



# City of Peru



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### Peru Ranked 8<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Retire in Illinois

**Peru, Illinois** – The city of Peru has been ranked as the 8<sup>th</sup> best place to retire in Illinois. [The study](#) — now in its second year — was conducted by [SmartAsset](#), a New York financial technology company. Peru rose 9 places, up from number 17 in last year’s study.

SmartAsset rated 4,700 U.S. cities based on “factors that affect quality of life for retirees,” including tax friendliness, healthcare accessibility, and availability of recreational and social opportunities for seniors. All factors were weighted equally and indexed.

Peru scores better than the national average on tax rates, healthcare accessibility, and the availability of retirement centers, and scores the same as the national average when it comes to the availability of recreation centers in the community.

To view the results of the study, go to <https://smartasset.com/retirement/retirement-calculator>, scroll to “Best Places to Retire” at the bottom of the page, click “Show 2016,” then click on Illinois to see the state’s rankings.

### Top 10 Cities in Illinois

Rank	City	Tax	Doctor’s Offices per 1,000 people	Recreation Centers per 1,000 people	Retirement Centers per 1,000 people	% of Seniors	Best Place to Retire Index
1	Effingham, IL	11.1%	3.7	1.1	0.4	18.9%	87.62
2	Willowbrook, IL	11.8%	13.4	1.7	0.3	21.7%	86.95
3	Barrington, IL	12.0%	15.1	3.5	0.5	17.5%	86.71
4	Oak Brook, IL	12.2%	17.4	1.1	0.0	29.9%	83.27
5	Olympia Fields, IL	12.5%	8.2	0.4	0.2	31.6%	80.68
6	Centralia, IL	11.1%	2.3	0.7	0.2	21.0%	80.47
7	Lincolnshire, IL	12.0%	2.9	1.4	0.1	31.6%	80.20
8	Peru, IL	12.0%	3.6	0.4	0.3	21.3%	79.87
9	Palos Heights, IL	12.5%	8.3	0.5	0.1	29.1%	79.26
10	Princeton, IL	11.8%	3.0	1.0	0.1	21.6%	77.75
	<b>Nationwide</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	