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Oxford named among 50 smartest U.S. cities

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Oxford, home to Miami University and one of the country's best institutions in higher education, can now add as being among the 50 smartest places in the United States, according to new a report on Lumosity.com.

Oxford finished as the country's 16th smartest city, trailing a hosts of other college-rich cities that included No. 1 Standford, Calif., and No. 2 Princeton, N.J.

Lumosity.com is the website for Lumos Labs, a cognitive training and neuroscience research site in San Francisco.

Three million people between the ages of 15 and 65 took part in five training exercises on the website. The categories were speed, attention, flexibility, memory and problem solving.

Rankings were compiled from the average brain score among participating residents.

Storrs, Conn. (home of University of Connecticut), Evanston, Ill. (Northwestern University), and Cambridge, Mass (Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology) rounded out the top five among the 1,309 cities that were a part of the study.

The complete methodology for the study can be found here. It is the second year for the rankings and includes a breakdown by metropolitan areas, ages and specific categories.

Data is also available on an interactive map.

Among 1,309 U.S. cities, Oxford was the only Ohio city ranked as one of the top 50 smartest cities, according to Lumosity.com.

- 1. Stanford, Calif,
- 2. Princeton, N.J.
- 3. Storrs Mansfield, Conn.
- 4. Evanston, III.
- 5. Cambridge, Mass.
- 6. La Jolla, Calif.
- 7. Amherst, Mass.
- 8. West Lafayette, Ind.
- 9. Ithaca, N.Y.
- 10. Davis, Calif.
- 11. Urbana, Ill.
- 12. College Park, Md.
- 13. Somerville, Mass.
- 14. State College, Pa.
- 15. Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 16. Oxford, Ohio