

Westchester has 8 of nation's 50 richest ZIP codes; Purchase ranks 8th

The wealthiest 1 percent is alive and well in Westchester, a new study has found.

Eight of the 50 richest ZIP codes in the United States are in the county, according to an analysis by Gadberry Group conducted for Businessweek.com.

Purchase — a tony section of Harrison that is home to many millionaires and professional athletes — was ranked eighth in the study. Purchase's ZIP code, 10577, has 834 households, and they average \$268,696 in annual income and about \$1.5 million in net worth.

"We are fortunate that these individuals have decided to make Harrison their home," said Supervisor Joan Walsh. "It speaks well for our community that they find the amenities that they seek here."

She cited Harrison's lush golf courses, good schools and close proximity to

New York City as the ZIP code's key attractions.

Purchase is also home to the corporate headquarters of PepsiCo and MasterCard.

And it's growing, too.

The study found that the number of households in Purchase has increased by about 14 percent since 2000.

That's a boom compared to the anemic growth in Rye's 10580 — the nation's 44th richest ZIP code — which grew a mere 0.31 percent over that period.

Other rich ZIP codes in the top 50 include: Bedford's 10506, at 22; Scarsdale's 10583, at 35; Chappaqua's 10514, at 37; Armonk's 10504, at 39; Pound Ridge's 10576, at 43; and Larchmont's 10538, at 49.

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Several places in northern New Jersey and Long Island also made the list.

The top 10 richest zip codes

- 1. Palm Beach, Calif.
- 2. Old Westbury, N.Y.
- 3. Kenilworth, Ill.
- 4. Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 5. Portola Valley, Calif.
- 6. Los Angeles, Calif. (Bel Air section)
- 7. Gladwyne, Pa.
- 8. Purchase, N.Y.
- 9. Los Altos, Calif.
- 10. Santa Monica, Calif.

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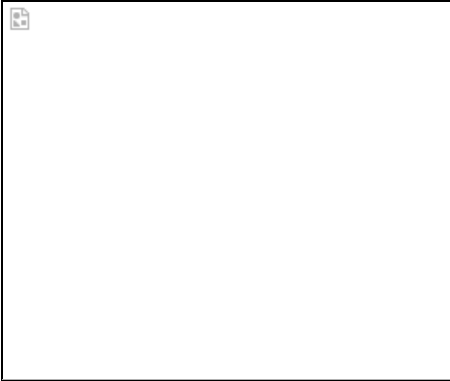
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