

# Best Affordable Suburbs 2009

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## 6. South Weber, Utah

**Nearest major city:** Salt Lake City

**Population:** 5,676

**Median household income:** \$89,355

**Median home price:** \$210,000

**Unemployment rate:** 2.6%

**Violent crime index:** 57

South Weber, known for its occasional Big Foot sightings, is a rural area in Davis County, known as "The Garden Spot of Utah" because of its rich agricultural land. About 58% of residents are married with children. Average commutes are 17 minutes.

## 7. Cornelius, North Carolina

**Nearest major city:** Charlotte

**Population:** 17,290

**Median household income:** \$87,016

**Median home price:** \$206,000

**Unemployment rate:** 3.3%

**Violent crime index:** 48

The fast-growing bedroom community, 30 miles north of Charlotte, has some beautiful homes on Lake Norman, North Carolina's largest lake. About 31% of residents are married with children. The average commute is 31 minutes.

## 8. West Des Moines, Iowa

**Nearest major city:** Des Moines

**Population:** 52,138

**Median household income:** \$66,306

**Median home price:** \$173,000

**Unemployment rate:** 3%

**Violent crime index:** 21

West Des Moines, the largest suburb of Des Moines, is covered with lakes, parks and trails. The highly-educated population is growing quickly and many of the residents work in the financial industry. About 38% of residents are married with children. Average commutes are 16 minutes.

## 9. Pataskala, Ohio

**Nearest major city:** Columbus

**Population:** 11,919

**Median household income:** \$65,274  
**Median home price:** \$142,314  
**Unemployment rate:** 5.2%  
**Violent crime index:** 18

Pataskala, a suburb 20 miles east of Columbus, is one of a couple municipalities in the state that operates without an income tax. The city has three downtowns and a number of sites designated for new development. About 37% of residents are married with children. Average commutes are 27 minutes.

## **10. Fort Mill, South Carolina**

**Nearest major city:** Charlotte, N.C.  
**Population:** 9,943  
**Median household income:** \$57,648  
**Median home price:** N/A  
**Unemployment rate:** 5.6%  
**Violent crime index:** 93

Fort Mill, located just south of the North Carolina border and 18 miles from Charlotte, is home to the Charlotte Knights baseball stadium. About 36% of residents are married with children. Average commutes are 22 minutes.

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