

Best neighborhoods to retire

If life after work means more than a beach chair, the best place to retire might be the big city. We looked at 30 of the nation's largest metro areas and found the right neighborhoods for you.

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Denver

Best place to retire: LoDo

Pros: Easy public transit, lots of local restaurants

Cons: No grocery store within the neighborhood

Real estate: A two-bedroom condo in an elevator building sells for about \$400,000. You'll pay \$1,500 for a two-bedroom rental.

Denver's Lower Downtown Historic District, or LoDo to residents, rests just northwest of the city's urban core and is composed of the two dozen or so blocks that originally made up the city.

It now contains a vibrant mix of young professionals and empty nesters, who are drawn to the neighborhood's world-class performing arts center and 70-odd bars and restaurants.

LoDo has most conveniences within walking distance, but what you can't get in the district, you can find by hopping on the 16th Street Mall Shuttle, a free bus that connects some of Denver's most popular destinations.

The neighborhood does have a noise ordinance, but on special occasions, like the Colorado Rockies' recent run to Major League baseball's playoffs, the streets fill with energy - and loudness.



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