

## Location Affordability Index

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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<http://www.locationaffordability.info/lai.aspx>

### About the Data

The Location Affordability Index estimates the combined cost of housing and transportation at the census block group level. Recognizing that transportation costs are frequently a household's second-largest expense after housing, this data set offers users a way to combine these costs to calculate a more nuanced and highly localized measure of affordability.

Geographic Availability	Most Recent Data	Update Frequency	Download Formats
Block Group, Census Tract, Place, County, CBSA	2012	Periodically	CSV

### Methodology and Data Sources

The Location Affordability Index is calculated using six federal data sets as well as data compiled by the Center for Neighborhood Technology. The online calculator can be used to develop separate cost estimates for homeowners and renters and can accommodate several different household types.

### Select Variables

- Annual Miles Driven
- Car Ownership
- Combined Costs of Housing and Transportation
- Transit Ridership
- Transportation and Housing Costs as Percentage of Income

### Additional Resources

For more information, please refer to the following online resources:

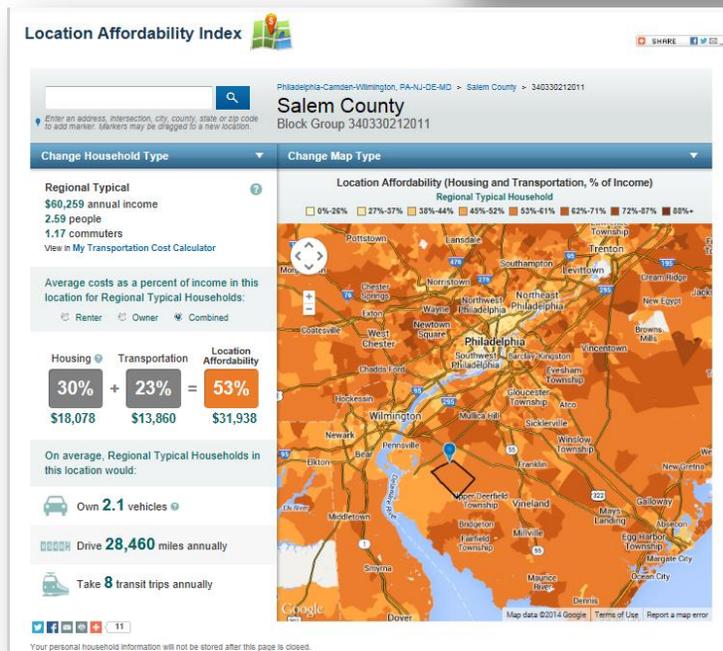
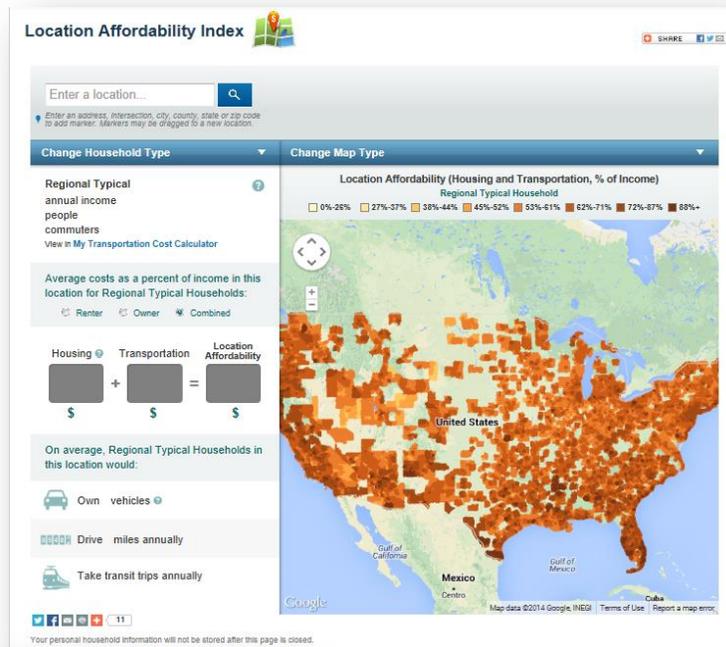
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### Accessing This Data Set

Right: The Location Affordability Index online tool gives users a way to analyze the combined cost of housing and transportation in neighborhoods covering 94 percent of the U.S. population. Data can be downloaded at multiple geographic levels.

Below: The tool displays the share of household income consumed by housing and transportation costs. Estimates can be modified by tenure and household type.



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