

Sad Southside buying experience

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A young man I know is employed at Lehigh and wanted to buy a house on the south side. Lehigh offers grants to employees who buy within its catchment area. Despite this, and despite almost a year of looking, he gave up and moved to the other side of route 22. He couldn't compete with the professional property buyers. He made an offer of asking price on one house and was beat out by someone who offered \$20K less than that but who could pay cash. Here was someone who wanted to buy near work, work encouraged him to do so, and he just couldn't get a foothold.

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