

# ILLINOIS



44th happiest state

Bottom 25%  
of states

Most like:  
Utah  
Pennsylvania

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8 out of 10 say:

"It's the best place to live"



68%

"My home makes me proud"



54%

"My home is my favorite place to be"



63%

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

## What Makes Illinois' 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

80%

have renovated their homes

63%

are happy with their home's size and layout

54%

say they have adequate storage

\$198,000

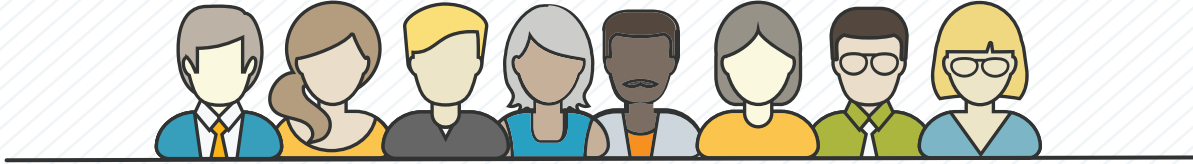
Average Home Price (U.S. Census)

44%

"The cost of living is reasonable"

### 2. COMMUNITY

A sense of diversity, safety and a strong neighborhood network



#### DIVERSITY

40%

"I feel that my community is racially diverse"

52%

"I feel that my community is religiously diverse"

#### SAFETY

71%

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

69%

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

#### NEIGHBORHOOD

57%

"I have neighbors I enjoy"

67%

"I trust my neighbors"

12,859,995

Population (U.S. Census)

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY

Practical commutes and access to important attractions and services



#### COMMUTING AND TRAVEL TIMES

56%

live and work in close proximity

63%

have a reasonable commute

81%

have easy access to highways

#### ACCESS TO ATTRACTIONS AND SERVICES

87%

live within one hour of a major metro area

75%

have access to shopping that meets their needs

55%

live close to body of water

50 MINUTES

Average travel time to work