

Naples Named One of the Happiest Cities in U.S.

Blue Zones founder Dan Buettner listed his top 25.

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Here's another reason to smile, Naples: We're among the happiest in the country.

National Geographic Fellow and founder of The Blue Zones Project Dan Buettner teamed with Gallup to determine the nation’s 25 happiest places. Naples came in at 11.

The rankings were based on 15 metrics, such as healthy eating, civic engagement and financial security, drawn from thousands of survey interviews done as part of the National Geographic Gallup Special/Blue Zones Index.

“The metropolitan area around Naples, Florida, is one of the wealthiest in the country. With its tropical climate and Gulf Coast beaches, its draw is no mystery,” according to a [post on NationalGeographic.com](#).

Boulder, Colorado, finished at the top of the list.

Not to brag, but Naples is getting accustomed to these sorts of accolades. We explored why Naples consistently ranks high on lists of happiness or good health in [a story from our *Healthy Life* publication](#) last year.

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