

Illinois Residents Spend the 6th Lowest Percentage of Income on Housing

The cost of buying a home has surged in recent years, far outpacing inflation and putting homeownership out of reach for many Americans. Even for those who can manage high mortgage payments, additional housing expenses like costly utility bills can place a significant strain on their budgets.

To highlight where Americans spend the most and least on housing, WalletHub analyzed mortgage and home energy payments across all 50 states. We then combined these costs and compared them with each state's median household income.

"Homeowners and home buyers have faced whiplash over the past few years, with housing prices soaring and interest rates fluctuating from historic lows back up to the highest rates in more than a decade. In the most expensive state, housing costs can take up around 50% of the median income. In order to manage expensive mortgage payments and other key housing costs, it's important for homeowners to budget effectively."

Chip Lupo,
WalletHub Writer and Analyst

Cost of Housing as a Share of Median Monthly Household Income

State	Percentage
1. Hawaii.....	50.02%
2. California.....	43.00%
3. Massachusetts.....	33.67%
4. Oregon.....	33.56%
5. Washington.....	32.97%
6. Colorado.....	32.58%
7. Nevada.....	32.36%
8. Idaho.....	30.88%
9. Montana.....	30.47%
10. New York.....	30.41%
11. Utah.....	30.01%
12. Arizona.....	29.97%
13. Florida.....	29.16%
14. Rhode Island.....	28.77%
15. Maine.....	26.60%
16. New Jersey.....	26.13%
17. Delaware.....	25.42%
18. Vermont.....	25.12%
19. Virginia.....	24.95%
20. Wyoming.....	24.91%
21. Connecticut.....	24.89%
22. Tennessee.....	24.87%
23. New Hampshire.....	24.68%
24. North Carolina.....	24.35%
25. Alaska.....	24.21%
26. Maryland.....	24.00%

27. Georgia.....	23.87%
28. New Mexico.....	23.72%
29. South Carolina.....	23.51%
30. Texas.....	22.63%
31. Minnesota.....	22.41%
32. Louisiana.....	21.90%
33. Alabama.....	21.63%
34. Wisconsin.....	21.50%
35. South Dakota.....	21.18%
36. Pennsylvania.....	21.00%
37. Missouri.....	20.68%
38. Michigan.....	20.39%
39. Oklahoma.....	20.36%
40. North Dakota.....	20.36%
41. Kentucky.....	20.34%
42. Mississippi.....	20.13%
43. Arkansas.....	19.93%
44. Indiana.....	19.70%
45. Illinois.....	19.70%
46. Ohio.....	19.68%
47. Nebraska.....	19.34%
48. Kansas.....	18.64%
49. West Virginia.....	18.39%
50. Iowa.....	17.26%

Housing Spending in Illinois

(1=Most Expensive; 25=Avg.):

- ♦ Average Cost of Housing*: \$1,368.67
 - ♦ Average Cost of Housing* as % of Median Monthly Household Income: 19.70%
 - ♦ 31st: Average Monthly Mortgage Principal & Interest Payment
 - ♦ 33rd: Average Monthly Home Energy Cost
- *Housing refers to mortgage payments and home energy costs.

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Paul Nolley

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to an individual who did not try to skirt around the topics. Nolley is not accepting any big-money corporate PAC donations, but was pleased to announce that his campaign had raised more money in the first quarter of this year than his opponent, Darin LaHood. He feels that his campaign is picking up momentum, gaining the support of people such as U.S. Senator Ro Khanna and State Senator Dave Koehler.

This was the first meeting of the Democratic committee in Marshall County. It was chaired by Donna Augustyn-Sloan and was open to anyone who wanted to get involved or just find out more. For more information, email marshall.co.il.democrats@gmail.com. Another meeting is planned for the last half of June.

For more information about Paul Nolley, to volunteer or donate to his campaign, his website is nolleyforcongress.com.

King Crossword — Answers

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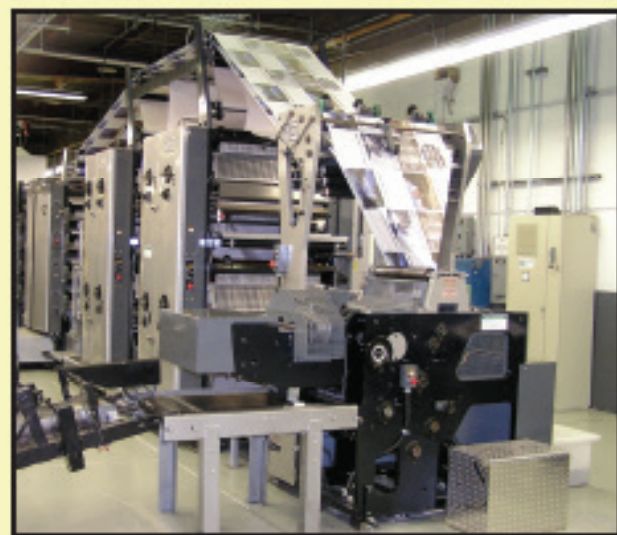


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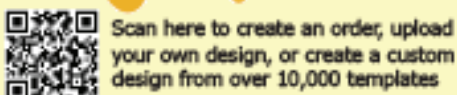
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