

THE LIVABILITY INDEX: GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL AGES

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WHAT IS A LIVABLE COMMUNITY?

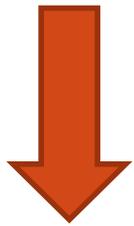


“A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and offers supportive community features and services. Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents’ engagement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

—AARP Public Policy Institute

HOW DO PEOPLE CHOOSE NEIGHBORHOODS

- Preferences
- Limitations
 - Family Budget
 - Availability



- Where People Live

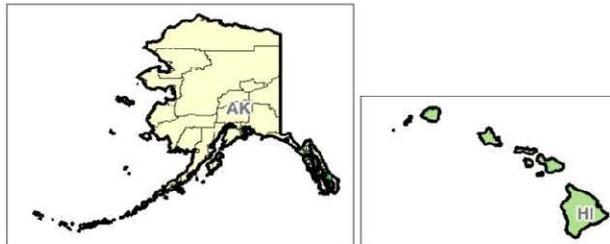
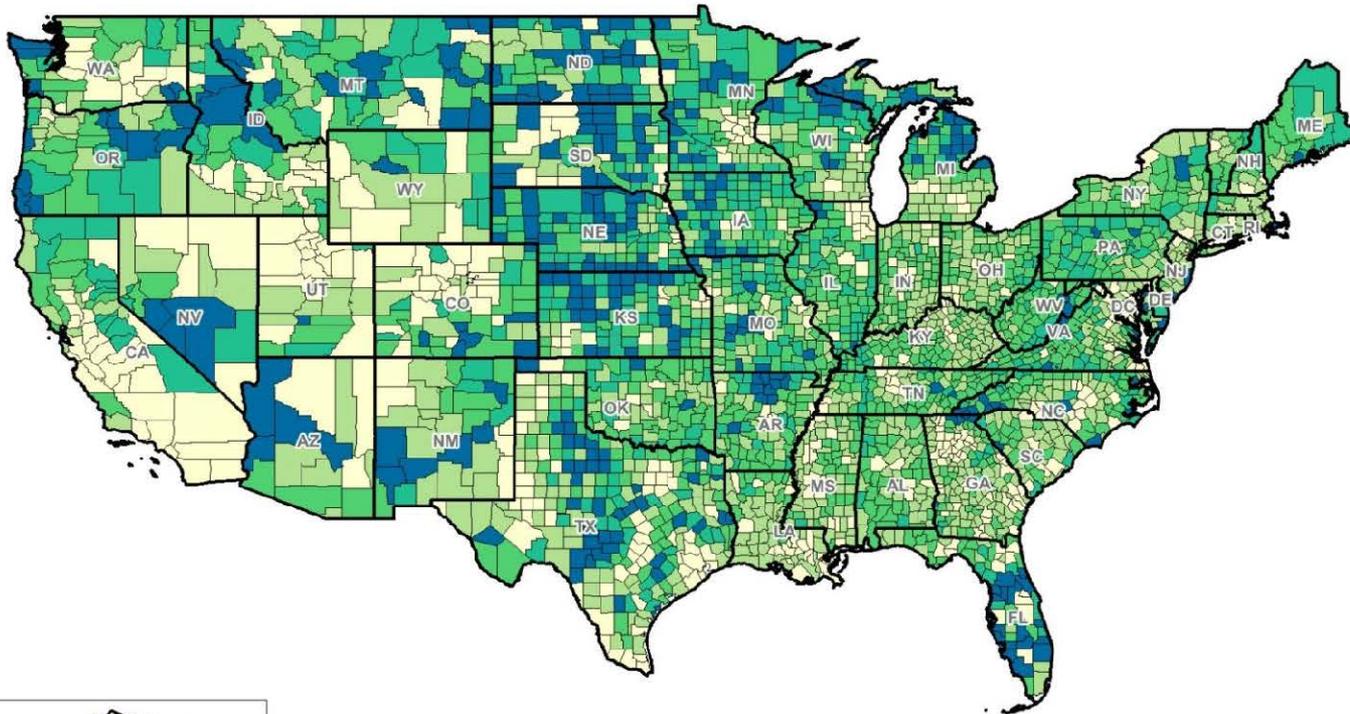


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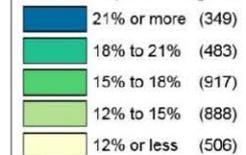


AMERICA IS AGING

Percent of Population Age 65+ 2010



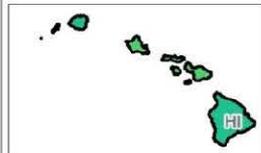
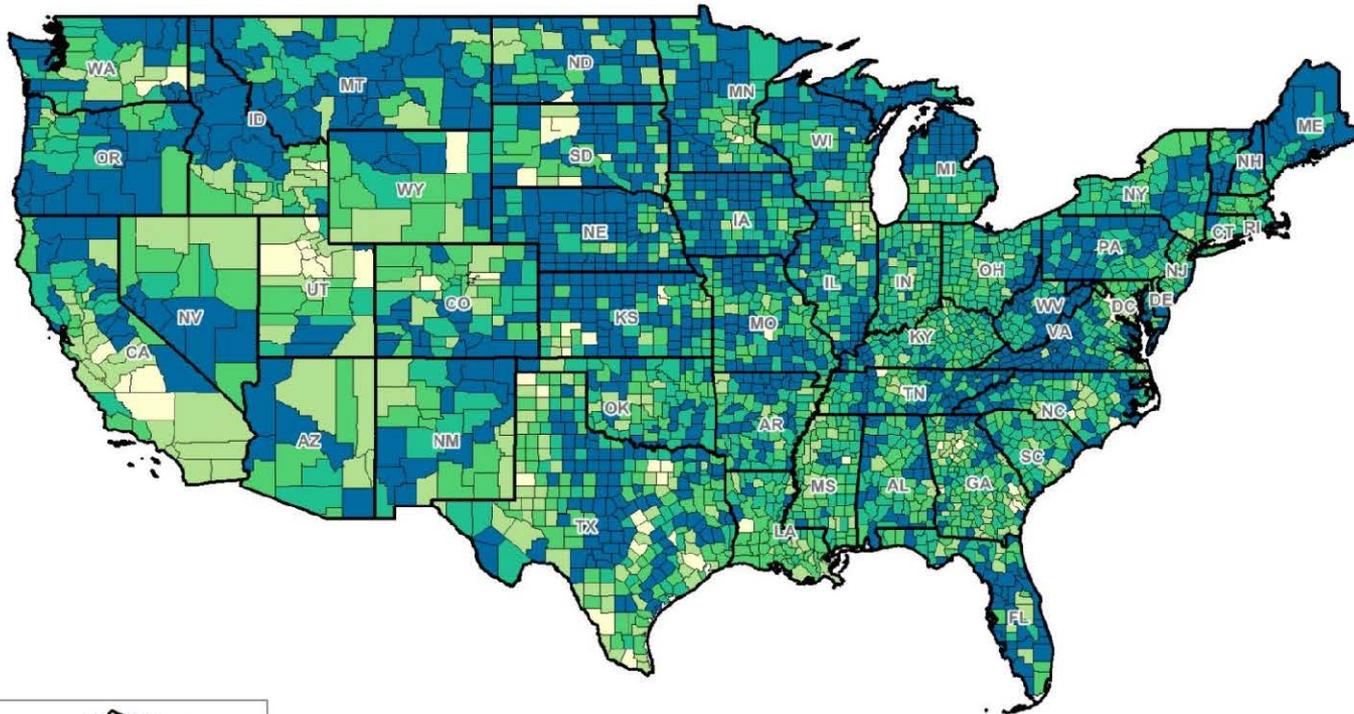
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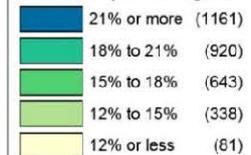
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2010 Census.

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Percent of Population Age 65+ 2020



Percent Population Age 65+ 2020



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Livability Index

 | Great Neighborhoods for All Ages

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personal safety | quality of health care | access to destinations

How livable is your community?

enter your address, city, state or zip code

air quality | water quality | housing affordability

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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.

Location Results

Current Location: Wantagh, [Nassau County, NY](#)

RECENT LOCATIONS: 3832 Franklin St, Wantagh, NY 11793 [✕](#)

Livability Score [?](#)



CUSTOMIZE THIS SCORE

CATEGORY SCORE

- 22
HOUSING
Affordability and access
>
- 68
NEIGHBORHOOD
Access to life, work, and play
>
- 52
TRANSPORTATION
Safe and convenient options
>
- 67
ENVIRONMENT
Clean air and water
>
- 66
HEALTH
Prevention, access, and quality
>
- 59
ENGAGEMENT
Civic and social involvement
>
- 81
OPPORTUNITY
Inclusion and possibilities
>



TRANSPORTATION

Safe and convenient options

How easily and safely we're able to get from one place to another has a major effect on our quality of life. Livable communities provide their residents with transportation options that connect people to social activities, economic opportunities, and medical care, and offer convenient, healthy, accessible, and low-cost alternatives to driving.

Metrics

Policies

Resources

+	Convenient transportation options FREQUENCY OF LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE	32 buses and trains per hour Median US neighborhood: 0
+	Convenient transportation options WALK TRIPS	0.92 trips per household per day Median US neighborhood: 0.73
+	Convenient transportation options CONGESTION	28.7 hours per person per year Median US neighborhood: 17.4
+	Transportation costs HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS	\$10,611 per year Median US neighborhood: \$10,791
+	Safe streets SPEED LIMITS	29.7 miles per hour Median US neighborhood: 28.0
+	Safe streets CRASH RATES	6.7 fatal crashes per 100,000 people per year Median US neighborhood: 7.6
+	Accessible system design ADA-ACCESSIBLE STATIONS AND VEHICLES	64.6% of stations and vehicles are accessible Median US neighborhood: 81.7%

- 68 NEIGHBORHOOD
Access to life, work, and play >
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Convenient transportation options

CONGESTION

28.7 hours per person per year

Median US neighborhood: 17.4

Estimated total hours that the average commuter spends in traffic each year: measured at the metro area scale, lower values are better

From a bustling economy to a vibrant culture, some communities have it all—but traffic congestion could make it hard for residents to enjoy these amenities. Not only do clogged roads wreck schedules and make appealing destinations hard to reach, they also increase air pollution. Here, the Index looks at the total amount of time per year that the average driver in an urban area spends sitting in traffic.

Source: The Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Urban Mobility Report. For urban areas not included in the report, we model congestion based on population and characteristics of the street network.

Transportation costs

HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS

\$10,611 per year

Median US neighborhood:
\$10,791

Estimated household transportation costs: measured at the neighborhood scale, lower values are better

Second only to housing in U.S. household spending, transportation can be a significant financial burden, especially for households on a fixed income. Residents who purchase homes in cheaper neighborhoods can wind up paying more for gas and cars if their neighborhood lacks transit, isn't walkable, or is far from jobs and services. Here, the Index displays the estimated cost of transportation in different neighborhoods. These estimates are available for only metropolitan areas, so we assume that household transportation costs in rural areas are comparable to non-urbanized neighborhoods in metropolitan areas.

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Location Affordability Index.

Safe streets

SPEED LIMITS

29.7 miles per hour

Median US neighborhood: 28.0

Average speed limit on streets and highways: measured at the neighborhood scale, lower values are better

The odds that a pedestrian who gets hit by a vehicle will die increase drastically when the car is moving faster than 20 miles per hour. Lower, safer speed limits help residents feel confident walking and biking around their neighborhoods, resulting in healthier people and more vibrant communities. Here, we analyzed average speed limits for all streets in a neighborhood,

WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT AARP'S LIVABILITY INDEX: GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL AGES?

LIVABILITY SCORE



CATEGORY SCORE

47	HOUSING Affordability and access	>
10	NEIGHBORHOOD Access to life, work, and play	>
27	TRANSPORTATION Safe and convenient options	>
75	ENVIRONMENT Clean air and water	>
33	HEALTH Prevention, access, and quality	>
78	ENGAGEMENT Civic and social involvement	>
59	OPPORTUNITY Education and jobs for all	>

52

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

HOUSING: Affordability and access

NEIGHBORHOOD: Access to life, work, and play

TRANSPORTATION: Safe and convenient options

ENVIRONMENT: Clean air and water

HEALTH: Prevention, access, and quality

ENGAGEMENT: Civic and social involvement

OPPORTUNITY: Education and jobs for all

RESET

HEALTH

Healthy Behaviors
Access to Health Care
Quality of Health Care
Commitment to Livability

ENGAGEMENT

Internet Access
Civic Engagement
Social Engagement
Equal Rights
Commitment to Livability

ENVIRONMENT

Water Quality
Air Quality
Resilience
Energy Efficiency
Commitment to Livability

OPPORTUNITY

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

Explore the Score

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HOUSING

Housing Accessibility
Housing Options
Housing Affordability
Commitment to Livability

TRANSPORTATION

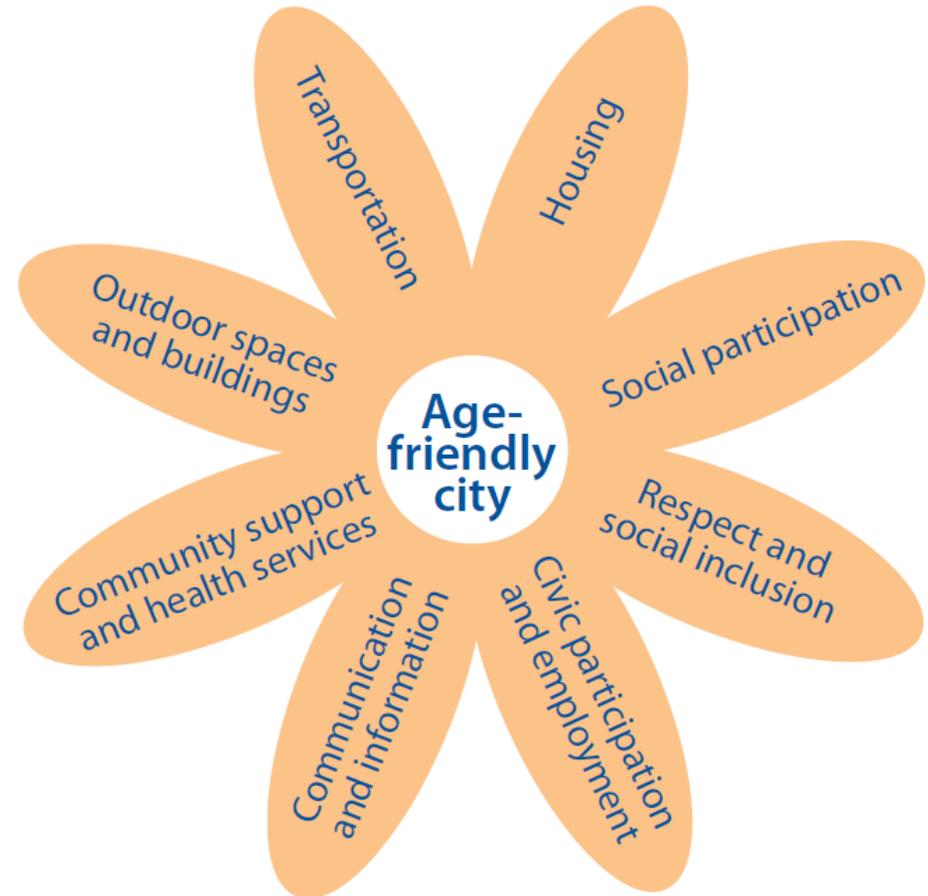
Convenient Transportation Options
Transportation Costs
Safe Streets
Accessible System Design
Commitment to Livability

NEIGHBORHOOD

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

How can the Index be used?

- Catalyze community conversations for lasting change



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Best Cities for Staying Healthy:

San Francisco, CA
Arlington, VA
Novato, CA



Easiest Cities to Get Around:

San Francisco, CA
Buffalo, NY
Hoboken, NJ



Best Cities for Making New Friends

Washington, DC
Sioux Falls, SD
Rapid City, SD



Best Cities for Date Night

Nashville, TN
Richmond, VA
Brentwood, TN

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Most Livable Neighborhoods



1. Mifflin West, Madison, Wis.
2. Upper West Side, Manhattan
3. Downtown Crossing, Boston
4. **South of Market, San Francisco**
5. Washburn, La Crosse, Wis.
6. Downtown, Sioux Falls, S.D.
7. Southside, Virginia, Minn.
8. Downtown, Bismarck, N.D.
9. Downtown, Seattle
10. Downtown, Los Alamos, N.M.

Age-CAP

- Age-CAP is a cross-platform smart phone application which aims to create a crowd-sourced database of 'age-friendly' locations. It consists of survey styled forms which enable users to quickly rate a location or service.
- The criteria used for rating was developed using the World Health Organization's age-friendly cities guidelines (WHO, 2007) and age-friendly community initiatives in other North American cities.

Users are also able to browse submitted ratings to assess the age-friendliness of locations in their neighborhood, providing them with information which was otherwise unavailable.



Age-CAP Screen Shots

AT&T LTE 6:03 PM

BACK Location Types

Choose which type of location to rate

- Community Centre
- Crosswalk
- Library
- Public Transit
- Restaurant
- Shopping Mall

AT&T LTE 6:04 PM

BACK Location Details

Fill in the details of the location below, completing as many fields as possible

Name of Location
Alice's Restaurant

Street Address
1234 Address Rd.

City
Townsville

Province/State
East Virginia

Postal Code
A1B 2C3

Country

Age-CAP Screen Shots

AT&T LTE 6:02 PM
BACK Rate a Public Transit Route

The subway/bus/streetcar stop was easily accessible

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

There was appropriate shade available during my wait

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

AT&T LTE 6:02 PM
BACK Rate a Public Transit Route

There was seating available to rest at the stop

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

The public transit vehicle was accessible

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

Age-CAP Screen Shots

AT&T LTE 6:02 PM
BACK Rate a Public Transit Route

Priority seating was available during my ride

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

A seniors discount is offered for public transit rides

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

AT&T LTE 6:02 PM
BACK Rate a Public Transit Route

Drivers and ticket agents displayed appropriate age friendly attitudes

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

If you have any additional comments, please share them here:

Age-CAP Screen Shots

AT&T LTE 6:01 PM
BACK Rate a Crosswalk

I had enough time to cross at the crosswalk during the allotted time

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

Walk and do not walk signs were clearly visible

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

AT&T LTE 6:01 PM
BACK Rate a Crosswalk

There were lowered curbs/curb cuts at the crosswalk

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

There was a functional push button for pedestrians

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

Age-CAP Screen Shots

AT&T LTE 6:01 PM
BACK Rate a Crosswalk

A safe pedestrian crosswalk was clearly indicated

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

The road was free of cracks or bumps

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

AT&T LTE 6:01 PM
BACK Rate a Crosswalk

Snow was well cleared from the intersection

fully disagree neutral fully agree

1 2 3 4 5

Not Applicable

If you have any additional comments, please share them here:

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