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# Forbes: Fort Worth "cheap side" of Dallas

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*Forbes* magazine has named Fort Worth-Arlington the most cost-effective place to live among metropolitan areas in the West-South-Central region of the United States. The magazine called it the "cheap side" of Dallas.

The survey was designed to give readers tips on where to relocate to get more bang for their buck. More Americans are looking to swap their expensive urban lives for something more steady and affordable elsewhere, *Forbes* said.

To compile the rankings, the magazine looked at cost-of-living data from Moody's Economy.com and home affordability figures from the **National Association of Home Builders** and Wells Fargo. It then matched cost data against quality-of-life statistics, including violent crime rates, unemployment rates and average salaries for college graduates.

Fort Worth-Arlington ranked No. 1 in the West-South-Central region, followed by Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Okla. Manchester, N.H., ranked as the nation's cheapest city.

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