

Where homes are affordable

Residents who buy real estate in these 25 growing cities see their incomes go the furthest.

#1. Nicholasville, KY



COURTESY: TOWNSHIP OF NICHOLASVILLE

Photo by Sandy McIntosh

preserve its character, town officials have announced plans to redevelop downtown Nicholasville with a community center, music park and tree-lined streets and lighting. --B.B.

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Money

Median home price: \$70,000

Median family income:

\$53,505

Banjo lovers will find lots to croon about in the heart of Kentucky's Bluegrass Region. Nicholasville is a bedroom community to nearby Lexington. Three-bedroom, single-family homes start at just under \$100,000.

Residents prize its slow-going, small-town charm. In an effort to reinforce and