

CHICAGO, IL



31st happiest city

Bottom 25% of cities

Most like:
Phoenix
Milwaukee

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8 out of 10 say:

"It's the best place to live"



68%

"My home makes me proud"



52%

"My home is my favorite place to be"



64%

"I plan to stay in my community for the next 5 years"

What Makes Chicago's Homeowners Happy?

Our research shows that homeowner happiness boils down to a combination of three important factors:

1. DWELLING

Affordable, well-functioning homes offering enjoyable accommodations



42 years

average home age

82%

have renovated their homes

64%

are happy with their home's size and layout

54%

say they have adequate storage

\$256,900

Average Home Price (M.S.A., U.S. Census)

45%

"The cost of living is reasonable"

2. COMMUNITY

A sense of diversity, safety and a strong neighborhood network



DIVERSITY

41%

"I feel that my community is racially diverse"

55%

"I feel that my community is religiously diverse"

SAFETY

72%

"I live in a community that makes me feel safe"

70%

"My community offers good fire, police and medical services"

NEIGHBORHOOD

57%

"I have neighbors I enjoy"

67%

"I trust my neighbors"

7,340,454

Population (Metro Division, U.S. Census)

3. ACCESSIBILITY

Practical commutes and access to important attractions and services



COMMUTING AND TRAVEL TIMES

53%

live and work in close proximity

62%

have a reasonable commute

81%

have easy access to highways

ACCESS TO ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES

89%

live within one hour of a major metro area

77%

have access to shopping that meets their needs

57%

live close to body of water

50 MINUTES

Average travel time to work