



MONEY Magazine Names Wylie 26th Best Place to Live in Nation

Wylie, Texas, Sept. 17, 2019 – Wylie has been named number 26 on MONEY Magazine’s 2019 Best Places to Live in America list. Wylie is the only North Texas city to be named to the list, and one of only four in the state.

For this year’s list, MONEY evaluated 1,796 cities on their economy, cost of living, ethnic and economic diversity, public education, housing, health and safety, ease of living, and amenities. Reporters visited each city, interviewing residents and searching for the “kinds of intangible factors that aren’t revealed by statistics.”

“This is exciting news for our citizens who help make Wylie such a great place to call home,” said Mayor Eric Hogue. “This recognition didn’t happen by accident; it’s a result of the careful planning by our city staff, working every day to ensure an outstanding quality of life.”

Noting Wylie’s “booming economy, low unemployment, and job growth,” MONEY editors said, “Wylie is one of the fastest-growing cities in Texas. Incorporated as a town in 1887, Wylie grew steadily during the Great Depression years, unlike many rural Texas communities, relying on onions as the town’s cash crop. By the 1940s, it had become nicknamed ‘Wide Awake Wylie,’ for its late-night socializing and shopping habits.”

That “same community spirit” is one of the many reasons Wylie has landed on MONEY’s “Best Places” list for the third time – it was ranked 20 in 2017 and 25 in 2015. In addition to a crime rate that is “well below the national average,” editors said that Wylie’s citizens get together for such events as “bluegrass festivals, the local rodeo, pedal car races, and other outdoor concerts. Historic Downtown Wylie attracts residents and visitors with many shops, century-old buildings, and Olde City Park.” Editors also noted Wylie’s hike and bike trails and proximity to Lavon and Ray Hubbard lakes, which provide recreational opportunities.

Wylie ISD was also a factor. “Students in the Wylie School District tend to score above the national and state averages on the SAT and ACT; its high school graduation rate, meanwhile, is just shy of 95%.”

For more information, including the complete list of honorees, visit money/collection/best-places-to-live-2019/.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population almost 50,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the state of Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. MONEY Magazine named Wylie the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country in 2017 and 25th in 2015.