Forbes considers Alton best place to retire in Illinois!

Alton
Illinois

At a Glance

Population: 27,000

Median Home Price: $60,000

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Profile

Charming Mississippi river city of 27,000 near St. Louis.

Median home price $60,000.

Cost of living 22% below national average.

PROS: High rank on Milken Institute list of best places for successful aging, physicians per capita mirrors national average. No state income tax on Social Security earnings, state income tax breaks on pension income.

CONS: Poor air quality, serious crime rate above national average.

NOTED: Elevation 400 feet.

TRIVIA: Named for son of town's founder.