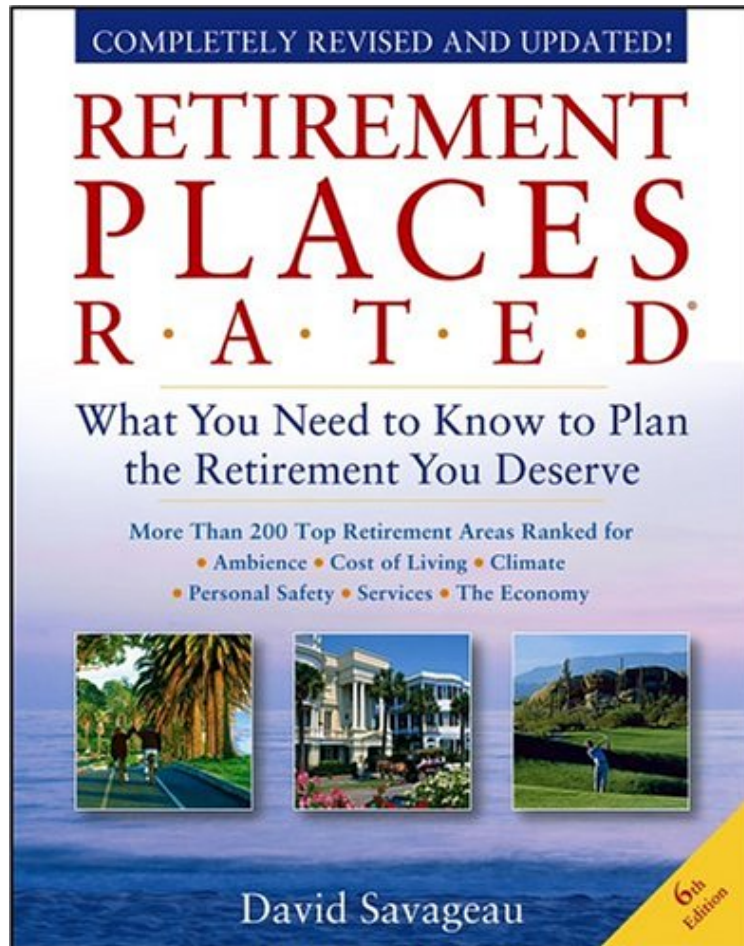


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to arrive at a final ranking of all locations lacks some merit. High cost of living cities still have very high overall ranks because of arbitrary "high" scores for subjective items such as ambience. Also crime rates tend to be of limited value because some locations under report actual crime statistics. Overall, I would recommend this guide as a starting point for those considering relocation when retiring. While it may not answer all questions, which the author admits, it does give the reader a place to start when compiling their own list for what they are looking for in a retirement setting. 82 of 82 people found the following review helpful. One of the best comparison books By Margaret W. Lamm This book is very good if you are looking to retire or locate somewhere else, plus it gives you a lot of good information on your locate area and state. Very well written, however I think in some cases the tax information is incorrect. In Maryland the piggy back tax is not calculated and this makes the state income taxes look lower. Weather information, crime, health and cost of living were very interesting, and comparing areas of states or state to state was easy. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This book offers much more than it's title! By Karen An oldie but goodie. I love the survey of what is most important to you as it helps to narrow down places of interest. I also appreciate the statistics about how most people do not leave the areas where they have spent the majority of their lives. I always thought I would move away the instant I could but have decided to keep my home for now - which is in a difficult real estate market to break into - and spend my initial retirement exploring other places I have always longed for. If I find something better, maybe I will move but this book, with so much great information, made me re-think a decades-old plan - before it was too late.

Whether you're considering retirement or scouting out the best location for a second home, Retirement Places Rated is an invaluable sourcebook. For more than 20 years, people have turned to author David Savageau for help in choosing the perfect location, and now that the number of Americans who are reaching retirement age is greater than ever, this information is more valuable than ever before. Nearly 200 top retirement areas in the United States, both traditional and newly discovered, are profiled. They're ranked and compared for cost of living, climate, health care, economic factors, crime, services, cultural life, and recreation. Included are climate graphs, maps of retirement regions, comparison charts, and demographic profiles of each area. A special section on relocation resources helps you set your plans in motion once you've chosen where to live. This completely updated edition includes new locations and factors in the latest statistics.

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