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Housing Opportunity Index Among Metros with More Than 1 Million | 2002

METROPOLITAN AREA	% AFFORDABLE HOMES*	RANK**	METROPOLITAN AREA	% AFFORDABLE HOMES*	RANK**
Indianapolis, IN	88.6	1	Charlotte • Gastonia • Rock, SC	73.7	30
Kansas City, MO • KS	86.4	2	Chicago, IL	73.7	31
Cincinnati, OH • KY • IN	83.6	3	Dallas, TX	70.5	32
Greensboro • Winston • Salem, NC	83.2	4	Fort Lauderdale • Pompano, FL	70.3	33
Atlanta, GA	81.8	5	Las Vegas, NV	70.2	34
Grand Rapids • Muskegon, MI	80.6	6	New Orleans, LA	69.5	35
Buffalo • Niagara Falls, NY	80.1	7	Pittsburgh, PA	69.4	36
Oklahoma City, OK	80.1	8	San Antonio, TX	68.5	37
Cleveland, OH	79.9	9	Salt Lake City • Ogden, UT	68.3	38
Fort Worth • Arlington, TX	79.7	10	Austin • San Marcos, TX	67.9	39
Nashville, TN	78.6	11	Houston, TX	67.8	40
Rochester, NY	78.6	12	Detroit, MI	67.1	41
Washington, DC • MD • VA	78.3	13	Seattle, WA	63.1	42
Columbus, OH	78.2	14	Newark, NJ	62.1	43
Jacksonville, FL	77.8	15	Bergen • Passaic, NJ	61.5	44
St. Louis, MO • IL	77.6	16	Denver, CO	59.6	45
Baltimore, MD	77.4	17	Miami • Hialeah, FL	58.1	46
Tampa • St. Petersburg • Clearwater, FL	77.4	18	New York, NY	49.9	47
Providence, RI	76.8	19	Riverside • San Bernardino, CA	49.6	48
Minneapolis • St. Paul, MN	76.7	20	Boston, MA	48.2	49
Philadelphia, PA	76.7	21	Portland, OR	46.6	50
Memphis, TN	76.1	22	Sacramento, CA	43.7	51
Milwaukee, WI	76.0	23	Orange County, CA	37.7	52
Hartford, CT	75.8	24	Los Angeles • Long Beach, CA	34.4	53
Raleigh • Durham, NC	75.6	25	Oakland, CA	23.9	54
Norfolk • Virginia Beach, VA	75.5	26	San Diego, CA	21.6	55
Orlando, FL	75.4	27	San Jose, CA	20.1	56
Phoenix, AZ	75.4	28	San Francisco, CA	9.2	57
Nassau • Suffolk, NY	74.8	29	United States	64.8	

* Created by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the index is the share of homes sold annually in an area that would have been affordable for a family earning that area's median income, assuming that the family would spend no more than 28% of its monthly income on a 30-year fixed mortgage. These data are for Q1 of 2002. In this study, 57 metro areas have over 1 million in population. ** The NAHB calculates the measure for a total of 191 metropolitan areas. Tucson ranked 101st among the 191. ** 1 denotes the best "housing opportunity." Source: National Association of Home Builders.

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