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Green Bay, Wisconsin - #3 in Best Places to Live in the United States

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GREEN BAY, WI RANKED:

#3 in Best Places to Live

#2 in Cheapest Places to Live

#15 in Best Places to Live for Quality of Life

#18 in Safest Places to Live

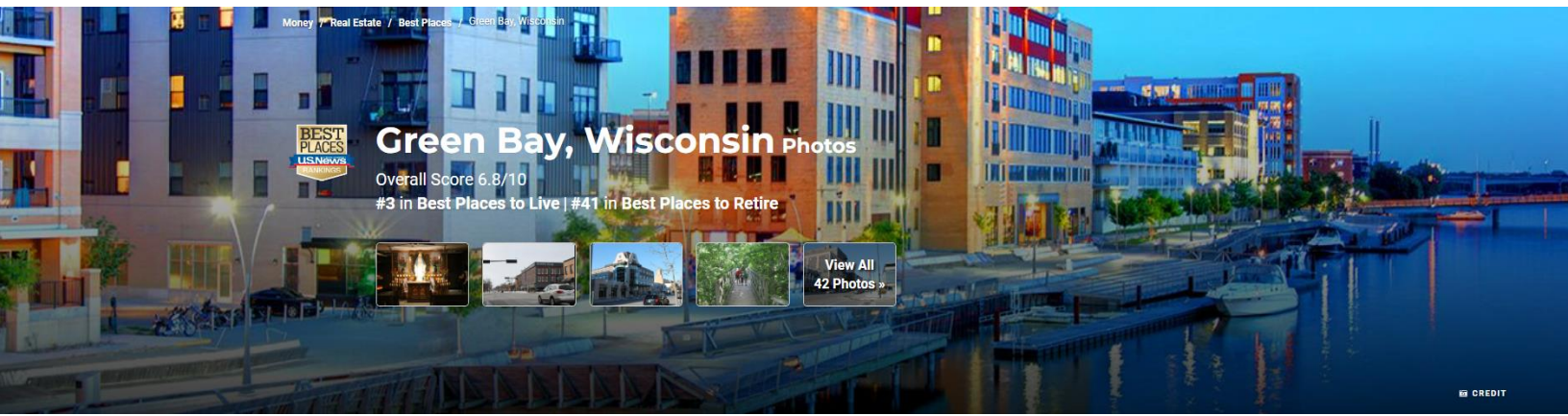
#41 in Best Places to Retire

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO LIVE IN GREEN BAY, WI?

Home to one of the most storied football franchises in the NFL, the Green Bay Packers, Green Bay has the perfect mix of big-city amenities complemented with a Midwestern, small-town feel. This city boasts a thriving entertainment and arts scene, revitalized downtown, and two college campuses, creating an energy that may appeal to young families as well as retirees.

Green Bay is located in the heart of northeast Wisconsin and is the state's oldest settlement. The city's heart is at the mouth of the Fox River, and its access to the Great Lakes allowed early settlers to use the area's waterways to become successful entrepreneurs.

While the city continues to be a major shipping center, summertime on the Fox River is alive with waterskiing, riverfront dining and sunset cruises. The Fox River State Trail, a wooded walking and biking trail that runs parallel with the river, is a prominent section of the Cellcom Green Bay Marathon.



You can find boutique shopping and numerous museums throughout the city and surrounding areas. Downtown Green Bay, the Broadway District, downtown De Pere and Vickery Village just north of Green Bay feature shops with antiques, home decor and trendy clothing.

A thriving craft beer industry, an array of restaurant options and its proximity to weekend getaway destination Door County make Green Bay a good place to settle down and stay.

GREEN BAY QUICK STATS:

Metro Population - 320,827

Median Home Price - \$181,700

Median Monthly Rent - \$807

Median Age – 38 Years Old

Average Annual Salary - \$50,020

Unemployment Rate – 6.2%

Average Commute – 20.1 Minutes

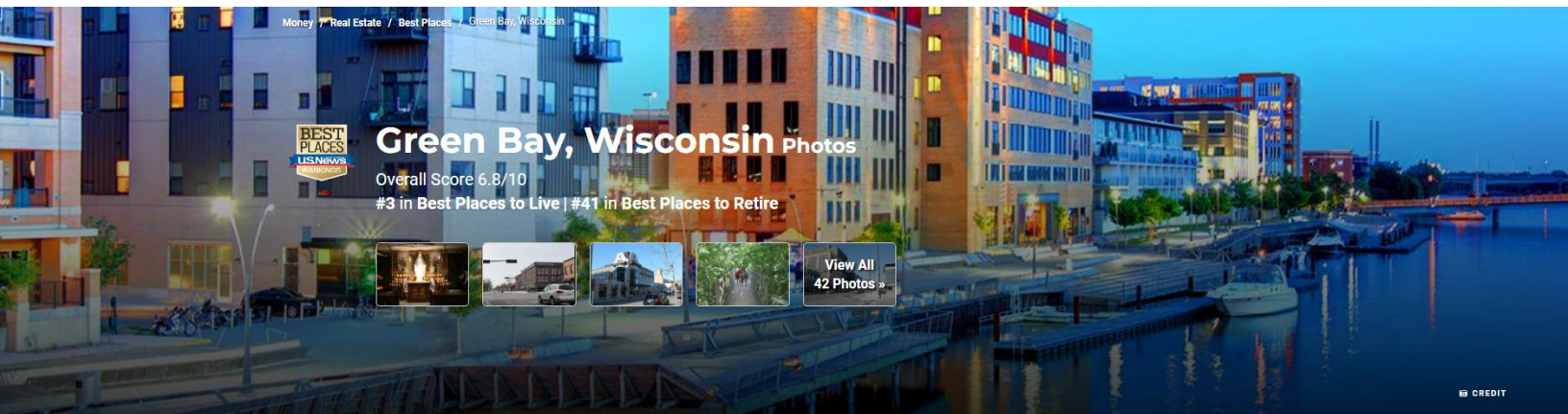
WHAT IS THERE TO DO IN GREEN BAY, WI?

Green Bay hosts a variety of activities. Lambeau Field offers regular stadium tours, the Packers Hall of Fame and Pro Shop, and excellent dining options. Walk across the street to visit the Titledown district, which provides family fun all year with a full-size football field and park, along with a tubing hill and ice skating rink in the winter months.

Outdoor enthusiasts can walk, run, bike, snowshoe, or cross-country ski on the area’s trails. In the summer, locals and visitors take advantage of the Fox River by boating, kayaking, or cruising north, to the bay of Green Bay.

Music lovers can catch talented local musicians live at venues throughout the city or see national headliners at the Resch Center. Outside of football, sports fans can enjoy the Green Bay Rockers of the Northwoods League, a summer college baseball league. There’s also Green Bay Gamblers hockey and local college athletics. For cultural entertainment, locals can take advantage of the historic Meyer Theatre and the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts.

Green Bay is home to museums and art galleries. Just north of Green Bay is The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, the only Catholic shrine in America with a church-approved



Marian Apparition Site, denoting a location where Mary, the mother of Jesus, is said to have appeared.

The restaurant scene features fine dining, farm-to-table, and traditional Midwestern supper club options. The Green Bay area also has many craft beer and winery establishments.

WHAT IS THE COST OF LIVING IN GREEN BAY, WI?

A low cost of living in Green Bay is one of its advantages, and a house here costs less than the national median. Wisconsin residents pay property tax, sales tax, and state income tax.

WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE IN GREEN BAY, WI?

Green Bay experiences all four seasons, with winter lasting from November through the beginning of March. Winter months are cold and snowy. But crisp, sunny springs lead to hot and humid summers.

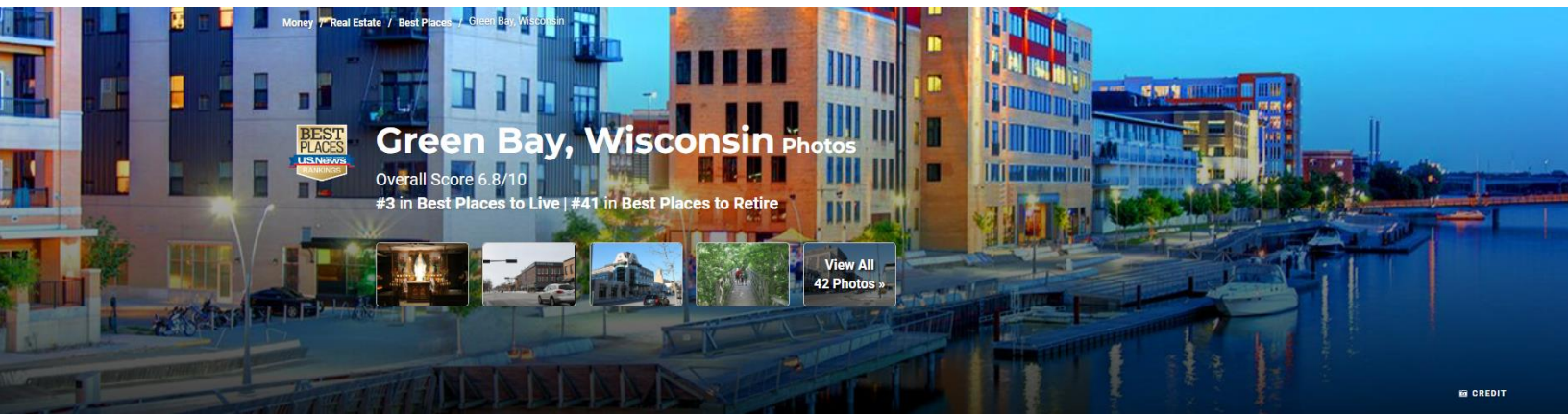
WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO GET AROUND GREEN BAY, WI?

Most people rely on their own transportation to get around the city and suburbs, and parking is easy to find throughout the city. The Fox River State Trail connects downtown Green Bay to De Pere and Bellevue and winds as far south as Greenleaf. Travelers can get anywhere within the greater Green Bay area in about 20 minutes, and [Madison](#) and [Milwaukee](#) are a two-hour drive from Green Bay.

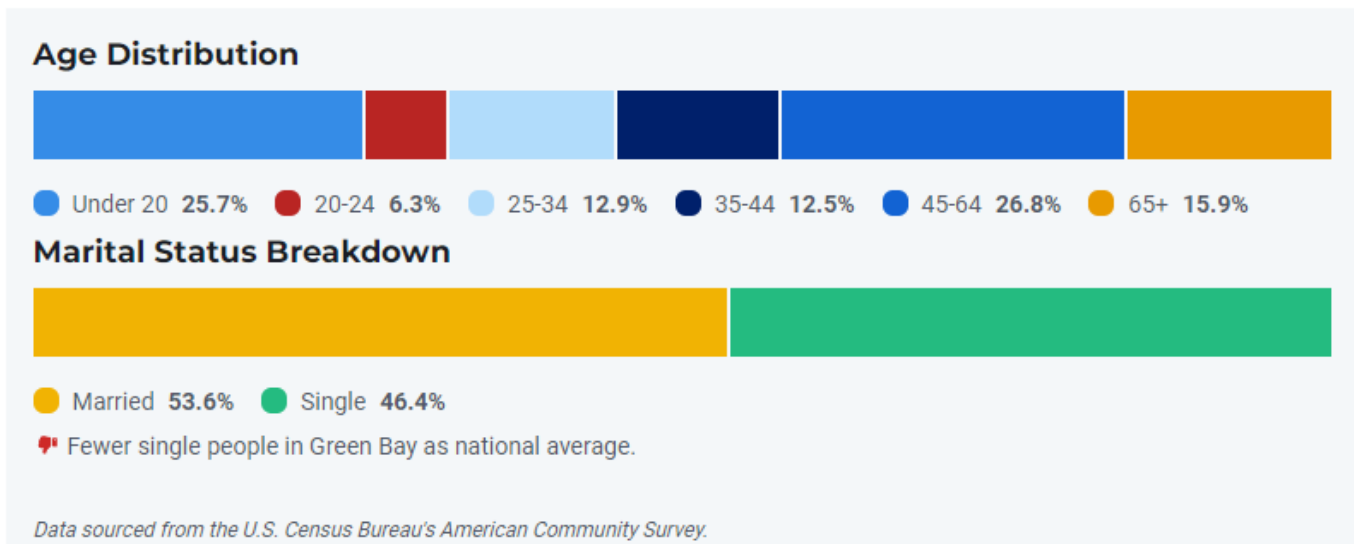
Green Bay is home to Austin Straubel International Airport, with direct flights to cities including [Chicago](#), [Denver](#), [Orlando](#), [Minneapolis](#), [Atlanta](#) and [Detroit](#). The Greyhound bus station is located in the heart of the city, along with the Green Bay Metro city bus system. The city bus provides access to major attractions, including downtown Green Bay, the [University of Wisconsin--Green Bay](#), [St. Norbert College](#), Bay Beach, Lambeau Field and the Titledown district. Taxis and ride-hailing services are also available.

WHO LIVES IN GREEN BAY, WI?

There is a family feel to Green Bay. The city is known for its excellent public school system and is home to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, St. Norbert College and [Northeast Wisconsin Technical College](#).



Access to several health care systems, a walkable downtown that connects to the Fox River State Trail, and a thriving arts and culture scene also make it attractive to retirees.



WHAT KIND OF JOBS ARE THERE IN GREEN BAY, WI?

The [health care industry](#) is a major employer in Green Bay. Large insurance companies like UnitedHealth Group and Humana employ thousands, and paper and shipping businesses including Georgia-Pacific and Schneider also have a significant presence in the area. Schreiber Foods, one of the largest dairy companies in the world, has its corporate headquarters in downtown Green Bay.

HOW GOOD ARE THE SCHOOLS IN GREEN BAY, WI?

Green Bay encompasses 20 public elementary, middle, and high schools. Green Bay also has 42 private schools. 16 high schools are recognized on [U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools rankings](#).

Total Students: 14,877, Total Teachers: 997, Student – Teacher Ratio: 15 : 1

HOW SAFE IS GREEN BAY, WI?

The metropolitan area's violent crime rate was lower than the national rate in 2020. Its rate of property crime was lower than the national rate.



Green Bay, Wisconsin Photos

Overall Score 6.8/10

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