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## The 20 Best Affordable Suburbs in the West

**You don't have to be a pioneer to settle in the West's finest communities, where life these days is both comfortable and sensibly priced**

Data compiled by Sperling's BestPlaces. West region includes these states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Suburbs listed alphabetically. All indices are based on an average of 100; cost of living and violent crime based on national average, test scores based on state average. Median home prices: state Realtor associations and Sperling's BestPlaces research. Cost of living: Sperling's BestPlaces. School test scores: GreatSchools.net. Crime index: CAP Index. "Nearest-city" data: [www.city-data.com](http://www.city-data.com)



### Fort Collins, Colorado 80526

[#7 out of 20]

Metro: Fort Collins-Loveland

Nearest city with pop. 200,000-plus: Denver (58.1 miles)

Median Home Price: \$245,500

Cost of Living Index: 107.3

Secondary School Test Score Index: 135

Violent Crime Index: 81

Average Commute Time: 20.7 minutes

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