



The Mississippi River is mighty pretty!

Quad Cities Quality Living

The region checks all the boxes for quality when it comes to being a great place to live and work

The word is out that for a magnificent mixture of quality jobs and quality of life, the Quad Cities region is the place to be.

Located along the Mississippi River, approximately halfway between Chicago and Des Moines, the Quad Cities represents some of the best that the Midwest has to offer.

From a supportive community with plenty of employment, education and housing options, to a variety of activities and outdoor recreation opportunities. In fact, the Quad Cities

has so many great characteristics, it can catch newcomers off guard.

“I have been pleasantly surprised by what the Quad Cities has to offer,” says Andrez Carberry, who recently

moved to the region for a job with John Deere, which is headquartered in the Quad Cities. “Having lived in big cities my entire adult life, I wasn’t sure what to expect. But it all starts

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with the people. My family and I were immediately accepted. Everyone has been very welcoming, extending their networks and helping us get involved. We are looking forward to exploring more.”

Like Carberry, many people come to the Quad Cities for the jobs (manufacturing, logistics and defense lead the way) and then stay for everything else. For example, Valentine Ezugha and his wife both moved to the region for work and discovered that the Quad Cities is the perfect place to raise a family.

“When I did my research on the Quad Cities, I knew that it was a pretty darn good place to live,” says Ezugha, director of site maintenance at Exelon Nuclear. “The Quad Cities has career opportunities that are very lucrative and a low cost of living. So, your income goes a long way, which really allows you to advance your family.”

There also are plenty of things for the family (as well as young professionals) to do in the region, particularly when it comes to outdoor recreation. Paths, parks and playgrounds are plentiful, with the Mighty Mississippi providing a scenic backdrop to it all.

“The use of nature in the Quad Cities is amazing,” Ezugha says. “There is so much to do that is outdoor-focused, and it really does promote a healthy lifestyle. And how they have interweaved that infrastructure into the design of the Cities is beautiful.”

Add it all together, and you have Quad Cities quality.

“The communities that are the fabric of the Quad Cities are a diverse reflection of hard work, caring and support,” John Deere Vice President Robin Singh says. “Living and working here is about togetherness. Our employees put a lot of their time and talents into this community and continue to do so because of what they get back in return. John Deere couldn’t ask for a better partner.”

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The Quad Cities area draws people looking for a wide assortment of amenities and a great quality of life.



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A highly skilled workforce



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