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Dubuque Named ‘Best Small City to Raise a Family’ in Nation

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Dubuque, Iowa, is the top-ranked city on Forbes’ list of “The Best Small Cities to Raise a Family.” The listing ranked cities with populations under 100,000 by quality-of-life measures that make living easier for families, such as education level, median household income, rate of home ownership, housing affordability, and average commute time.

The article on Forbes.com states, “Dubuque's size puts it in a kind of sweet spot: large enough to be a center of industry, small enough to not be overcrowded. An economy that successfully diversified after the collapse of the local manufacturing industry contributes to an unemployment rate that's nearly half the national average, at 6.5 percent, and a median household income of \$48,779. That means most families have the jobs they need. They also don't have to spend a lot of time getting there: Only 2.6 percent of the population spends an hour or more getting to work.”

For more information, visit: <http://www.forbes.com/2010/10/25/small-cities-family-lifestyle-real-estate-quality-of-life.html>

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