

City of Carmel Demographic Profile

1. Carmel – Summary

Carmel, Indiana is a fast-growing, economically-thriving suburban edge city on the North Side of Indianapolis. Home to about 91,065 residents (*2016 U.S. Census Bureau*), the once sleepy suburban community has been transformed over the past 20 years by ambitious redevelopment projects that have led to the making of a vibrant city that is no longer simply a place to sleep at night.

The City of Carmel spans 47 square miles across Clay Township in Hamilton County. The City is bordered by the White River to the east; Michigan Road (U.S. 421) and the county line to the west; 96th Street to the south and 146th Street to the north. Known for its highly educated and affluent population, Carmel households have median income levels of \$106,444 and the median price of a home is \$304,400, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

With excellent schools, low taxes, safe neighborhoods, and ease of transportation, Carmel has emerged as one of the most coveted places to live, not just in Indiana, but in the United States. In 2012, *CNN Money Magazine* named Carmel the No. 1 place to live in America (for cities ranging from 50,000 to 300,000 in population).

(Source: City of Carmel, website)

2. Carmel Demographic Profile

Population: 95,1170	Source: City of Carmel, 2016
Race: White	86% Source: 2011 US Census
Black	3%
Asian	11%
Other	1%

Carmel Median Household Income	Carmel Bachelor Degree or Higher	Carmel Median Housing Value	Hamilton County Median Housing Value
\$106,433	69.4%	\$304,400	\$230,000
Source: 2010 US Census		Source: 2016 STATS Indiana/ US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates	

Cost of Living Index: 89.8 (less than average, U.S. average is 100)
Source: City-Date.com, March 2016

For population 25 years and over in Carmel:

- High school or higher: 97.0%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 69.7%
- Graduate or professional degree: 26.4%

- Unemployed: 2.7%
- Mean travel time to work (commute): 20.1 minutes
Source: City-Date.com, March 2016

3. Carmel – Awards and Citations

2017, Ranked #1 City in America by 24/7 Wall Street in survey of ‘most livable’ for *USA Today*

2017, Ranked Top 2% in the Nation by GoodCall.com for comparative custom home cost, growing home values, affordability, population, educational values and low unemployment and crime rates

2017 Carmel Ranks as Best Small City in the U.S. to Raise a Family - SmartAsset

2017 Best Cities for Families - Carmel voted #4 best in the nation by Apartment List

2017 Best Place to Live in America by Niche

2017 #6 Best Place to Raise a Family in America by Niche

2018 Best Places to Live in America, 2nd year in a row by Niche

2018 “Best Places in the U.S. to Launch a Career” by *Money Magazine*

The publication gave Carmel the top spot, due to the central Indiana city's thriving economy, low unemployment and a projected 11.6% increase in the number of jobs in the area from 2016 through 2021, according to Moody's Analytics.

2018 Hamilton County is one of the top 10 healthiest counties in the country, according to *U.S. News & World Report*, 3/26/2018. The publication partnered with Aetna to devise a list of the country's top 500 healthiest counties. Specific factors used for the rankings include population health, equity, education, economy, housing, food and nutrition, environment, public safety, community vitality and infrastructure. Population health and equity were the most heavily weighted categories.

4. Politics

Party	Carmel*
Republican	66%
Democrat	32%
Independent	<2%

*Source: HomeFacts, 2012 election)

5. Mayor, City of Carmel:

James Brainard, elected 1996, serving his 6th term, Republican