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### Northfield, Minnesota



A charming town near the Twin Cities with affordable homes and room for adventure.

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In 1876, a gang of eight men rode their horses into a small town in Minnesota, intent on robbing the First National Bank of Northfield. But instead of walking away rich, they were defeated by local citizens in a historic event that's celebrated every year with a weekend festival here in Northfield.

Less than an hour's drive from the Twin Cities, Northfield is the perfect place to settle down if you're in the market for a picturesque small town with access to a major metro. It's home to Carleton College and St. Olaf College — two highly-ranked universities that recently made it to **Money's list of best colleges** — and it's chock-full of city parks, golf courses and scenic trails. For

many residents, a typical summer day consists of a kayak trip along the Cannon River, which flows directly through town, or a lazy bike ride around Northfield's historic downtown. In the cold Minnesota winter, cross-country skiing through Carleton's Cowling Arboretum and the many meandering paths kept clean by Northfield's three snowmobile clubs keep locals plenty busy.



*Daniel Rogness*

Despite all it has to offer, Northfield is still a relatively affordable place to buy a home. The small city even made headlines last year thanks to a **\$5.5 million affordable housing project** lauded for challenging the idea that energy efficiency has to come at a high cost.

Population	Median Listing Price	Unemployment Rate
<b>20,924</b>	<b>\$420,000</b>	<b>2.50%</b>

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program; Realtor.com; U.S. Bureau of



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