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Jonesboro predicted No. 1 in Arkansas for 2017 success

Jonesboro is the best place to live in Arkansas for a successful 2017, according to a national website that provides financial data, news and commentary.

GoBankingRates.com evaluated cities in every state on four factors:

- Unemployment
- Median household income
- Median home prices
- Percentage of population with a bachelors degree

With 3.3-percent unemployment, average household income above \$40,000, home prices averaging \$171,000 and 30 percent of our residents possessing a university degree, Jonesboro ranks first in Arkansas.

"Jonesboro really shines when it comes to housing prices and labor numbers," the article states. "Its unemployment rate is lower than the majority of cities on our list, and the median home price also beats most places."

Mayor Harold Perrin called the ranking more proof that Jonesboro is successfully competing with northwest and central Arkansas cities and stands tall among its peers nationwide.

"We don't get noticed as much as those regions sometimes, but we've been growing bigger and stronger at a fast pace, and people are starting to take notice," Perrin said. "I'm pleased by this report, but I think we're going to see more and more like it in the near future."

Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Young said the recognition reflects the hard work of residents and businesses.

"It's great to be recognized for the growth we are having in Jonesboro," Young said. "We're working hard to fulfill the prophecy for 2017 and continue to grow that success into 2018."

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