



10 Hottest Real Estate Markets to Watch in 2017

Trulia's annual hot-market ranking has a few surprises in store

There are lots of reasons to choose a place to put down roots. Maybe you've been transferred for work. Maybe you've always wanted to own [real estate in Charleston, SC](#), and you've found a deal that's too good to pass up. Whether you're looking for an investment or a new city with new opportunities, Trulia has compiled a list of the [top 10 real estate markets poised for growth in 2017](#) based on five key metrics including high affordability, strong job growth, low vacancy rates, home searches on Trulia, and, because of the 2016 election's outcome, a big population of Republicans. Did your favorite city make the cut?

2. Cape Coral–Fort Myers, FL: Baseball's king in the spring



Sure, the weather is certainly a huge draw for this area of the country. But the reason this metro came in at number two goes beyond sunny skies and 80-degree weather. One word: jobs. It has high job growth (fourth in the nation!) and a sharp drop in vacancy rates over the past year. Many of those jobs stem from the hospitality industry and real estate. “And then [Fort Myers, FL](#) is home to baseball’s Boston Red Sox and Minnesota Twins during spring training every year, which boosts the economy even more every spring,” says [Pat Eberle](#) of RASO Realty in [Cape Coral, FL](#).