

Escape From the City: Tips for Successfully Moving to a Smaller Town



Moving from an expensive to a less expensive state (or a big city to a smaller town) can be a great way to save money and improve your quality of life, but the process is not always straightforward. In this article, we'll explore a few strategies to help with adjustment and tips on finding the right property/location.

Research

Before you commit to a move, it's important to carry out plenty of prior research and better understand your intended neighborhood and community.

- **Location:** First and foremost, before making the move, take some time to learn about your new town and state. Look into the [cost of living](#), job opportunities, and the local culture and community. This will help you make a more informed decision and ensure that the move is the right one for you.
- **Properties:** When it comes to purchasing a home, it's important to consider your budget and what kind of home you're looking for. In a smaller town, you may be able to find more affordable properties that still have the features you're looking for. However, it's important to do your research and [work with a real estate agent](#) who knows the local market.
- **Career:** Finding work can also be a challenge when moving to a new location. It's important to [start your job search](#) well before the move and to be open to different types of work. Networking can also be helpful in finding job opportunities.

Transitioning

Once you've made the decision to move, your next priority is to focus on transitioning into your new home with as little stress and cost as possible.

- **Moving:** When it comes to the actual move, it's important to plan ahead and be organized. Make a list of everything that needs to be done and tackle tasks one by one. Be sure to notify all the necessary parties of your move, such as utility companies and the post office, and make sure to [find a moving company](#) that you're certain you can trust.
- **Community involvement:** Adjusting to your new location can take time, but it's important to be open to new experiences and to [get involved in the community](#). Volunteer work, joining local clubs or organizations, and attending community events can help you meet new people and feel more connected to your new home.

Rochester, NY

For those considering a move to Rochester, NY, specifically, it's worth noting that the cost of living is significantly lower compared to other major cities like New York City and California. According to Numbeo, the [cost of living in Rochester](#) is about 102% lower than in New York City and about 193% lower than in San Francisco.

Home services such as electricity and water are also relatively cheaper in Rochester compared to other major cities. Groceries are also more affordable, with a market basket of goods costing about 20% less than in New York City. You may find it makes more sense to [rent before you buy](#) - using directories, it's easier than ever to [find rental property listings](#) in the area at your desired rate, with the desired amenities, number of bathrooms/bedrooms, and other specifications.

Moving locations is never without its challenges, but these can often be exacerbated when it comes to transitioning from an expensive to a less expensive state. With this in mind, take your time to research, understand the local culture, plan ahead and integrate the right way.

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