



## City of Ionia Listed Number Eight in the Nation!

We always knew that our community was one to be proud of and now we have a national survey to prove it. Realtor.com ranked 500 cities in the nation that range in populations from 10,000 to 50,000 on several factors including low unemployment rates, crime rates below the national average, and households that spend no more than 28% of their annual income on housing costs. Ionia came in number 8 out of those 500 listed making us a great place to raise a family.

The median home price of \$124,000, unemployment rate of 3.5% in addition to our city being protected by the Department of Public Safety gave Ionia the edge over the remaining communities listed nationally. The map that was included in the Realtor.com article is shown below and as you can see, Ionia is with good company. So, the next time someone asks you "where do you live," hold your head high and proudly say "Ionia." Don't forget to mention the friendly residents, beautiful downtown, historic neighborhoods, great school system, parks, trails and other attributes making your community a great place to live.

For the complete article, go to <http://www.realtor.com/news/trends/most-affordable-small-town-you-d-actually-want-to-live-2017/>.

