THE LIVABILITY INDEX: GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL AGES

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“A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and offers supportive community features and services. Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents’ engagement in the community’s civic, economic, and social life.”

—AARP Public Policy Institute
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WHY IS CREATING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES IMPORTANT?

- **Demographic changes**
  - In 2010, older adults were 13% of population
  - By 2030, older will account for 20% of population
  - Increasing from 35 million to 72 million

- **Community member preferences**
  - Older adults want to age in their homes and communities
  - Staying because of community connections

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WHY IS CREATING LIVABLE COMMUNITIES IMPORTANT?

• Gap between what people need and the communities where they live
• Can support independent and active living through planning, design and services
• Short-term and long-term goals needed to “bridge” the gaps

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AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities

[Map showing locations of Age Friendly Communities across the United States]

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Livability Index Components:

- **Categories** are general topic areas that define the type of characteristics found within a community.
- **Attributes** are qualities or features regarded as a characteristic of a livable community.
- **Metrics** are standards or statistics that measure the degree to which a community possesses an attribute. Each attribute has at least one metric associated with it.
- **Policies** are actions that communities can take to improve livability over time.
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METRICS/POLICIES SELECTION CRITERIA:

Reflect academic research and policy principles (industry and AARP)

• Feasible
• Relevant
• Easily communicated
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- Initial Screen Criteria

- Preliminary Screening Analysis

- Draft Metric/Policy Recommendations

- Technical Advisory Committee Input

Potential Metrics/Policies

Preliminary Metrics/Policies
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HEALTH
- Healthy Behaviors
- Access to Health Care
- Quality of Health Care
- Commitment to Livability

ENVIRONMENT
- Water Quality
- Air Quality
- Resilience
- Energy Efficiency
- Commitment to Livability

TRANSPORTATION
- Convenient Transportation Options
- Transportation Costs
- Safe Streets
- Accessible System Design
- Commitment to Livability

ENGAGEMENT
- Internet Access
- Civic Engagement
- Social Engagement
- Equal Rights
- Commitment to Livability

OPPORTUNITY
- Equal Opportunity
- Economic Opportunity
- Education
- Multi-generational Communities
- Local Fiscal Health
- Commitment to Livability

HOUSING
- Housing Accessibility
- Housing Options
- Housing Affordability
- Commitment to Livability

NEIGHBORHOOD
- Proximity to Destinations
- Mixed-use Neighborhoods
- Compact Neighborhoods
- Personal Safety
- Neighborhood Quality
- Commitment to Livability

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Interconnections in the Livability Index

Transportation Domain
- Walk trips
- Speed limits
- Crash rates

Neighborhood Domain
- Access to healthy food
- Access to parks
- Transit / auto accessibility

Environment Domain
- Regional air quality
- Local industrial pollution

Engagement Domain
- Social involvement

Health Domain
- Tobacco Use
- Obesity Prevalence
- Preventable hospitalizations
- Access to exercise opportunities
- Health care professional shortage areas
- Patient satisfaction
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The Livability Index scores cities and communities across the U.S. for the services and amenities that impact your life the most.

Search for your city or learn more about how we define livability.
THE LIVABILITY INDEX: RESULTS PAGE

Current Location: 601 E St NW, Washington, District of Columbia County, DC, 20004

Livability Score

62

CATEGORY SCORE

HOUSING
Affordability and access

61

NEIGHBORHOOD
Access to life, work, and play

80

TRANSPORTATION
Safe and convenient options

98

ENVIRONMENT
Clean air and water

32

HEALTH
Prevention, access, and quality

57

ENGAGEMENT
Civic and social involvement

86

OPPORTUNITY
Inclusion and possibilities

16

Total Score

0-15
15-30
30-45
45-60
60-75
75-90
90+
What Is The Livability Index: Great Neighborhoods for All Ages?

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**Housing accessibility**
Basic Passage

- 1.2% of units have basic passage
- Median US neighborhood: 2.6%

**Housing options**
Availability of multi-family housing

- 99.3% of units are multi-family
- Median US neighborhood: 18.8%

**Housing affordability**

- Housing costs: $2,236 per month
- Median US neighborhood: $999

- Housing cost burden: 25.3% of income spent on housing
- Median US neighborhood: 18.4%

**Housing availability**
Availability of subsidized housing

- 534 units per 10,000 people
- Median US neighborhood: 124
THE LIVABILITY INDEX: CUSTOMIZE

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- HEALTH
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  Score: 57

- ENGAGEMENT
  Civic and social involvement
  Score: 86

- OPPORTUNITY
  Inclusion and possibilities
  Score: 16

CUSTOMIZE YOUR SCORE

Use the sliders to adjust the individual category scores based on your preferences and see what can happen if changes are made in the future for your community.

Less Important
More Important
The Livability Index: Map Overlays

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Customize this Score

Category Score

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Inclusion and possibilities

Population Characteristics

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Environment

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Health

| Health Score | APPLY |
| Smoking Rates | APPLY |
| Obesity Rates | APPLY |
| Access to Exercise Opportunities | APPLY |
| Health Professional Shortage Areas | APPLY |
| Life Expectancy | APPLY |

Engagement

| Engagement Score | APPLY |
| Voting Rates     | APPLY |
| Volunteer Rates  | APPLY |
| Broadband Cost and Speed | APPLY |

Opportunity

| Opportunity Score | APPLY |
| Midian Income    | APPLY |
| Upward Mobility  | APPLY |
| Age Diversity    | APPLY |
| High School Graduation Rates | APPLY |

Select from the dropdown list to see additional datasets on the map. Note that small sample sizes may lead to inaccurate data estimates for some block groups.

*Items noted with an asterisk do not contribute to the score.
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NEIGHBORHOOD 80
Access to life, work, and play

TRANSPORTATION 99
Safe and convenient options

ENVIRONMENT 32
Clean air and water

HEALTH 67
Prevention, access, and quality

ENGAGEMENT 38
Civic and social involvement

OPPORTUNITY 16
Inclusion and possibilities

% Age 65+
## The Livability Index: Compare Locations

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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