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Powell Ranks 5th of 955 Communities for Quality of Life

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Powell, OH: A recent survey listed the City of Powell 5th among 955 Midwestern communities for quality of life.

The Business Journals On Numbers, a division of American City Business Journals, the parent company of Columbus' *Business First* publication, conducted an in-depth analysis of the communities, searching for the places offering the most favorable living conditions. Chicago suburbs took the top four spots, and Powell rounded out the top five.

"We are extremely pleased with this recognition," said City Manager Steve Lutz. "We know that Powell is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and it's nice when that is recognized by others too."

Powell finished ahead of other central Ohio communities on the list, including Dublin (No. 9), Bexley (No. 36), Upper Arlington (No. 39) and Worthington (No. 47).

According to a *Business Journals* article about the survey, a 20-part formula was used to find Midwestern communities "that enjoy healthy economies, light traffic, moderate costs of living, impressive housing stocks and strong educational systems." Some of the specific results for Powell are as follows:

- Median household income - \$126,510
- Poverty rate for families – 2.15 percent
- Workers with management and professional jobs – 63.51 percent
- Unemployment rate for 25-64 age group – 2.73 percent
- Houses built since 1990 – 78.73 percent
- Housing vacancy rate – 5.21 percent
- Adults (25 and older) with bachelor's degrees – 70.47 percent
- Adults with advanced degrees – 28.02 percent

On Numbers analyzed 3,764 cities, towns, villages, census designated places (CDPs) and other municipalities that had populations of 10,000 or more as of 2009, ranking them by region. Each community's statistics were compared against the averages for the study group, and scores in the various categories were totaled to determine overall rank.

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