depending upon the friend I would move near.</p>	Thursday, Jul 12th 2:13AM
200,799,379	<p>More pickleball courts are needed in all 55+ communities, at least 6-8 courts. Indoor pools important. Rural walking paths of at least 3 miles are sought-after. Bike paths too. More homes with 2+den under 500K needed!</p> <p>I realize that your advertisers/foundation is from planned adult communities, but there is one alternative that I have never seen mentioned in any of the newsletters or articles: Intentional Communities.</p> <p>I am not talking about hippie stuff. I've read about communities of people who come together around a common interest or activity who form a place to live together that encompasses the shared interest, community, privacy and, for lack of a better word, 'spirit'.</p> <p>There are artist's communities; communities that are focused on the land and growing food. There must be more.</p> <p>The draw for this type of living environment is, foremost, that we Boomers have always striven to shake it up. Who says we have to do it the way it has always been done? Studies prove that as people age, those who are surrounded by other people who have shared life experiences live happier and more fulfilled lives. Some of them even live longer and healthier than their nursing home counterparts.</p> <p>I've witnessed two generations before me linger in old age: dying slowly, uneventfully and feeling useless, unappreciated, and depressed. Who wants to go like that? Have we lived a life that we thought was full only to feel tossed aside an despondent because we are old now? Because we can't do something in our old age?</p> <p>Not a lot of people that I know want to spend retirement savings on homeowners association dues. I helped build thousands of homes in associations and it's nothing my husband and I would like to be subjective to.</p> <p>If possible, would you broaden your scope to look at other types of retirement living?</p> <p>I enjoy the articles and the comments in the newsletters. Keep 'em coming. :-)</p>	Thursday, Jul 12th 1:49AM
200,798,529	<p>The draw for this type of living environment is, foremost, that we Boomers have always striven to shake it up. Who says we have to do it the way it has always been done? Studies prove that as people age, those who are surrounded by other people who have shared life experiences live happier and more fulfilled lives. Some of them even live longer and healthier than their nursing home counterparts.</p> <p>I've witnessed two generations before me linger in old age: dying slowly, uneventfully and feeling useless, unappreciated, and depressed. Who wants to go like that? Have we lived a life that we thought was full only to feel tossed aside an despondent because we are old now? Because we can't do something in our old age?</p> <p>Not a lot of people that I know want to spend retirement savings on homeowners association dues. I helped build thousands of homes in associations and it's nothing my husband and I would like to be subjective to.</p> <p>If possible, would you broaden your scope to look at other types of retirement living?</p> <p>I enjoy the articles and the comments in the newsletters. Keep 'em coming. :-)</p>	Thursday, Jul 12th 12:26AM
200,797,857	<p>Friendliness of people is most important. International Church of Christ. Fun activities. Culture</p>	Thursday, Jul 12th 12:09AM
200,797,701	<p>I love working in the yard and gardening. I also spend most of my time outside so having a yard and home is important to me. I like having a quiet environment but enjoy getting out with people too, so being in a small to mid sized town works.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 11:54PM
200,796,674	<p>I'm STILL freakin' lost, more undecided than ever!</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 11:00PM
200,795,891	<p>We wouldn't live in California if the children lived somewhere else.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 10:12PM
200,795,766	<p>Get AWAY from the big city gridlock that is the Washington Metropolitan Area.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 10:06PM
200,795,677	<p>Top rated medical care is essential and also I need to live in a state that is primarily English speaking.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 9:58PM
200,795,395	<p>California is terribly liberal and has at its core a deceitful governor. Conservative voices don't matter!!!</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 9:31PM
200,794,437	<p>I would also like you to cover water contamination as the problem seems to be spreading. I have a lot of friends who are relocating to North Carolina but I see all kinds of stories on coal ash contamination (houses using bottled water for years) and GEN-X and new chemicals being found in the water and the politics of study after study and nothing being done. What good is it to move into a lower cost of living area if you can't use the water. Bare necessities are important.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 8:22PM
200,794,135	<p>Want to be in area where there are ample outdoor activities and a good cross section of age groups.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 8:35PM
200,793,509	<p>I'm interested in Ajijic, Mexico for the climate and ability to mix with people in my age group. I would like to live somewhere that I can take art and language classes and other educational opportunities. SMA would be great but it isn't in my price range for a central location.</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:57PM
200,793,468	<p>In this financial atmosphere where most of us will never have enough money again, I am not sure how many retirees</p>	Wednesday, Jul 11th

200,793,700	can actually afford to move.	8:07PM
200,793,444	I'm retired Navy. I'd prefer to be in a Military Town or near one to use my priviledges.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 8:00PM
200,792,744	I chose where to live mainly because of cost of living and available activities. I now wish I had taken other things into consideration also, such as political environment, culture and walkability. I chose an active adult community because, as a single person, I felt that would be the easiest type of community in which to meet other people and find things to do, which has been true.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:26PM
200,792,723	Getting older, need nearby medical facilities. Low crime area is also important. Taxes and low cost of living are also important.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:28PM
200,792,247	I first choice is a lake house, I want a place for a small garden, a few like minded people maybe within a few hours to a large city. I am looking for a clean lake.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:16PM
200,792,215	Key factor is to live where your retirement resources can support your lifestyle...and no snow.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:19PM
200,792,176	The more we look at options, the more overwhelmed we are beginning to feel with all of the available information that's 'out there'. Your site has been very helpful.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:07PM
200,792,163	nothing	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:12PM
200,792,022	Low cost of housing in the +/-1,800 sf to +/-2,000 sf range --- up to \$250,000 in price. Love a 1 story, low maintenance townhouse, but not a lot to choose from w/in the aforementioned price range. Low taxes on seniors. W/in 30 minutes or less of decent hospital(s) and private medical practices. Hopefully newer Assisted Living, Nursing, and Memory Care facilities to choose from. Lower Cost of Living (fuel, utilities, foods) then Central BUCKS COUNTY, PA --- shouldn't be hard to accomplish!!!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:02PM
200,791,794	Tired of the rain in washington.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 7:05PM
200,791,260	Must have low property taxes. I currently live in NJ with the highest property taxes. Love NJ but I just can't afford to live in NJ and can't stand Gov. Murphy. Also, must have natural gas - not propane. I currently have propane for heating, cooking & hot water. The cost of propane especially in the winter is as high as my NJ property taxes. Also, must have a neighborhood where the town/state is responsible for the maintenance/repair/plowing of road. I currently live on a private road with 4 other houses. Great privacy but the cost of road repair is getting very expensive each year.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:42PM
200,791,156	Having lived in New England for most of my adult life, I long to never dread winter again. Plan on moving to Florida, but recognize that I will be trading winter hibernation for periods of heat and brutal humidity. At least I will be able to go outside early in the morning or late in the evening.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:40PM
200,790,950	I travel a big portion of my career, so was able to see many parts of this wonderful country. We looked at the Carolinas, northern Florida, Georgia, Nevada and Arizona. Lived in Knoxville, TN for 14 years. Decided on Arizona love the mountains and weather suits is best. Desert landscaping makes it easy to travel when we want, no lawn to worry about.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:26PM
200,790,947	I travel a big portion of my career, so was able to see many parts of this wonderful country. We looked at the Carolinas, northern Florida, Georgia, Nevada and Arizona. Lived in Knoxville, TN for 14 years. Decided on Arizona love the mountains and weather suits is best. Desert landscaping makes it easy to travel when we want, no lawn to worry about.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:26PM
200,790,693	It's a tough choice! Do I leave my established friends, work, and volunteering to be near my family as we all get older?	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:19PM
200,790,595	Living in a small town away from traffic, people, slower/relaxed lifestyle where I won't see my neighbor.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:17PM
200,790,353	I am single and hope it is feasible to move from Iowa to Florida tentatively	Wednesday, Jul 11th 6:04PM

200,789,854	We live about 30 minutes from the grandchildren - which was the most important factor when choosing where to live when we retired. It so happens we also live near big-enough towns (in the Tampa Bay Area) that offers plenty to do.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 5:42PM
200,789,792	I would have left Florida many years ago except that my grown children and grands are still here....however my children plan on leaving FL when they retire....since I am 72 I don't think I can wait that long!!?	Wednesday, Jul 11th 5:24PM
200,789,578	can't seem to decide if I want to move to a place I enjoy as a vacation destination.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 5:37PM
200,789,560	I m 76, still working part time as const consultant. Only hobby, beekeeping and baking, no golf, cards, or sports, not in my backtoud	Wednesday, Jul 11th 5:29PM
200,789,354	prefer active communities where older people DO THINGS rather than waiting around to die.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 5:19PM
200,788,737	Moving to crossville Tn. area Low cost of living,low taxes,low crime rate,better weather and scenery.No liberals.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 5:05PM
200,788,326	I would consider a townhome; however they all seem to be part of a home owner's association. Unless the fees are reasonable, I'm not interested in any HOA properties. Too jaded by NJ real estate taxes. Love my current home but not sure I can afford to continue to live in it once retired because of the high taxes.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:32PM
200,788,273	Not at this time!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:38PM
200,787,797	Hard to choose to be near friends/family and affordability. NJ knocked me out of any options here.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:29PM
200,787,749	We just know that we do NOT want to put up with MN winters anymore, even tho we love this highly taxed State. We want to make our \$\$ go further and be warm doing it. We're currently in the process of putting our MN home on the market to sell, and we will move to our retirement community in Florida until we can decide where we want to live. We have a 5th wheel and will be traveling a lot in the next couple years. We know we would like a bigger home with a garage (Florida place is a mfg home) and would prefer to be in a retirement community.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:09PM
200,787,739	Preferences as follows : 1. Good Hospitals and a good V.A. Hospital 2.Suburban area or rural where crime, violence, is below national limits. 3.Avoiding States with the most corruption which is flooding our Nation. 4.Avoiding States that like to store radioactive waste or have nuclear plants---I am a climate change advocate aware of the CO2 levels,death of species each year, and the continuing power of oil industries to manipulate Congress.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:37PM
200,787,696	I am voting with my feet. We are in the 92nd percentile in income and are leaving a high and irrational taxing state to a no-income tax state even though the property taxes will increase by 50% (we have owned our current home for 30+ years under California's Prop 13). In addition, crappifornia just gets dirtier, more crime, worse commute, more illegals, more government benefits for those too lazy to work or illegal and more crowded. I used to love it here - not any more!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:23PM
200,787,569	Interested in getting the most value for the money, versus just the lowest cost.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:19PM
200,787,184	As a matter of fact I'm closing next week on a piece of property in Dandridge, TN I just bought. The lot is bare ground, on the lake (Lake Douglas) and has a breathtaking southerly view of the lake and the Smoky Mountains. Plan on moving down there from Illinois where I currently live and work in approx. 4 years and build a new home.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:04PM
200,787,125	We visited the Pacific Northwest each Spring for 4 years for 7-10 days each year searching for just the right place to retire. When we finally decided on Vancouver WA, we chose a new housing development with only 28 lots, thinking that it would be a size that would allow us to know all of our neighbors!! That has turned out to be true and it has been just great to have a new house with new furniture, as we began the next chapter of our lives!! We had no idea who would end up in those 28 homes as our neighbors, but it has proven to be delightful and we know that we made the right choice for us!!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:01PM
200,787,007	We found that Punta Gorda Florida is a great place to retire.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:05PM

200,786,933	Amenities	Wednesday, Jul 11th 4:00PM
200,786,915	I chose a small town within a 90 minute drive of a major metro region for airport and specialized services.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:56PM
200,786,879	Weather, taxes and crime are important considerations for us. Tired of winter and would like to be outdoors all year long.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:59PM
200,786,772	I am having such a hard time deciding on where to retire. I didn't realized it was going to be so difficult.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:47PM
200,786,587	My husband has properties where we live so we can't fully retire away from NJ.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:46PM
200,786,510	Would like to be close to the ocean.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:25PM
200,786,137	Because I did not make much money in my life, and did not plan well for retirement, money concerns are controlling and limiting my options much more than I would like. Ideally, I would be a snowbird and travel extensively.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:22PM
200,786,117	Needed access to international airport and able to leave home for extended periods of time without concern. Wanted to join an active community with social, recreational and cultural opportunities.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:26PM
200,785,992	As my wife and I age the reality of medical care becomes increasingly important. With that said, privacy is important as is the ability to socialize. We aren't looking for anything too far from town but we don't want to travel 10 miles for a quart of milk either.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:15PM
200,785,825	High, dry altitude for star watching.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:12PM
200,785,775	Looking for single level homes with garage.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:09PM
200,785,745	Looking for single level homes with garage.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:09PM
200,785,701	In fact we just bought our retirement home in a northern Colorado college town. Will make the move there next year	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:06PM
200,785,594	Looking for non gated, non golf active community which has very mild winters and plenty of sunshine.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 3:01PM
200,785,480		Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:52PM
	Although I am 64 (a nurse) and my husband is 71 (professor), we work "full time" in careers we enjoy in the Northeast.	
200,785,435	Just once in my life I would like to live day to day without concerning myself with how much things cost. Can't do that anywhere in U.S.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:57PM
200,785,344	After having spent a lifetime dealing with snow in the winter, my biggest pleasure will be leaving the snow blower behind.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:52PM
200,785,170	would like to retire to over 55 community if HOA costs were low. Some are very high.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:50PM
200,785,158	Must allow pets!!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:45PM
200,785,031	Availability of volunteer opportunities. Ease of navigation or not too congested. Not near the beach-no areas directly impacted by hurricanes	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:42PM

200,784,986	As indicated above, I expect to be seriously visually impaired within a few years. However, I have always been very independent, and would like to be able to retain some modicum of independence and decent quality of life (the prospect of sitting in a chair listening to reruns of Jackie Gleason and I Love Lucy is unappealing), but I have not as yet found a satisfactory solution. I currently live in NJ, which I love, but will become too expensive down the road.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:07PM
200,784,922	living preferences- access to medical care and knowing the crime situation are important areas for me	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:31PM
200,784,921	Large single population and lots of activities & social events.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:35PM
200,784,908	Quality medical care should be a top factor in choosing a place to retire. Until one has had a medical crisis, you never realize what damage a mediocre spot can do because an hour's drive to the better facility was not possible. Or the ambulance took you to the closest facility, not the best. It is something that can affect the rest of your life, whether it is your own or your loved one's. Also, as a widow with no children, a 55+ active adult community with a full range of amenities is probably indicated as an excellent fit.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:26PM
200,784,884	It was very important to us to move somewhere new (being built) to make it easy to meet people and make friends. This has made a huge difference since we moved to a community where we did not know anyone. We have a wonderful circle(s) of friends as well as the weather and amenities we wanted (golf, fitness classes, lots of social activities, great cultural venues , shopping, and airport nearby).	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:34PM
200,784,689	Took about 4 yrs. for me to realize what a "fixed income" really means. My small pension and Social Security don't increase as much as apartment rentals and cost of living in general. Also realize that "retirement" is not one unchanging time of life.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:17PM
200,784,655	I want sidewalks, good weather and stores that I can walk to. I do not want to live in a place like the Villages in Florida (hate Florida)I have looked in alot of places and it is not easy to find a place with those criteria in the Carolinas. I want to be around people of all ages too.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:21PM
200,784,571	Access to high end doctors and medical facilities, performing arts, sports, activities and friends and family.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:22PM
200,784,426	I like the cohousing movement. Where you see young and old living together.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:18PM
200,784,382	My kids r all over so my selection is based more on cost, climate and church.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:12PM
200,784,338	I live in a rural area in Illinois now and would plant to move to another rural location. I expect the state's financial condition to get worse and expect to see tax increases soon.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:08PM
200,784,269	Want traditional home with view of mountains in a diverse community.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:09PM
200,784,232	We are looking for an area where retired, but active, people can have activities available if, and when wanted. We want to get away from the expensive, hyper-activity of the Southern California life style.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:45PM
200,784,219	We like the idea of a Del Webb gated community of 55+ where there are lots of activities, but also near our family.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:07PM
200,784,181	I have spent 3+ years first creating my parameters for a move and visiting some places on my original list. It's very hard to find just the right place.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 2:05PM
200,783,963	we hope to end up in an area without an HOA...such hassles!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:52PM
200,783,849	Want help maintaining our home, I.e.lawn mowers, etc	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:48PM
200,783,835	I am single with no children. I would like to find a community where there are newer trends towards communal living options and/or 55+ commune-type housing.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:46PM
200,783,755	Escape California Crazy Liberals. Excessive regulations Taxes and cost of living with the crazy environmental crap	Wednesday, Jul 11th

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200,783,704	I want to slow down and just be in nature with my animals.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:42PM
200,783,449	Will probably sell our home and rent a townhouse to see if that lifestyle works for us before we by our next home.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:28PM
200,783,346	Community	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:27PM
200,783,343	I love everyday.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:30PM
200,783,291	Would like to be in a climate as to enjoy outdoor activities for my body, and be able to be near a college for classes for my mind. Would also like to not have to deal with overcrowding of snowbirds.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:16PM
200,783,219	Wish there were more 55 plus communities that are affordable	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:22PM
200,783,139	We have looked into continuing care facilities, planned communities like Sun City in Florida and Arizona, and the Villages in Florida as well as Myrtle beach, etc. We loved them all, or I should say I loved them all. My husband had always been reluctant to move out of the City so in the end we decided to stay here. Actually, there are so many things for seniors to do here. You can join whatever activity you are interested in from taking university courses to joining arts groups and book clubs.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:58PM
200,783,073	Need to be where a lot of culture activity, knit shops are important and a great place for social activity	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:15PM
200,783,037	Flexibility is key w/out jumping into something prematurely! Spouse likes where we live suburbia LA.. But the massive congestion, constant barrage of taxes, extreme in your face liberal politics has made us open to relocating somewhere else.. Middle America comes to mind, but needs further exploring	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:16PM
200,783,014	No compromises would yield a sunny house on the coast, not a condo in a partly sunny coastal area.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:05PM
200,782,920	I'm also single with adult (and thankfully independent) children and aging parents, so those factors will play into my retirement timing and location decisions.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:05PM
200,782,917	We do not want to be in a 55+ community because we want to have options with our future grandchildren. We would like at least 2 golf courses in a gated community. Since we will not know anyone when we move, we want a community with very active social clubs. We want a Catholic Church within a 20 minute drive. We would like an airport that flies directly to Reagan International Airport since we have family in that area.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:03PM
200,782,902	prefer suburban setting near a lake	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:05PM
200,782,826	We really want a dual master house and hope they start offering more of them in new developments. My roommate and I are retiring together and it isn't fair that one of us has to take a smaller room all the time. We want an arid environment rather than a humid one (although the lure of Florida remains due to our love of cruising). And as 2 women we would prefer a gated 55+ active adult community with tons of things to do. 11.5 more years to go and we can't wait!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 1:04PM
200,782,787	Our house is too big but we have lots of privacy and are only a mile from any service you would want. Would downsize but then my husband would have nothing to do as puttering is his favorite activity!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:57PM
200,782,724	Active, Lifestyle amenities, Medical amenities, Political & Economical stability & alternative Transportation facilities.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:52PM
200,782,688	More options for 120k & under	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:55PM
200,782,626	If I relocated it will be to locate closer to my daughter who happens to be in Texas. Otherwise, I'd remain in MA or select something in the Arizona/Vegas area. Love the desert, mountains/lakes.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:58PM

200,782,578	Would like low maintenance living so I have time to do things other than mow/weed lawn and replace items on older home.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:48PM
200,782,520	- Still conflicted about moving from Frederick, MD where we have lived for 40+ years - High taxes - Many friends and organizational ties here - Wife does not want to leave, but home mortgage and taxes are high - I'd like to move to Orlando area	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:48PM
200,782,459	No	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:49PM
200,782,440	Although we're already retired at this time we are unable to move due to elderly parents and wanting to be close to them. Our eventual plan is to move out of Southern California and move to the mountains of Northern Arizona, specifically Prescott	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:37PM
200,782,433	Opportunity to meet new friends	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:52PM
200,782,408	My home is paid for Taxes in this state are acceptable Climate is good (No winter) Cultural opportunities in Austin abound	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:49PM
200,782,391	less amenities so the hoa remains low and we can plan our financial future in retirement	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:48PM
200,782,370	Just purchased retirement home in horse country Tryon NC. I have large show dogs wanted animal friendly community. Leaving Southern CA. Cost of living will be less than half and am on 10 acres. LOVE the area. Moving in fall/winter after building appropriate dog kennel housing. This past week in So CA was 115 degrees and 108....I'll take the change of seasons and a little humidity! I used www.smartasset.com ,retirement tool/tax friendliness by state as starting point. Visited my shortlist of several states and once I found this area- I just knew. After using that program I went to Sperling's Best places to retire and looked at individual cities within about a 50 mile radius area. And of course looked at info on your website as well. Can't wait for the move but will work from there another 2.5-3 years or so.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:42PM
200,782,358	Unfortunately I am severely handicapped in my choice of the best retirement living situations due to not being able to afford the usual house in a retirement village type deal, or any of the "pay your life's savings in return for a retirement village" type deal. Only 30% of those retiring can afford to live like Saudi Princes in these places. No small inexpensive communities or cottages on 1/ acre of land for retirees are being built nor do they seem to currently even exist anywhere, and I have searched for years. I currently moved out of expensive Virginia and now rent in a regular apartment complex in the city but as rents escalate for each succeeding year, I expect to be moving a lot in the future to take advantage of the rent specials at new places trying to fill their apartments. Not what I would call a nice retirement choice, rather one of constant flux and change.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:37PM
200,782,310	no snow	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:48PM
200,782,242	I want to own a vacation home to spend most of my retirement years in. A vacation home being a cabin on a natural lake in the New England area.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:24PM
200,782,210	Would like a "Green" community, walkable.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:43PM
200,782,098	A conundrum - wanting to get out of the large city but grandchildren are here. How to move AWAY from grandchildren?!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:35PM
200,781,976	Leaving RI for better costs of living	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:33PM
200,781,902	Activities and amenities were also important.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:31PM

200,781,883	so much info out there is on the rest of the country, in warm climates. I would love to hear of retirement communities in mountain areas where there is clean fresh air, green hills - no golf courses to pay for etc...I would love to find a group of folks where we have a great garden, a common area for gathering and bbqing, under shade trees, that rejuvenates you- not sucks the life out of you like the humidity and heat of most retirement states. I have 1 year to decide. I need wineries around too, for concerts, community with same passions that are not boating or golfing. I want to ride my bike fast, but not next to a road, but in the trees or green hills.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:25PM
200,781,873	We currently live in California. Our choice of the Northeast as a retirement area is due to our desire to live in an area where there are 4 distinct seasons. The choice of New Hampshire specifically is because of our ancestry. We hope to be able to better research our lineage since there have been people in our family lines that go back to the 1600's within New Hampshire.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:28PM
200,781,773	Would love to be in cool active community w walkability but most of the people at older...do I think we will end up being in a regular community	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:22PM
200,781,765	Every region has challenges of weather, traffic, growth, etc.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:23PM
200,781,712	I would like to find out a Health care ranking per area I am interested in exploring.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:19PM
200,781,571	Availability to pets, (Dogs cats horses)	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:18PM
200,781,542	no	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:12PM
200,781,507	off grid tiny home	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:18PM
200,781,385	Agrihoods look very appealing. Would love to see some age restricted Agrihoods!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:07PM
200,781,311	Looking for a place that we can shut down and travel and not have to worry about it. Condo might make more sense than a home.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:05PM
200,781,292	I retired early and downsized to a smaller house and moved out of state. I do think as I age, one day I will want to move to a small townhome. And its possible that I will move states again to be closer to family for health reasons, though I would like not to do that.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:09PM
200,781,286	I'd like to live in a bigger city with lots of grocery shopping (farmer's markets) and restaurants.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:05PM
200,781,257	I do not believe in Gated communities and Age restricted communities. To me, that isn't what America is about. I want to live with "normal" people doing the "normal" things that you do in life. And, I enjoy watching children play, because it reminds me of when I was a child.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:03PM
200,781,219	We found a home in Ocean Isle, NC about 3 years ago and try to get there once a month and have decided it's the perfect place to retire.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:10PM
200,781,177	Important preferences: low taxes, active life-style, good medical close by, golf/activities, international airport.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:06PM
200,781,070	Get out if Wisconsin snow and be active.	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:05PM
200,780,984	Income tax for "permanent address" as a snowbird	Wednesday, Jul 11th 12:02PM
200,780,137	Location, location, location - we have our eye on a home in the center of a village, just outside of the urban area of Portland ME. Lots to do, close to everything we need and the best climate. Snow? We can watch it pile up - no place to go and they actually keep the streets plowed! I know we will love it!	Wednesday, Jul 11th 11:32AM

200,753,159	During my lifetime I have seen many people leave Southern California for different reasons. Most of them regretted their decision and high tailed themselves back to the golden state.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 4:06PM
200,751,182	I plan to select a place where they are currently building because I believe it'll be easier to meet people and make friends if people are moving into the community. The place also has to be large enough to have many activities. I also prefer a maintenance free home where the yard care and exterior home maintenance is included in the HOA fee. I don't mind paying an HOA fee because I plan on using the amenities.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 2:31PM
200,747,070	The size of the 55+ active adult communities matters a lot. Because: 1) More people in a community usually means more facilities, activities and socializing. 2) Expenses and grounds/facilities costs for large communities are spread out between more people, thus, reducing costs to each individual versus a smaller community.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 12:08PM
200,740,497	Quite frankly, I fell into the proverbial 'pile of *%#\$' and came out smelling like a rose - in my opinion. Where I was, when I 'retired' years ago, and how my area has now wrapped me in its cocoon for many of my self indulgences, I believe I would not be able to be financially replicate it today if I had to do it over again as to where I have fortunately landed. I'm pushing 80YO.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 8:19AM
200,738,192	Really dislike the newer 55+ communities with homes packed on top of each other. Do not golf or need all the high expensive HOA for pools, club house, etc. At this point, not sure where we will end up but do not know what we do not like.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 7:49AM
200,736,592	Really disappointed in the lack of home choices in the 55+ developments—all new ones seem to be \$300k+ with no yard. Would like to see more one level patio homes at \$200k with backyard, plenty of trees and walking trails. Also close to necessities (shopping, healthcare)	Tuesday, Jul 10th 6:55AM
200,735,909	55+ might be more advantageous as we age, but we prefer an urban setting.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 6:36AM
200,728,949	The problem is my preferences might not matter. Enough money, and the right/best option available when the time comes is what counts. I'm caring for my 95-year old mother, won't move until that is done. Love my current home but it is not a good place to age in, so probably will sell and hopefully move somewhere I like.	Tuesday, Jul 10th 2:08AM
200,722,390	I always thought it was so important to plan for your finances. Yes, it is however you can have all the money in the world, if you don't have your health you can't do anything. Take care of your help and take care of your your partner's health. Very important.	Monday, Jul 9th 8:09PM
200,721,070	It's surprisingly easy to lose sight of the reason behind making a move in retirement. If the goal is primarily to save money, make sure that that you are not saving on one expense (such as property tax in Florida) only to spend far more on other expenses (such as homeowner's insurance, auto insurance, flood policies, sinkhole coverage, water treatment) compared to where you live now. In the end, it's not where the checks are sent to each month, it's the total that matters.	Monday, Jul 9th 10:10AM
200,718,369	Pet friendly. Need a small fenced yard.	Monday, Jul 9th 5:16PM
200,710,333	Yes! Your singles blog area isn't busy...WHY? I'm certain that there are single retirees out there, are there communities for them? Any amenities for them?	Monday, Jul 9th 1:02PM
200,709,880	Question 4 is difficult to answer. While we are considering moving primarily to downsize, that option isn't listed. We want to be closer to the ocean to take advantage of the slightly cooler weather, so yes on climate and weather. Virtually every item on your list is equally important in that the loss of any would be a deal-breaker. I wouldn't move too far from my family or friends, or consider a high crime area, or one of a markedly different political bent, poor walkability, lack of medical care access, and so forth.	Monday, Jul 9th 12:41PM
200,709,007	Feeling safe and 2nd amendment freedom. No traffic jams. Close to a church with our religious preference.	Monday, Jul 9th 12:19PM
200,707,228	People who comment on TopRetirements often state church going is a negative in the South. But i've moved from New York and i love finding more people in Tennessee who are interested in having a relationship with the Living God. Going to church does not equate the latter. In New York i was mocked because i believed an intimate relationship with the	Monday, Jul 9th 11:39AM

When God does not equate the letter in how form I was inspired because I believe an intimate relationship with the Creator is possible. Here, it is a joy to see and hear God honored more often.

200,705,358 Praying that peacemakers emerge throughout the country that will work on finding common ground so we can live somewhat in peace. That we would all gently yet firmly admonish folks who seek to tear the fabric of society. That said, we also need to encourage civil debate on important issues. Monday, Jul 9th 10:57AM

200,700,407 Due to so little equity in my very low COL area home, unless there's a sudden real estate boom I will likely keep current home as base and do some form of boomerang or long term travel. Also my grown children want to stay. Monday, Jul 9th 9:12AM

200,700,055 We would love to move to the Pacific Northwest, but real estate prices have risen far higher than we wish to spend. Monday, Jul 9th 9:19AM

200,698,947 Was nice to downsize from a large home and yard. The folks we have met are all great people and fast becoming great friends. Monday, Jul 9th 8:56AM

200,698,320 We've lived in the same house now for 31 years. However we'll need to start thinking about alternatives when we can no longer negotiate stairs. Monday, Jul 9th 8:37AM

200,698,285 We plan to keep our retirement very simple. We will full-time the first 2-3 years to "find our spot." Then we will buy a condo or small low maintenance home as a home base. We plan to continue to travel at least half of the year. Monday, Jul 9th 8:28AM

200,697,416 Gated community, no yard work, 1 level home, lots of clubs & activities, close to beaches, entertainment and culture. Monday, Jul 9th 8:09AM

200,695,057 I chose a villa in a nice community. I like villas more than condos because you do feel like you are in your own house all on one level. Monday, Jul 9th 7:04AM

200,694,946 After spending more than three years searching for the right place to retire, we realized that we already live here. Now we are looking at nearby retirement communities for downsizing options. We were lucky to land in a place with a reasonable climate that we can tolerate, good medical care, and acceptable cost of living. Monday, Jul 9th 6:58AM

200,694,571 Where I live is perfect for me right now. However, I always look at places that I visit with a critical eye for possibility. I may not always have the ability to keep up with a traditional house and yard. Interests can change, kids move away, the growing costs and population in this city may impact my satisfaction. I find that it is good to keep an open mind for change and not get too emotionally attached to a place that is just not a good fit anymore. Monday, Jul 9th 6:33AM
