

# 10 Great Reasons to Live in Syracuse, New York

## 1: Real Estate Best-Buy

According to *Fortune* magazine (2007), Syracuse is among the “10 Best Places to Own Real Estate.” *Money* magazine (2005) named Manlius, a suburb 20 minutes from downtown Syracuse, one of the “Best 100 Places to Live” in the U.S. And consider the diversity of housing options available in the Greater Syracuse area, as evidenced by our region’s Median Housing Costs:

- > Syracuse MSA . . . . . \$116,800
- > Onondaga County . . . . . \$125,000
- > New York State . . . . . \$248,500
- > United States . . . . . \$222,000
- > Northeast . . . . . \$278,900
- > Midwest . . . . . \$164,900
- > South . . . . . \$183,900
- > West . . . . . \$351,200

## 2: Average Commute – 11 minutes!

Syracuse and its surrounding suburbs are situated at a major national crossroad, the intersection of Interstates 81 and 90. A trip to either Massachusetts or Ohio takes only a few hours. In addition, Syracuse is the hub of New York State, requiring only 90 minutes to drive to Rochester... only 2.5 hours to drive to Albany or Buffalo... and 4.5 hours to drive to New York City or Lake Placid. With Interstate highways 690 and 481 running east-west and north-south of the city respectively, Syracuse commuters have easy

drives to work – requiring 20 minutes or less to drive anywhere in the city and neighboring suburbs. Other transportation assets include the Syracuse Hancock International Airport, the Amtrak passenger rail line, and major bus lines.



## 3: Health Care Haven

Syracuse is home to four acute-care hospitals, several long-term skilled nursing facilities, and outpatient centers serving all sectors of Onondaga county. The region also boasts renowned medical-training facilities, including SUNY Upstate Medical University, two hospital-based nursing schools, and several residency programs.

## 4: Home to 40 museums and galleries



As you’d expect of a city our size, Syracuse offers a wide range of artistic and cultural outlets:

- > 40 museums and galleries, including the nationally known Everson Museum of Art, designed by I.M. Pei

- > Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park open year-round
- > Museum of Science & Technology (MoST) offers more than 200 exhibits and displays for a unique, hands-on experience for all ages – not to mention New York State’s only IMAX dome theater.
- > Syracuse Opera, the only year-round professional opera company serving Central New York
- > Syracuse Stage, Central New York’s only professional theater, attracting talented actors and directors from Broadway and beyond
- > The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra, the 28th largest orchestra in the United States, serves the central and northern New York region
- > Numerous music festivals, including JazzFest, the NYS Rhythm and Blues Festival, and CNYBA Bluegrass Festival
- > Ethnic festivals include the Polish Festival, Jewish Music & Cultural Festival, Bavarian Festival, Latino-American Festival, Irish Festival, La Festa Italiana, Oktoberfest, among others

## 5: Colleges and Universities

There are 44 private and state colleges within the Greater Syracuse region, with a combined enrollment of over 215,000 students. Within or close to the city of Syracuse itself, there are eight schools, including: Syracuse University, Le Moyne College, SUNY Upstate

Medical University, the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Onondaga Community College, SUNY Empire State College, Cazenovia College, and Bryant & Stratton College.

Aside from higher-education, Syracuse’s local schools are diverse and bountiful. There are 18 school districts in Onondaga County (17 suburban, 1 city) with a combined enrollment of approximately 80,000; within these districts there are 78 elementary schools, 27 junior high schools, and 21 high schools.

## 6: Recreation & Leisure

There are plenty of indoor and outdoor sports in the Syracuse area, affording participants and spectators alike year-round opportunities to enjoy the sporting life:

- > More than 50 state, county, and city parks and several nature centers
- > 40 golf courses (more than any other area in the Northeast)
- > *Field & Stream* magazine (2004) listed the Salmon River, just north of Syracuse, as the nation’s second best salmon fishery; other opportunities for lake, river, and stream fishing abound too thanks to the city’s proximity to the Finger Lakes region.



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## 7: Carrier Dome and the Syracuse Orange

The Carrier Dome, home of Syracuse University athletics, is the only domed stadium in the northeast. It is the epicenter of the city's sports community and, more importantly, a gateway to a rich relationship between Syracuse (city) and Syracuse University.



## 8: Green-er Pastures

Even in the dead of winter, Syracuse is a “green” place. Its baronial city hall, built more than 100 years ago, now secures all of its power from renewable energy, not fossil fuels. Traffic signals at 354 intersections use energy-savvy LED lights. The city is renovating each of its 37 K-12 public schools to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, improving indoor air quality, and lessening the schools' dependence on fossil fuels. And even the city's Centro public transportation system includes more than 125 clean-air buses.

### Source of data

The Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the Syracuse region or our hard-working Chamber – see [www.syracusechamber.com](http://www.syracusechamber.com)

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## 9: The Great New York State Fair

A great place for family fun, the New York State Fair is held in Syracuse each year. The New York State Fair, the longest running state fair in the country, annually attracts more than one million people from across the Northeast.

## 10: A Tradition of Innovation

Syracuse was the birthplace of several bright ideas over the years, a tradition continued by the area's many high-tech, medical, and energy sector companies – and accelerated by the region's many academic institutions, active business development organizations like the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, and initiatives like the Syracuse Technology Garden which fosters start-ups.

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