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## The Best U.S. Beach Towns to Live In

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**Looking to live by the beach? Here are U.S. destinations you should consider.**

Living close to the beach can be quite a relaxing experience if you know where to settle down.

[According to personal finance website WalletHub](#), some beach towns can be easier on the wallet than their landlocked counterparts.

To help you figure out where to look for your dream beach bungalow, WalletHub compared 227 cities in America based on six different factors and some 49 different indicators ranging from the cost of waterfront homes to the quality of the beach water.

The six categories were affordability, weather, safety, economy, education and health, and quality of life. The study also looked at crime rates, rent prices, and school systems.

Here's a look at the full breakdown:

Overall Rank (1=Best)	City	Total Score	'Affordability' Rank	'Weather' Rank	'Safety' Rank	'Economy' Rank	'Education & Health' Rank	'Quality of Life' Rank
1	Naples, FL	66.36	48	168	53	103	40	1
2	Key West, FL	66.09	63	67	130	31	70	5
3	Eden Prairie, MN	64.73	45	33	74	6	9	120
4	Traverse City, MI	64.35	139	49	15	92	113	7
5	St. Augustine, FL	63.7	118	34	164	146	52	2
6	Charleston, SC	63.67	141	30	85	46	120	10
7	Marco Island, FL	63.57	47	79	2	122	38	45
8	Key Biscayne, FL	63.48	16	86	29	69	46	69
9	Boca Raton, FL	63.4	26	65	116	65	67	18
10	Duluth, MN	63.22	6	88	107	59	4	83
11	Lahaina, HI	63.13	9	118	95	133	142	8
12	Sarasota, FL	63.02	40	134	174	89	55	3

149	Ormond Beach, FL	51.68	98	153	167	79	122	85
150	Kenosha, WI	51.39	205	166	52	195	59	149
151	Hollywood, FL	51.34	126	182	141	127	117	72
152	Half Moon Bay, CA	51.33	105	93	196	64	199	49
153	Kaneohe, HI	51.33	94	25	177	82	154	145
154	Anacortes, WA	51.3	137	185	68	70	127	113
155	South Lake Tahoe, CA	51.09	225	12	140	171	218	28
156	Revere, MA	50.97	201	205	110	52	34	215
157	New Rochelle, NY	50.84	176	191	35	57	186	178
158	Apollo Beach, FL	50.62	74	121	220	88	78	222
159	Bellingham, WA	50.53	196	202	147	116	109	34

Of the top 10 beach cities that made the list, six were located in [Florida](#), though the full list runs the gamut, from [California](#) and [Hawaii](#) to [Ohio](#) and [Illinois](#).

The five locations with the lowest housing costs were Bay Village, Ohio, Chanhassen, Minnesota, Oregon, Ohio, Olathe, Kansas, and Batavia, Illinois.

The highest water temperatures were in Galveston, Texas, Biloxi, Mississippi, Port Lavaca, Texas, Marco Island, Florida, and Key West, Florida.

Meanwhile, the following cities had the most nightlife establishments per capita: Florida's Key West, St. Augustine, Miami Beach, and Sarasota, followed by Myrtle Beach in South Carolina and finally back to Florida again for Naples.

WalletHub's [full study](#) also includes where you'll find the most restaurants and coffee shops per capita.