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## **Glen Carbon Named Best Place to Live**

Glen Carbon, Illinois — CNN/Money Magazine has named Glen Carbon one of the 2009 Best Places to Live.

With a population of 12,500, Glen Carbon's name stands for its mining heritage. Just a short drive from St. Louis, the town was honored for its abundant vegetation and "soothing view" of the Mississippi River. The town also offers affordable housing with an average median home price of \$181,750.

CNNMoney's Best Places database of 1,800+ U.S. cities includes towns with populations of 8,500 to 50,000 with satisfactory education and crime scores and where income is below 200 percent of the state median.

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