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Why city park facts?

The Trust for Public Land's Center for City Park Excellence works to make cities more successful through the renewal and creation of parks for their social, ecological, and economic benefits to residents and visitors alike. To achieve this mission, we believe that residents, advocates, park professionals, planners, members of the media, decision-makers, and all those who love parks need solid data that elucidates the realities of urban park and recreation systems. Data is knowledge, and knowledge is power.

The 2017 edition of City Park Facts includes photos for the first time, as well as an infographic spread to further highlight some of the data collected herein. It also features an expanded table (Table 6) showing the percentage of residents within a 10-minute (half mile) walk of a park, up from 75 cities in 2016 to 100 cities this year. This metric is generated by the Trust for Public Land's ParkScore analysis, which evaluates how large cities are meeting the need for parks and recreation. The latest rankings are available at parkscore.tpl.org, and are updated each year in May.

Additional datasets not included in the printed version of City Park Facts are available at tpl.org/cityparkfacts. The Center for City Park Excellence has an extensive library of reports on best practices and trending topics in urban park systems; for a full bibliography, visit tpl.org/CCPE.

How to use this booklet

When we say “city,” we mean only the municipality, not the metropolitan region. Thus, “Los Angeles” means the city of Los Angeles, not greater Los Angeles, nor Los Angeles County. However, several cities that are included in greater Los Angeles—Long Beach, Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Irvine—happen to be large enough to merit separate inclusion in this booklet and are listed under their own names.

When we say “park” we are referring to publicly owned and operated parks. In Table 1, we count every kind of park within the municipal boundary of the city, including federal, state, county, regional, and municipal parks. We do not include parks in corporate plazas, private clubs, or homeowner association parks in gated communities.

In most reports we combine the data from all the different park agencies in the city. In a few reports we separate parks by their managing agency, sometimes omitting the various smaller, specialized agencies in a city.

When we say “operating spending” we mean year-in, year-out work such as landscape and tree maintenance, facility maintenance, trash removal, recreational programming, planning, administration, policing, lighting, marketing, etc. “Capital spending” refers to one-time items such as land acquisition, construction, and major road or structural repairs. In order to provide greater uniformity between agencies, we do not count the expenses associated with zoos, aquariums, professional sports stadiums, museums, and cemeteries, which exist in some cities' parks but not others'. In Table 7 and Table 8, total spending includes both operational spending and capital spending. As in 2016, we have included separate information (Table 15) on spending by the largest city park conservancies, a growing category of nonprofit groups that support public parks.

For certain tables, we group cities by their average population density (population divided by municipal land area). We exclude airports, railyards, and parkland—the uninhabited portions of a city—from land area when calculating density. The four density categories are based on standard deviations from the mean.

We want to hear from you.

City Park Facts is a collaboration between the many city, county, state and nonprofit parks agencies and conservancies that work with us to submit their data. The staff of the Center for City Park Excellence works to present this information in a thorough yet easy-to-use format, and your feedback is important for future editions. You can contact us at ccpe@tpl.org or **617-367-6200**.

1. Parkland by city and agency

2016

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Albuquerque, New Mexico	120,147	562,215	27,438
Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department			21,555
National Park Service (within Albuquerque)			5,164
Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation Department (within Albuquerque)			719
Anaheim, California	31,895	353,741	2,618
Orange County Parks (within Anaheim)			1,283
Anaheim Community Services Department			687
California Department of Parks and Recreation (within Anaheim)			648
Anchorage, Alaska	1,090,997	305,439	914,138
Alaska Department of Natural Resources (within Anchorage)			464,318
U.S. Forest Service (within Anchorage)			245,653
National Park Service (within Anchorage)			192,192
Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department			11,454
Alaska Fish and Game (within Anchorage)			521
Arlington, Texas	61,364	378,442	4,714
Arlington, Texas Parks and Recreation Department			4,714
Arlington, Virginia	16,623	227,517	1,787
Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation			952
National Park Service (within Arlington)			700
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (within Arlington)			135
Atlanta, Georgia	85,217	455,045	4,991
Atlanta Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs			4,806
National Park Service (within Atlanta)			164
Centennial Olympic Park			21
Aurora, Colorado	99,030	357,801	10,504
Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space			10,504
Austin, Texas	190,653	903,753	20,714
Austin Parks and Recreation Department			19,982
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (within Austin)			732
Bakersfield, California	90,985	376,151	5,362
Bakersfield Department of Recreation and Parks			4,999
Kern County Parks and Recreation Department (within Bakersfield)			185
North of the River Recreation and Park District (within Bakersfield)			178
Baltimore, Maryland	51,804	620,610	4,917
Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks			4,874
National Park Service (within Baltimore)			43
Baton Rouge, Louisiana	49,246	231,222	1,252
Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge			1,252
Boise, Idaho	50,793	220,918	4,193
Boise Parks and Recreation			3,878
State of Idaho (within Boise)			315
Boston, Massachusetts	30,897	648,251	5,093
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (within Boston)			2,807
Boston Parks and Recreation Department			2,104
Boston Conservation Commission			114
National Park Service (within Boston)			35
Massachusetts Port Authority (within Boston)			33
Buffalo, New York	25,846	260,347	1,913
Buffalo Division of Parks and Recreation			1,842
Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry (within Buffalo)			70
National Park Service (within Buffalo)			1
Chandler, Arizona	41,224	257,235	1,544
Chandler Community Services Department			1,544

1. Parkland by city and agency (cont.)

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Charlotte, North Carolina	335,259	1,042,120	13,990
Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation			13,990
Chesapeake, Virginia	218,112	240,740	56,254
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within Chesapeake)			49,246
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (within Chesapeake)			4,558
Chesapeake Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism			2,450
Chicago, Illinois	145,686	2,772,357	12,917
Chicago Park District			8,773
Forest Preserve District of Cook County (within Chicago)			3,089
Illinois Department of Natural Resources (within Chicago)			613
Illinois International Port District (within Chicago)			442
Chula Vista, California	31,764	263,540	2,185
Chula Vista Public Works Department - Parks Section			2,107
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within Chula Vista)			71
San Diego County Parks and Recreation (within Chula Vista)			7
Cincinnati, Ohio	49,883	304,833	6,891
Cincinnati Park Board			5,076
Cincinnati Recreation Commission			1,347
Great Parks of Hamilton County (within Cincinnati)			465
National Park Service (within Cincinnati)			3
Cleveland, Ohio	49,726	383,989	3,002
Cleveland Metroparks (within Cleveland)			1,509
Cleveland Department of Public Works			1,493
Colorado Springs, Colorado	124,506	445,948	11,037
Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services			9,085
Colorado Parks and Wildlife (within Colorado Springs)			1,407
El Paso County Parks (within Colorado Springs)			545
Columbus, Ohio	138,988	843,731	15,155
Columbus Recreation and Parks Department			11,633
Columbus and Franklin County Metro Park District (within Columbus)			3,522
Corpus Christi, Texas	102,791	325,942	8,610
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (within Corpus Christi)			4,774
Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation Department			3,536
Nueces County Coastal Parks (within Corpus Christi)			300
Dallas, Texas	217,932	1,283,763	27,038
Dallas Park and Recreation Department			23,147
Trinity Watershed Management Division			3,891
Denver, Colorado	97,920	668,681	6,222
Denver Parks and Recreation			6,222
Detroit, Michigan	88,800	656,161	5,543
Detroit Recreation Department			5,512
Michigan Department of Natural Resources (within Detroit)			31
Durham, North Carolina	68,717	257,245	2,623
Durham Parks and Recreation Department			1,915
North Carolina State Parks (within Durham)			708
El Paso, Texas	163,351	692,213	29,872
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (within El Paso)			26,530
El Paso Parks and Recreation Department			2,848
El Paso County Department of Parks and Recreation (within El Paso City)			439
National Park Service (within El Paso)			55
Fort Wayne, Indiana	70,796	261,136	2,400
Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department			2,400
Fort Worth, Texas	217,484	827,741	11,878
Fort Worth Park & Recreation Department			11,878

1. Parkland by city and agency (cont.)

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Fremont, California	49,574	225,815	24,089
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within Fremont)			17,996
East Bay Regional Park District (within Fremont)			5,243
Fremont Recreation Services Division			850
Fresno, California	73,004	520,772	1,921
Fresno Parks, After School, Recreation and Community Services Department			1,329
San Joaquin River Conservancy			592
Garland, Texas	36,534	238,784	2,639
Garland Parks and Recreation			2,440
Dallas County Planning and Development Department (within Garland)			199
Gilbert, Arizona	43,496	246,336	1,308
Gilbert Parks and Recreation			1,308
Glendale, Arizona	38,385	241,019	2,149
Glendale Parks and Recreation Department			2,149
Greensboro, North Carolina	80,970	282,215	7,582
Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department			7,328
National Park Service (within Greensboro)			250
Greensboro Downtown Parks			4
Henderson, Nevada	68,948	281,647	9,173
Bureau of Land Management (within Henderson)			6,167
Henderson Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation			2,975
Clark County Parks and Recreation Department (within Henderson)			31
Hialeah, Florida	13,728	227,656	204
Hialeah Parks and Recreation Department			204
Honolulu, Hawaii	38,720	351,720	12,006
Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife (within Urban Honolulu)			10,054
Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation (within Urban Honolulu)			1,055
Hawaii Division of State Parks (within Urban Honolulu)			897
Houston, Texas	383,737	2,268,295	53,134
Houston Parks and Recreation Department			33,651
Harris County Parks (within Houston)			14,565
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (within Houston)			2,883
Fort Bend County Parks and Recreation Department (within Houston)			2,023
Discovery Green Conservancy (within Houston)			12
Indianapolis, Indiana	231,317	852,380	11,464
Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation			11,214
White River State Park Development Commission (within Indianapolis)			250
Irvine, California	42,308	241,102	9,427
Irvine Community Services Department			9,082
Orange County Parks (within Irvine)			345
Irving, Texas	42,891	232,637	1,920
Irving Parks and Recreation			1,865
Dallas County Planning and Development Department (within Irving)			55
Jacksonville, Florida	478,082	867,227	64,603
Jacksonville Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department			33,382
Florida Forest Service (within Jacksonville)			9,781
National Park Service (within Jacksonville)			8,400
Florida Park Service (within Jacksonville)			8,195
St. Johns River Water Management District (within City of Jacksonville)			4,845
Jersey City, New Jersey	9,468	265,718	1,677
New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry (within Jersey City)			1,188
Hudson County Division of Parks (within Jersey City)			283
Jersey City Division of Parks and Forestry			206

1. Parkland by city and agency (cont.)

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Kansas City, Missouri	201,568	479,367	17,683
Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation			12,293
Jackson County Parks and Recreation (within Kansas City)			5,390
Laredo, Texas	56,901	259,051	1,412
Laredo Parks and Leisure Services Department			1,041
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (within Laredo)			371
Las Vegas, Nevada	86,921	627,249	16,700
Bureau of Land Management (within Las Vegas)			11,596
Las Vegas Department of Parks and Recreation			4,775
Privately operated public parks			326
Nevada Division of State Parks (within Las Vegas)			3
Lexington, Kentucky	181,536	312,390	4,434
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Division of Parks and Recreation			4,415
Kentucky Department of Parks (within Lexington)			19
Lincoln, Nebraska	57,033	276,654	3,657
Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department			3,657
Long Beach, California	32,188	476,253	3,124
Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine			3,124
Los Angeles, California	299,949	3,937,901	37,405
Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks			16,150
California Department of Parks and Recreation (within Los Angeles City)			10,465
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (within Los Angeles City)			5,960
U.S. Forest Service (within Los Angeles City)			3,696
Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation (within Los Angeles City)			659
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (within Los Angeles City)			288
Port of Los Angeles			187
Louisville, Kentucky	243,466	759,909	17,608
Louisville Metro Parks			13,010
21st Century Parks (within Louisville)			4,000
Kentucky State Parks (within Louisville)			513
Waterfront Development Corporation			85
Lubbock, Texas	78,343	246,435	2,228
Lubbock Parks and Recreation			2,228
Madison, Wisconsin	49,145	243,967	6,372
Madison Parks Division			4,547
University of Wisconsin - Madison Arboretum			935
Dane County Parks Division (within Madison)			890
Memphis, Tennessee	201,635	666,723	9,145
Memphis Division of Parks and Neighborhoods			4,552
Shelby Farms Park Conservancy			3,200
Tennessee State Parks (within Memphis)			1,143
Riverfront Development Corporation			250
Mesa, Arizona	87,330	475,274	2,480
Mesa Parks, Recreation and Commercial Facilities Department			2,480
Miami, Florida	22,957	435,622	1,500
Miami Department of Parks and Recreation			958
Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department (within Miami)			405
Virginia Key Beach Park Trust			82
Bayfront Park Management Trust			55
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	61,518	592,535	6,116
Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture (within Milwaukee City)			5,406
Milwaukee Recreation			315
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (within Milwaukee City)			307
Milwaukee Department of Public Works			88

1. Parkland by city and agency (cont.)

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Minneapolis, Minnesota	34,543	408,326	5,064
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board			5,064
Nashville, Tennessee	322,581	653,352	33,966
Nashville/Davidson Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation			15,144
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (within Nashville/Davidson)			11,599
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (within Nashville/Davidson)			4,303
Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (within Nashville/Davidson)			2,920
New Orleans, Louisiana	108,431	388,540	27,689
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within New Orleans)			24,293
New Orleans City Park Improvement Association			1,300
New Orleans Recreation Development Commission			576
Audubon Nature Institute			528
New Orleans Department of Parks and Parkways			482
Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (within New Orleans)			351
Louisiana Office of State Parks (within New Orleans)			105
Municipal Yacht Harbor			30
French Market Corporation			24
New York, New York	193,692	8,567,986	39,859
New York City Department of Parks and Recreation			29,921
National Park Service (within New York City)			7,726
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (within New York City)			1,300
New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (within New York City)			912
Newark, New Jersey	15,480	279,660	847
Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (within Newark)			758
Newark Department of Parks and Grounds			89
Norfolk, Virginia	34,637	246,062	1,781
Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space			1,781
North Las Vegas, Nevada	64,861	237,252	16,731
Bureau of Land Management (within North Las Vegas)			15,872
North Las Vegas Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services			859
Oakland, California	35,703	414,215	3,865
Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation			1,940
East Bay Regional Park District (within Oakland)			1,664
Port of Oakland			261
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	388,103	649,058	26,004
Oklahoma City Parks and Recreation Department			25,987
Myriad Botanical Gardens			17
Omaha, Nebraska	81,337	441,703	10,648
Omaha Department of Parks, Recreation and Public Property			10,648
Orlando, Florida	65,533	272,010	2,947
Orlando Families, Parks and Recreation Department			2,923
Orange County Parks and Recreation Division (within Orlando)			24
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	85,825	1,571,860	10,830
Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation			10,169
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within Philadelphia)			300
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (within Philadelphia)			282
National Park Service (within Philadelphia)			55
University of Pennsylvania – Penn Park			24
Phoenix, Arizona	330,690	1,555,635	49,254
Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department			47,612
Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department (within Phoenix)			1,642
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	35,435	309,111	3,683
Pittsburgh Departments of Public Works and Parks & Recreation			3,647
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (within Pittsburgh)			36

1. Parkland by city and agency (cont.)

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
Plano, Texas	45,812	280,326	4,275
Plano Parks and Recreation Department			4,275
Portland, Oregon	85,393	620,564	14,504
Portland Parks and Recreation			11,712
Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces (within Portland)			2,330
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (within Portland)			462
Raleigh, North Carolina	91,458	444,271	13,619
Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department			7,365
North Carolina State Parks (within Raleigh)			5,579
Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (within Raleigh)			225
Reno, Nevada	65,926	243,942	3,382
Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department			2,630
Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space (within Reno)			752
Richmond, Virginia	38,278	222,071	2,027
Richmond Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities			2,027
Riverside, California	51,930	315,146	3,531
Riverside Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department			2,984
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District			297
California Department of Parks and Recreation (within Riverside)			250
Sacramento, California	62,666	485,187	4,959
Sacramento Department of Parks and Recreation			3,183
Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks (within Sacramento City)			1,746
California Department of Parks and Recreation (within Sacramento City)			30
San Antonio, Texas	294,997	1,417,364	29,692
San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department			15,544
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (within San Antonio)			11,992
National Park Service (within San Antonio)			990
San Antonio River Authority			935
Bexar Heritage Department (within San Antonio)			231
San Diego, California	208,120	1,370,646	47,817
San Diego Park and Recreation Department			41,743
San Diego County Parks and Recreation (within San Diego City)			4,094
California Department of Parks and Recreation (within San Diego City)			1,508
San Diego Unified Port District			252
National Park Service (within San Diego City)			160
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within San Diego City)			60
San Francisco, California	29,999	847,576	5,888
San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department			3,669
Presidio Trust (within San Francisco)			1,104
National Park Service (within San Francisco)			863
California Department of Parks and Recreation (within San Francisco)			252
San Jose, California	112,977	1,017,232	16,085
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within San Jose)			6,143
Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation (within San Jose)			3,910
San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services			3,503
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority			2,529
Santa Ana, California	17,453	338,961	746
Santa Ana Parks, Recreation and Community Services			515
Orange County Parks (within Santa Ana)			231
Scottsdale, Arizona	117,709	231,829	28,817
Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Division			28,817
Seattle, Washington	53,723	670,511	6,591
Seattle Parks and Recreation			6,411
The Port of Seattle			180

1. Parkland by city and agency (cont.)

CITY	LAND AREA (ACRES)	POPULATION	PARK ACRES WITHIN CITY LIMITS
St. Louis, Missouri	39,622	318,722	3,721
St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry			3,254
Tower Grove Park Commission			289
National Park Service (within St. Louis)			91
The Great Rivers Greenway District (within St. Louis)			87
St. Paul, Minnesota	33,266	297,110	4,937
St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department			3,471
Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Department (within St. Paul)			1,232
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (within St. Paul)			234
St. Petersburg, Florida	39,515	252,408	6,159
Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources (within St. Petersburg)			3,190
St. Petersburg Parks & Recreation Department			2,969
Stockton, California	39,469	305,721	1,157
Stockton Public Works Department			1,157
Tampa, Florida	72,582	361,564	5,212
Tampa Parks and Recreation Department			3,543
Hillsborough County Conservation and Environmental Lands Management (within Tampa)			1,161
Tampa Sports Authority			453
Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department (within Tampa)			55
Toledo, Ohio	51,643	279,217	3,128
Toledo Division of Parks, Recreation and Forestry			2,177
Metroparks of the Toledo Area			951
Tucson, Arizona	145,094	537,532	4,687
Tucson Parks and Recreation Department			3,776
Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department (within Tucson)			753
Kino Sports Complex			158
Tulsa, Oklahoma	125,923	411,880	9,401
Tulsa Park and Recreation Department			8,035
River Parks Authority			1,066
Tulsa County Parks (within Tulsa City)			300
Virginia Beach, Virginia	159,370	453,947	24,916
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (within Virginia Beach)			9,997
Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (within Virginia Beach)			7,211
Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation			6,162
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (within Virginia Beach)			1,546
Washington, D.C.	39,071	659,110	8,525
National Park Service (within Washington, D.C.)			6,852
District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation			924
National Arboretum			446
Smithsonian's National Zoo (within Washington, D.C.)			163
Architect of the Capitol			140
Wichita, Kansas	101,949	395,358	4,737
Wichita Park and Recreation Department			4,737
Winston-Salem, North Carolina	84,767	241,804	3,688
Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks			3,688
Total	11,455,651	63,576,249	2,055,324

Many city agencies, such as Denver Parks and Recreation and Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, have parkland that falls outside the limits of their city. A table detailing this external acreage can be found at tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

2. Parkland as percentage of adjusted city area

2016

Parkland includes city, county, metro, state, and federal parkland within the city limits.
Adjusted city area subtracts airport and railyard acreage from total city land area.

CITY	ADJUSTED CITY AREA (ACRES)	PARKLAND (ACRES)	PERCENT PARKLAND
HIGH-DENSITY CITIES			
Washington, D.C.	38,955	8,525	21.9%
New York	187,946	39,859	21.2%
San Francisco	29,980	5,888	19.6%
Jersey City	9,261	1,677	18.1%
Boston	29,175	5,093	17.5%
Minneapolis	33,958	5,064	14.9%
Philadelphia	82,913	10,830	13.1%
Los Angeles	295,015	37,405	12.7%
Seattle	52,765	6,591	12.5%
Oakland	33,181	3,865	11.6%
Arlington, Virginia	15,878	1,787	11.3%
Long Beach	31,066	3,124	10.1%
Baltimore	51,318	4,917	9.6%
Chicago	136,796	12,917	9.4%
Miami	22,949	1,500	6.5%
Newark	14,054	847	6.0%
Santa Ana	17,453	746	4.3%
Hialeah	13,666	204	1.5%
Median, HIGH-DENSITY CITIES:			12.1%

MEDIUM-HIGH-DENSITY CITIES			
Honolulu	36,329	12,006	33.0%
St. Paul	32,363	4,937	15.3%
San Jose	111,953	16,085	14.4%
Pittsburgh	35,349	3,683	10.4%
Milwaukee	59,126	6,116	10.3%
St. Louis	39,090	3,721	9.5%
Denver	74,797	6,222	8.3%
Anaheim	31,890	2,618	8.2%
Buffalo	25,308	1,913	7.6%
Chula Vista	31,764	2,185	6.9%
Cleveland	46,880	3,002	6.4%
Stockton	38,918	1,157	3.0%
Median, MEDIUM-HIGH-DENSITY CITIES:			8.9%

MEDIUM-LOW-DENSITY CITIES			
Fremont	49,516	24,089	48.6%
Albuquerque	116,051	27,438	23.6%
San Diego	205,918	47,817	23.2%
Irvine	42,308	9,427	22.3%
Las Vegas	86,921	16,700	19.2%
Portland	81,625	14,504	17.8%
St. Petersburg	39,375	6,159	15.6%
Phoenix	327,729	49,254	15.0%
Raleigh	91,399	13,169	14.4%
Houston	370,271	53,134	14.4%
Cincinnati	48,724	6,891	14.1%
Omaha	78,087	10,648	13.6%
Madison	47,519	6,372	13.4%
Dallas	215,676	27,038	12.5%
Columbus	133,309	15,155	11.4%
Austin	186,902	20,714	11.1%
San Antonio	292,298	29,692	10.2%
Plano	45,812	4,275	9.3%
Boise	48,343	4,193	8.7%
Sacramento	61,972	4,959	8.0%

CITY	ADJUSTED CITY AREA (ACRES)	PARKLAND (ACRES)	PERCENT PARKLAND
MEDIUM-LOW-DENSITY CITIES continued			
Arlington, Texas	60,876	4,714	7.7%
Tampa	70,089	5,212	7.4%
Garland	36,520	2,639	7.2%
Oklahoma City	378,472	26,004	6.9%
Lincoln	53,666	3,657	6.8%
Riverside	51,568	3,531	6.8%
Detroit	87,844	5,543	6.3%
Toledo	51,169	3,128	6.1%
Atlanta	84,250	4,991	5.9%
Glendale	38,196	2,149	5.6%
Orlando	54,494	2,947	5.4%
Norfolk	33,186	1,781	5.4%
Richmond	38,278	2,027	5.3%
Irving	37,060	1,920	5.2%
Chandler	40,580	1,544	3.8%
Gilbert	43,496	1,308	3.0%
Mesa	83,578	2,480	3.0%
Fresno	71,486	1,921	2.7%
Baton Rouge	48,353	1,252	2.6%
Laredo	55,391	1,412	2.5%
Median, MEDIUM-LOW-DENSITY CITIES:			7.9%

LOW-DENSITY CITIES			
Anchorage	1,086,019	914,138	84.2%
North Las Vegas	63,941	16,731	26.2%
Chesapeake	216,639	56,254	26.0%
New Orleans	107,655	27,689	25.7%
Scottsdale	117,089	28,817	24.6%
El Paso	159,763	29,872	18.7%
Virginia Beach	159,341	24,916	15.6%
Jacksonville	467,298	64,603	13.8%
Henderson	68,542	9,173	13.4%
Nashville	318,562	33,966	10.7%
Aurora	98,788	10,504	10.6%
Greensboro	80,844	7,582	9.4%
Colorado Springs	118,043	11,037	9.3%
Kansas City	195,245	17,683	9.1%
Corpus Christi	100,553	8,610	8.6%
Tulsa	123,993	9,401	7.6%
Louisville	240,264	17,608	7.3%
Bakersfield	90,527	5,362	5.9%
Fort Worth	214,065	11,878	5.5%
Reno	63,001	3,382	5.4%
Indianapolis	225,965	11,464	5.1%
Wichita	98,973	4,737	4.8%
Memphis	196,098	9,145	4.7%
Winston-Salem	83,917	3,688	4.4%
Charlotte	332,295	13,990	4.2%
Durham	68,678	2,623	3.8%
Fort Wayne	69,318	2,400	3.5%
Tucson	144,488	4,687	3.2%
Lubbock	76,929	2,228	2.9%
Lexington	180,899	4,434	2.5%
Median, LOW-DENSITY CITIES:			8.1%

Median, ALL CITIES:			9.3%
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3. Parkland per 1,000 residents by city

2016

Parkland includes city, county, metro, state, and federal acres within city limits.

CITY	PARKLAND (ACRES)	PARK ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS
HIGH-DENSITY CITIES		
Washington, D.C.	8,525	12.9
Minneapolis	5,064	12.4
Seattle	6,591	9.8
Los Angeles	37,405	9.5
Oakland	3,865	9.3
Baltimore	4,917	7.9
Boston	5,093	7.9
Arlington, Virginia	1,787	7.9
San Francisco	5,888	6.9
Philadelphia	10,830	6.9
Long Beach	3,124	6.6
Jersey City	1,677	6.3
Chicago	12,917	4.7
New York	39,859	4.7
Miami	1,500	3.4
Newark	847	3.0
Santa Ana	746	2.2
Hialeah	204	0.9
Median, HIGH-DENSITY CITIES:		6.9

MEDIUM-HIGH-DENSITY CITIES		
Honolulu	12,006	34.1
St. Paul	4,937	16.6
San Jose	16,085	15.8
Pittsburgh	3,683	11.9
St. Louis	3,721	11.7
Milwaukee	6,116	10.3
Denver	6,222	9.3
Chula Vista	2,185	8.3
Cleveland	3,002	7.8
Anaheim	2,618	7.4
Buffalo	1,913	7.3
Stockton	1,157	3.8
Median, MEDIUM-HIGH-DENSITY CITIES:		9.8

MEDIUM-LOW-DENSITY CITIES		
Fremont	24,089	106.7
Albuquerque	27,438	48.8
Oklahoma City	26,004	40.1
Irvine	9,427	39.1
San Diego	47,817	34.9
Phoenix	49,254	31.7
Raleigh	13,169	29.6
Las Vegas	16,700	26.6
Madison	6,372	26.1
St. Petersburg	6,159	24.4
Omaha	10,648	24.1
Houston	53,134	23.4
Portland	14,504	23.4
Austin	20,714	22.9
Cincinnati	6,891	22.6
Dallas	27,038	21.1
San Antonio	29,692	20.9
Boise	4,193	19.0
Columbus	15,155	18.0
Plano	4,275	15.3

CITY	PARKLAND (ACRES)	PARK ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS
MEDIUM-LOW-DENSITY CITIES continued		
Tampa	5,212	14.4
Lincoln	3,657	13.2
Arlington, Texas	4,714	12.5
Riverside	3,531	11.2
Toledo	3,128	11.2
Garland	2,639	11.1
Atlanta	4,991	11.0
Orlando	2,947	10.8
Sacramento	4,959	10.2
Richmond	2,027	9.1
Glendale	2,149	8.9
Detroit	5,543	8.4
Irving	1,920	8.3
Norfolk	1,781	7.2
Chandler	1,544	6.0
Laredo	1,412	5.5
Baton Rouge	1,252	5.4
Gilbert	1,308	5.3
Mesa	2,480	5.2
Fresno	1,921	3.7
Median, MEDIUM-LOW-DENSITY CITIES:		14.8

LOW-DENSITY CITIES		
Anchorage	914,138	2,992.9
Chesapeake	56,254	233.7
Scottsdale	28,817	124.3
Jacksonville	64,603	74.5
New Orleans	27,689	71.3
North Las Vegas	16,731	70.5
Virginia Beach	24,916	54.9
Nashville	33,966	52.0
El Paso	29,872	43.2
Kansas City	17,683	36.9
Henderson	9,173	32.6
Aurora	10,504	29.4
Greensboro	7,582	26.9
Corpus Christi	8,610	26.4
Colorado Springs	11,037	24.7
Louisville	17,608	23.2
Tulsa	9,401	22.8
Winston-Salem	3,688	15.3
Fort Worth	11,878	14.3
Bakersfield	5,362	14.3
Lexington	4,434	14.2
Reno	3,382	13.9
Memphis	9,145	13.7
Indianapolis	11,464	13.4
Charlotte	13,990	13.4
Wichita	4,737	12.0
Durham	2,623	10.2
Fort Wayne	2,400	9.2
Lubbock	2,228	9.0
Tucson	4,687	8.7
Median, LOW-DENSITY CITIES:		24.0

Median, ALL CITIES:		13.1
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4. Parkland per 1,000 daytime occupants by city

2016

Daytime occupants are people present in a city during normal business hours, including workers. This is in contrast to the resident population present during the evening and nighttime hours.

CITY	ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS	PERCENT DAYTIME POP. GROWTH	ACRES PER 1,000 DAYTIME OCCUPANTS
Albuquerque	48.8	8%	45.2
Anaheim	7.4	16%	6.4
Anchorage	2992.9	4%	2,890.1
Arlington, Texas	12.5	-8%	13.6
Arlington, Virginia	7.9	25%	6.3
Atlanta	11.0	59%	6.9
Aurora	29.4	-16%	34.9
Austin	22.9	15%	19.9
Bakersfield	14.3	-1%	14.5
Baltimore	7.9	17%	6.8
Baton Rouge	5.4	28%	4.2
Boise	19.0	24%	15.3
Boston	7.9	40%	5.6
Buffalo	7.3	19%	6.2
Chandler	6.0	-8%	6.6
Charlotte	16.2	16%	14.0
Chesapeake	233.7	-9%	256.5
Chicago	4.7	3%	4.5
Chula Vista	8.3	-21%	10.5
Cincinnati	22.6	38%	16.3
Cleveland	7.8	28%	6.1
Colorado Springs	24.7	8%	22.9
Columbus	18.0	16%	15.5
Corpus Christi	26.4	3%	25.8
Dallas	21.1	19%	17.7
Denver	9.3	25%	7.5
Detroit	8.4	13%	7.5
Durham	10.2	18%	8.6
El Paso	43.2	3%	42.1
Fort Wayne	9.2	13%	8.2
Fort Worth	14.3	5%	13.6
Fremont	106.7	4%	102.3
Fresno	3.7	11%	3.3
Garland	11.1	-15%	13.1
Gilbert	5.3	-20%	6.7
Glendale	8.9	-4%	9.3
Greensboro	26.9	24%	21.7
Henderson	32.6	-12%	37.0
Hialeah	0.9	-8%	1.0
Honolulu	34.1	40%	24.4
Houston	23.4	33%	17.6
Indianapolis	13.4	20%	11.2
Irvine	39.1	50%	26.1
Irving	8.3	34%	6.2
Jacksonville	74.5	9%	68.5
Jersey City	6.3	-3%	6.5
Kansas City	36.9	20%	30.8
Laredo	5.5	1%	5.4
Las Vegas	26.6	-5%	27.9
Lexington	14.2	10%	13.0
Median, ALL CITIES:	13.1	12%	11.6

CITY	ACRES PER 1,000 RESIDENTS	PERCENT DAYTIME POP. GROWTH	ACRES PER 1,000 DAYTIME OCCUPANTS
Lincoln	13.2	5%	12.6
Long Beach	6.6	-5%	6.9
Los Angeles	9.5	-1%	9.6
Louisville	23.2	12%	20.8
Lubbock	9.0	6%	8.5
Madison	26.1	28%	20.4
Memphis	13.7	15%	11.9
Mesa	5.2	-10%	5.8
Miami	3.4	12%	3.1
Milwaukee	10.3	5%	9.8
Minneapolis	12.4	23%	10.1
Nashville	52.0	23%	42.4
New Orleans	71.3	14%	62.4
New York	4.7	7%	4.3
Newark	3.0	17%	2.6
Norfolk	7.2	27%	5.7
North Las Vegas	70.5	-14%	81.8
Oakland	9.3	-3%	9.6
Oklahoma City	40.1	7%	37.4
Omaha	24.1	19%	20.2
Orlando	10.8	52%	7.2
Philadelphia	6.9	7%	6.5
Phoenix	31.7	7%	29.7
Pittsburgh	11.9	41%	8.5
Plano	15.3	11%	13.8
Portland	23.4	20%	19.5
Raleigh	29.6	19%	24.8
Reno	13.9	15%	12.1
Richmond	9.1	32%	6.9
Riverside	11.2	4%	10.7
Sacramento	10.2	20%	8.5
San Antonio	20.9	10%	19.1
San Diego	34.9	13%	30.7
San Francisco	6.9	20%	5.8
San Jose	15.8	-4%	16.5
Santa Ana	2.2	2%	2.2
Scottsdale	124.3	54%	80.8
Seattle	9.8	20%	8.2
St. Louis	11.7	38%	8.5
St. Paul	16.6	14%	14.5
St. Petersburg	24.4	4%	23.5
Stockton	3.8	-4%	3.9
Tampa	14.4	44%	10.0
Toledo	11.2	6%	10.5
Tucson	8.7	9%	8.0
Tulsa	22.8	22%	18.8
Virginia Beach	54.9	-8%	59.4
Washington	12.9	74%	7.4
Wichita	12.0	9%	11.0
Winston-Salem	15.3	20%	12.8
Median, ALL CITIES:	13.1	12%	11.6

5. Parks per 10,000 residents by city

2016

Parks include all city, county, metro, state, and federal parkland within city limits.

CITY	PARKS	PARKS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS	CITY	PARKS	PARKS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Madison	282	11.6	Austin	330	3.7
Arlington, Virginia	210	9.2	St. Louis	113	3.5
Cincinnati	272	8.9	Newark	99	3.5
Atlanta	405	8.9	Long Beach	168	3.5
St. Petersburg	218	8.6	Miami	153	3.5
Las Vegas	512	8.2	Lexington	106	3.4
Buffalo	208	8.0	Wichita	133	3.4
St. Paul	223	7.5	Tulsa	137	3.3
Anchorage	228	7.5	Fort Worth	274	3.3
Pittsburgh	214	6.9	Fort Wayne	86	3.3
Norfolk	168	6.8	San Diego	451	3.3
Seattle	457	6.8	Lubbock	81	3.3
Lincoln	188	6.8	Aurora	116	3.2
Baltimore	421	6.8	Cleveland	122	3.2
Virginia Beach	298	6.6	Winston-Salem	76	3.1
Boston	419	6.5	Riverside	98	3.1
Greensboro	178	6.3	Memphis	205	3.1
Corpus Christi	203	6.2	Tucson	165	3.1
Washington, D.C.	409	6.2	Dallas	388	3.0
New Orleans	239	6.2	Plano	84	3.0
Boise	133	6.0	Charlotte	243	2.8
Denver	384	5.7	Chicago	767	2.8
Omaha	248	5.6	Garland	66	2.8
Portland	334	5.4	Irvine	66	2.7
Tampa	192	5.3	Durham	70	2.7
Irving	122	5.2	Jersey City	71	2.7
Columbus	440	5.2	New York	2,263	2.6
Albuquerque	291	5.2	Fremont	59	2.6
Raleigh	218	4.9	Houston	580	2.6
Richmond	108	4.9	Chandler	65	2.5
Sacramento	232	4.8	Indianapolis	211	2.5
Kansas City	229	4.8	Oklahoma City	160	2.5
Chesapeake	115	4.8	San Jose	248	2.4
Jacksonville	412	4.8	Arlington, Texas	92	2.4
Detroit	307	4.7	Philadelphia	371	2.4
Reno	114	4.7	Henderson	66	2.3
Mesa	222	4.7	Chula Vista	60	2.3
Toledo	130	4.7	Stockton	67	2.2
Colorado Springs	207	4.6	North Las Vegas	50	2.1
Orlando	123	4.5	San Antonio	291	2.1
Nashville	291	4.5	Bakersfield	73	1.9
Minneapolis	179	4.4	Anaheim	66	1.9
Oakland	166	4.0	Scottsdale	42	1.8
Baton Rouge	92	4.0	Louisville	126	1.7
San Francisco	337	4.0	Los Angeles	604	1.5
Glendale	95	3.9	Gilbert	37	1.5
Honolulu	136	3.9	Phoenix	231	1.5
Milwaukee	224	3.8	Santa Ana	46	1.4
El Paso	261	3.8	Fresno	69	1.3
Laredo	97	3.7	Hialeah	28	1.2
Total				22,764	
Median					3.7

6. Percent of city population with walkable park access

2016

Park access is the ability to reach a publicly owned park within a half mile walk on the road network, unobstructed by freeways, rivers, fences, and other obstacles. For methodology, detailed analysis, and maps of cities' park-poor areas, visit parkscore.org.

CITY	RESIDENTS WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF A PARK	RESIDENTS BEYOND 1/2 MILE OF A PARK	PERCENT OF POPULATION WITH WALKABLE PARK ACCESS	CITY	RESIDENTS WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF A PARK	RESIDENTS BEYOND 1/2 MILE OF A PARK	PERCENT OF POPULATION WITH WALKABLE PARK ACCESS
CITIES WITH 90-99% ACCESS				CITIES WITH 50-69% ACCESS			
San Francisco	836,769	10,807	99%	Colorado Springs	309,876	136,072	69%
Boston	634,333	13,918	98%	Atlanta	299,829	155,216	66%
Arlington, Virginia	222,562	4,955	98%	Kansas	311,646	167,721	65%
Washington, D.C.	641,696	17,414	97%	Mesa	302,379	172,895	64%
New York	8,312,489	255,497	97%	Fremont	139,533	86,282	62%
St. Paul	286,004	11,106	96%	Hialeah	140,609	87,047	62%
Minneapolis	388,359	19,967	95%	Anaheim	215,304	138,437	61%
Philadelphia	1,464,502	107,358	93%	Boise	132,878	88,040	60%
Seattle	623,877	46,634	93%	Tampa	215,315	146,249	60%
Chicago	2,549,099	223,258	92%	Greensboro	167,376	114,839	59%
Jersey City	243,023	22,695	91%	Virginia Beach	264,529	189,418	58%
Newark	253,229	26,431	91%	North Las Vegas	137,409	99,843	58%
St. Louis	286,694	32,028	90%	Dallas	743,068	540,695	58%
Madison	218,899	25,068	90%	Orlando	157,298	114,712	58%
CITIES WITH 80-89% ACCESS				CITIES WITH LESS THAN 50% ACCESS			
Milwaukee	519,292	73,243	88%	Henderson	138,714	142,933	49%
Lincoln	237,469	39,185	86%	El Paso	340,569	351,644	49%
Aurora	306,911	50,890	86%	Laredo	126,676	132,375	49%
Denver	572,658	96,023	86%	Houston	1,091,367	1,176,928	48%
Baltimore	528,958	91,652	85%	Austin	432,852	470,901	48%
Buffalo	221,165	39,182	85%	Durham	122,876	134,369	48%
Oakland	351,147	63,068	85%	Riverside	145,638	169,508	46%
Portland	525,463	95,101	85%	Phoenix	705,014	850,621	45%
Pittsburgh	259,449	49,662	84%	Bakersfield	159,289	216,862	42%
Honolulu	294,059	57,661	84%	Oklahoma City	272,624	376,434	42%
Albuquerque	461,286	100,929	82%	Fort Wayne	108,625	152,511	42%
Long Beach	382,388	93,865	80%	Memphis	276,563	390,160	41%
CITIES WITH 70-79% ACCESS				CITIES WITH LESS THAN 50% ACCESS			
Miami	345,570	90,052	79%	Nashville	250,149	403,203	38%
Cleveland	304,565	79,424	79%	Chesapeake	91,606	149,134	38%
Sacramento	381,803	103,384	79%	Scottsdale	86,493	145,336	37%
Omaha	344,603	97,100	78%	San Antonio	511,442	905,922	36%
San Diego	1,065,979	304,667	78%	Winston-Salem	83,476	158,328	35%
Detroit	509,955	146,206	78%	Louisville	125,357	241,978	34%
New Orleans	297,132	91,408	76%	Indianapolis	276,955	575,425	32%
Toledo	211,998	67,219	76%	Jacksonville	279,715	587,512	32%
Irvine	181,608	59,494	75%	Charlotte	224,181	600,681	27%
Richmond	164,197	57,874	74%	Gilbert	65,033	181,303	26%
Plano	206,746	73,580	74%				
St. Petersburg	183,165	69,243	73%				
Corpus Christi	235,467	90,475	72%				
Glendale	173,970	67,049	72%				
San Jose	729,315	287,917	72%				
Cincinnati	217,843	86,990	71%				
Norfolk	175,799	70,263	71%				
Reno	173,396	70,546	71%				
Anchorage	216,990	88,449	71%				
Stockton	217,105	88,616	71%				
Santa Ana	238,917	100,044	70%				
Las Vegas	437,199	190,050	70%				

City park facts at a glance

Total spending on parks in the 100 largest US cities

\$7,091,697,899



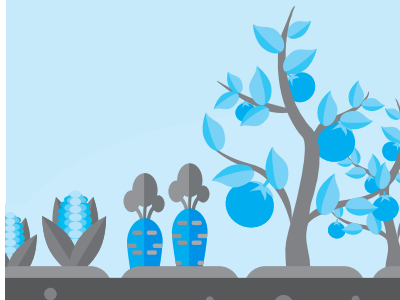
Total off-leash dog parks

731



Total community garden plots

23,883



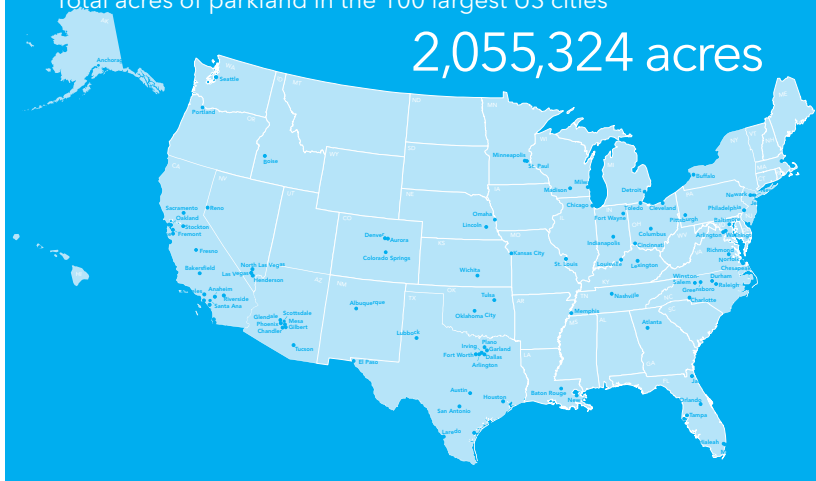
Total miles of bikeway managed by park agencies

7,453



Total acres of parkland in the 100 largest US cities

2,055,324 acres



Total basketball hoops

17,555



City park facts at a glance

Median size of a city park

3.8 acres



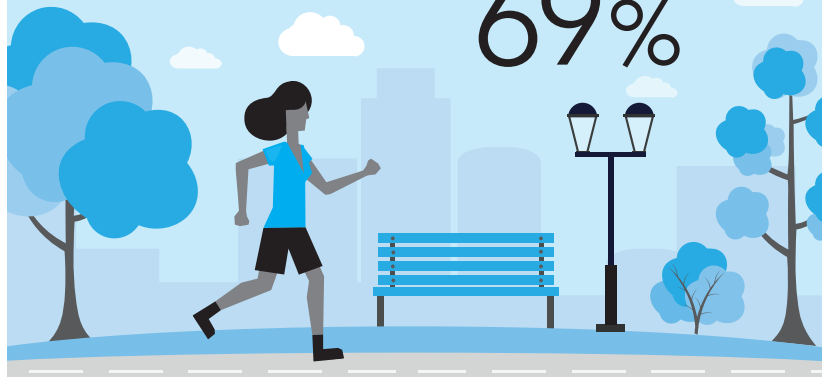
Total playgrounds

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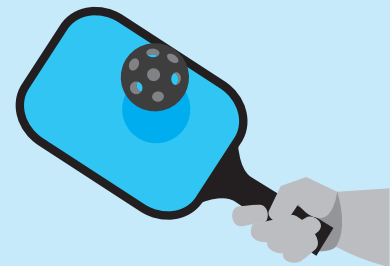
Percent of people living in the 100 largest US cities that are within a 10-minute walk to a park

69%



Total pickleball courts

420



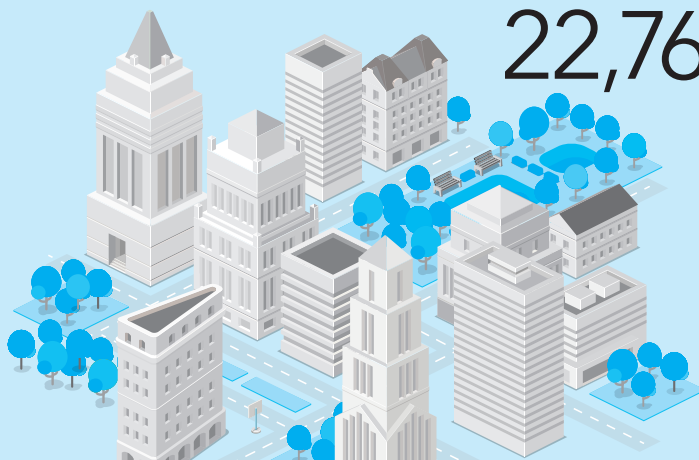
Total skate parks

365



Total number of parks in the 100 largest US cities

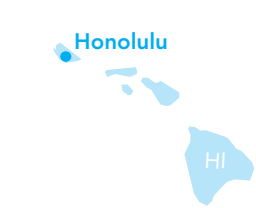
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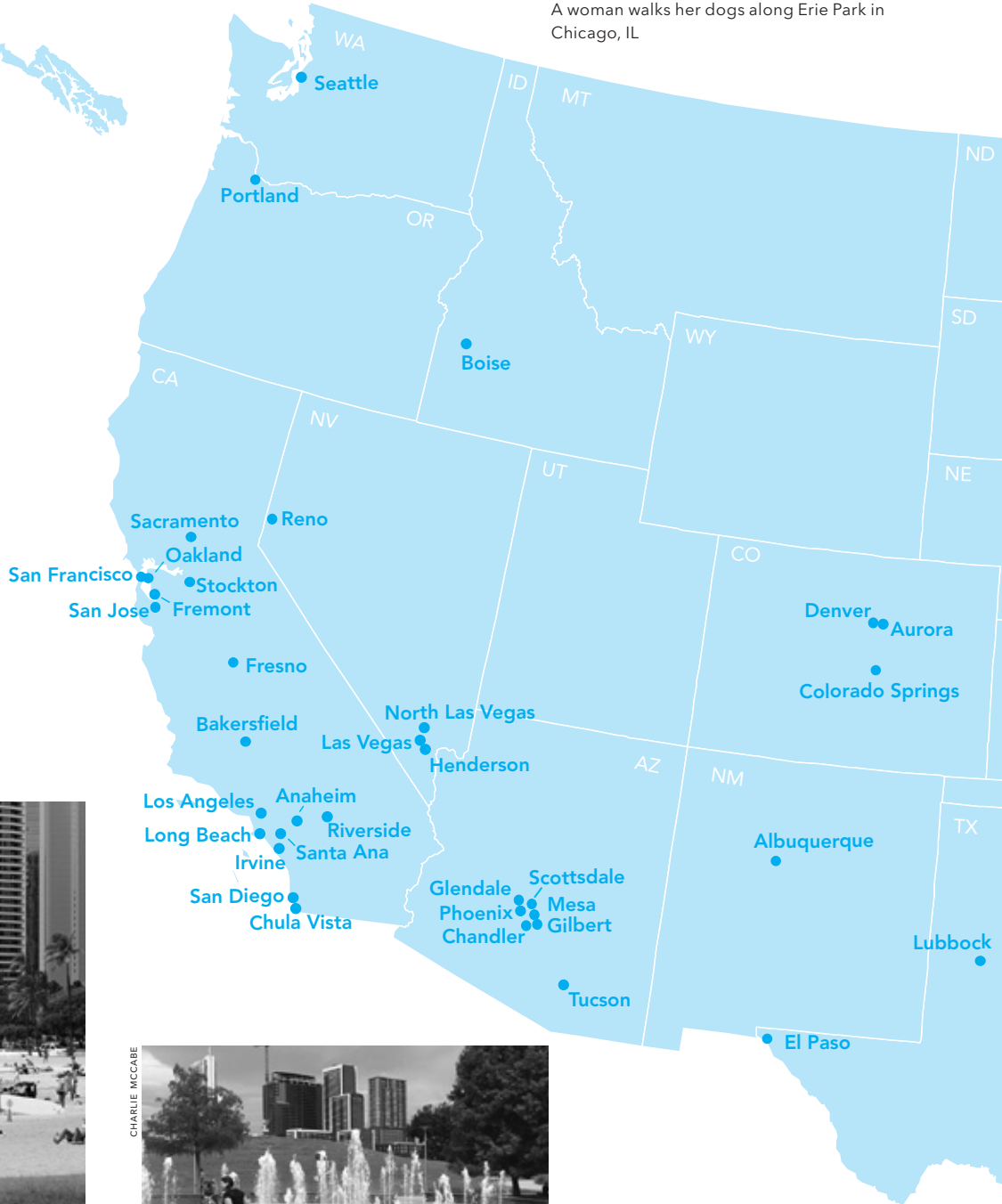
The 100 most populous cities



Waterfront Park in Portland, OR



Ala Moana Regional Park in Honolulu, HI



A woman walks her dogs along Erie Park in Chicago, IL



Butler Park in Austin, TX

7. Spending on parks and recreation per resident by city

MOST RECENTLY REPORTED FISCAL YEAR

Total spending includes both operating and capital spending of all park agencies in the city, but excludes professional stadiums, zoos, museums, aquariums, and cemeteries. If a city has more than one agency, expenditures are combined. For a more detailed listing of fiscal year data by city, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

CITY	TOTAL SPENDING	OPERATING SPENDING PER RESIDENT	CAPITAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT	TOTAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT
St. Louis	\$152,346,599	\$96	\$382	\$478
Irvine	63,821,241	215	50	265
Raleigh	114,444,690	114	144	258
Seattle	168,833,508	204	47	252
Long Beach	119,089,218	134	116	250
San Francisco	204,544,270	196	46	241
Arlington, Virginia	54,763,324	205	36	241
Minneapolis	98,011,172	190	50	240
Washington, D.C.	156,754,222	169	69	238
St. Paul	65,739,838	165	56	221
Cincinnati	63,615,728	142	67	209
Plano	53,349,348	104	86	190
Virginia Beach	85,656,248	141	48	189
Portland	109,500,536	158	19	176
Chicago	479,537,059	139	34	173
New York*	1,430,320,643	120	47	167
Boise	36,497,258	126	40	166
New Orleans*	60,747,440	108	49	156
Oakland	63,789,085	119	35	154
Milwaukee	88,161,012	98	51	149
Fremont*	32,941,523	116	30	146
Aurora	51,885,286	103	42	145
San Jose	145,671,531	72	71	143
Atlanta	61,319,669	123	12	135
St. Petersburg	33,847,909	134	0	134
Henderson	36,269,046	124	5	129
Miami	55,556,652	53	74	128
San Diego	173,221,629	112	14	126
Madison	30,277,947	91	34	124
Sacramento	59,566,563	108	15	123
Kansas City	58,214,300	92	29	121
Anchorage	36,565,914	89	31	120
Dallas	149,488,193	93	23	116
Nashville	76,054,310	57	59	116
Orlando	31,625,502	110	7	116
Las Vegas	72,845,787	88	28	116
Denver	77,379,491	90	26	116
Scottsdale	26,200,000	113	0	113
Tampa*	39,533,786	86	24	109
San Antonio	149,783,488	70	36	106
Columbus	84,324,879	56	44	100
Pittsburgh*	30,484,661	73	26	99
Cleveland	37,332,315	81	16	97
Austin	85,182,254	72	22	94
Colorado Springs	40,974,890	54	38	92
Chesapeake	21,467,896	77	12	89
Fort Wayne	22,651,197	75	11	87
Lincoln	23,984,829	62	25	87
Gilbert	20,689,566	66	18	84
Arlington, Texas	31,354,312	70	13	83

7. Spending on parks and recreation per resident by city (cont.)

CITY	TOTAL SPENDING	OPERATING SPENDING PER RESIDENT	CAPITAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT	TOTAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT
Boston	\$ 53,605,173	\$56	\$26	\$83
Anaheim	28,597,483	61	20	81
Lexington	24,844,066	73	7	80
Omaha	34,783,264	62	17	79
Oklahoma City	50,844,757	54	24	78
Los Angeles	305,987,230	62	16	78
Bakersfield	28,366,679	63	13	75
Phoenix	116,275,049	60	14	75
Richmond*	16,489,444	74	0	74
Chandler	18,985,474	53	21	74
Fort Worth	60,853,844	44	29	74
Garland	17,227,197	45	27	72
Corpus Christi	23,379,351	67	5	72
Norfolk	17,637,239	67	5	72
Mesa	33,601,000	63	7	71
Baltimore	41,909,871	67	1	68
Durham	16,631,925	56	9	65
Greensboro	18,139,667	63	1	64
Tucson	33,851,752	62	1	63
Riverside	19,059,275	57	3	60
Irving	13,500,000	56	2	58
Baton Rouge	13,014,955	39	18	56
Tulsa	22,793,093	48	7	55
Albuquerque	30,640,515	47	8	54
North Las Vegas*	12,775,731	54	0	54
Louisville	40,656,663	39	15	54
Wichita	21,020,887	46	7	53
Philadelphia*	82,215,849	52	0	52
Memphis*	34,499,101	46	6	52
Indianapolis*	42,843,767	41	9	50
Reno	12,235,141	47	3	50
Buffalo	11,977,478	30	16	46
Charlotte	46,437,562	35	10	45
Fresno*	22,801,309	24	20	44
Hialeah	9,812,101	43	0	43
Lubbock	10,600,550	43	0	43
Santa Ana	14,107,952	37	4	42
Honolulu	14,451,797	40	1	41
Toledo	11,415,747	38	3	41
Chula Vista	10,680,841	41	0	41
Winston-Salem	9,496,295	39	0	39
Stockton	11,187,336	33	3	37
Jacksonville	31,605,219	33	3	36
Houston	74,624,150	30	3	33
El Paso	21,747,063	31	0	31
Detroit	19,177,000	29	1	29
Newark	7,641,876	8	19	27
Glendale	5,500,417	23	0	23
Jersey City	4,950,000	14	5	19
Laredo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Total, All Cities	\$7,091,697,899			
Median, All Cities		\$66	\$16	\$83

N.A.= not available *Cities for which some spending is calculated based on prior-year information.

8. Spending on parks and recreation by city, reflecting primary agency spending and price of living

MOST RECENTLY REPORTED FISCAL YEAR

Total spending includes both operating and capital spending by all park agencies in the city, but excludes professional sports stadiums, zoos, museums, aquariums, and cemeteries. If a city has more than one agency, expenditures are combined. For a more detailed listing of fiscal year data by city, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

The adjusted spending reflecting price of living is calculated using the Center for Neighborhood Technology Housing and Transportation Affordability Index. Price of living is based on median housing and transportation costs.

Boston, Cincinnati, New Orleans, and Washington, D.C. have two primary city park agencies.

CITY	PRIMARY AGENCY SPENDING AS PERCENT OF TOTAL PARK SPENDING	TOTAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT	SPENDING PER RESIDENT, ADJUSTED TO REFLECT PRICE OF LIVING
St. Louis	16%	\$478	\$590
Raleigh	100%	258	248
Cincinnati	99%	209	244
Minneapolis	100%	240	241
St. Paul	100%	221	227
Seattle	100%	252	217
Long Beach	100%	250	210
Washington, D.C.	100%	238	208
San Francisco	87%	241	194
Arlington, Virginia	82%	241	179
Boise	100%	165	174
Milwaukee	82%	149	174
Irvine	95%	265	174
New York*	92%	167	174
Chicago	98%	173	173
Portland	88%	176	167
New Orleans*	34%	156	161
Plano	100%	190	157
Virginia Beach	96%	189	154
Aurora	100%	145	141
St. Petersburg	100%	134	138
Miami	84%	128	137
Oakland	85%	154	133
Atlanta	87%	135	131
Cleveland	68%	97	130
Kansas City	96%	121	128
Pittsburgh	96%	99	124
Madison	98%	124	122
Orlando	98%	116	119
Nashville	96%	116	119
Dallas	65%	116	119
Denver	100%	116	115
Sacramento	85%	123	114
San Antonio	90%	106	111
Columbus	95%	100	110
Las Vegas	100%	116	109
Tampa*	91%	109	107
Henderson	100%	129	106
Fort Wayne	100%	87	102
Lincoln	100%	87	95
San Diego	90%	126	95
San Jose	79%	143	94
Fremont*	67%	146	93
Anchorage	100%	120	92
Colorado Springs	97%	92	90
Austin	99%	94	87
Scottsdale	100%	\$113	\$86

8. Spending on parks and recreation by city, reflecting primary agency spending and price of living (cont.)

CITY	PRIMARY AGENCY SPENDING AS PERCENT OF TOTAL PARK SPENDING	TOTAL SPENDING PER RESIDENT	SPENDING PER RESIDENT, ADJUSTED TO REFLECT PRICE OF LIVING
Lexington	99%	80	85
Oklahoma City	92%	78	83
Arlington, Texas	100%	83	83
Omaha	100%	79	81
Boston	81%	83	80
Richmond*	100%	74	77
Baltimore	91%	68	75
Corpus Christi	96%	72	74
Phoenix	100%	75	73
Tucson	89%	63	72
Fort Worth	100%	74	72
Greensboro*	85%	64	72
Chesapeake	95%	89	71
Mesa	100%	71	71
Norfolk	100%	72	71
Garland	100%	72	71
Durham	100%	65	69
Bakersfield	81%	75	68
Gilbert	100%	84	68
Chandler	100%	74	65
Los Angeles	91%	78	64
Buffalo	98%	46	63
Philadelphia*	70%	52	63
Anaheim	100%	81	62
Baton Rouge	100%	56	61
Tulsa	65%	55	60
Irving	100%	58	59
Wichita	100%	53	59
Albuquerque	67%	54	58
Louisville	75%	54	57
Indianapolis*	97%	50	56
Memphis*	84%	52	56
Riverside	100%	60	50
Toledo	96%	41	49
North Las Vegas*	100%	54	49
Reno	86%	50	49
Lubbock	100%	43	47
Hialeah	100%	43	45
Winston-Salem	100%	39	44
Fresno*	100%	44	43
Charlotte	100%	45	43
Jacksonville	87%	36	36
Santa Ana	95%	42	36
Detroit	100%	29	35
El Paso	96%	31	35
Stockton	100%	37	34
Honolulu	96%	41	34
Houston	99%	33	33
Newark	100%	27	32
Chula Vista	97%	41	30
Jersey City	11%	19	18
Glendale	100%	23	18
Laredo	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Median		\$83	\$83

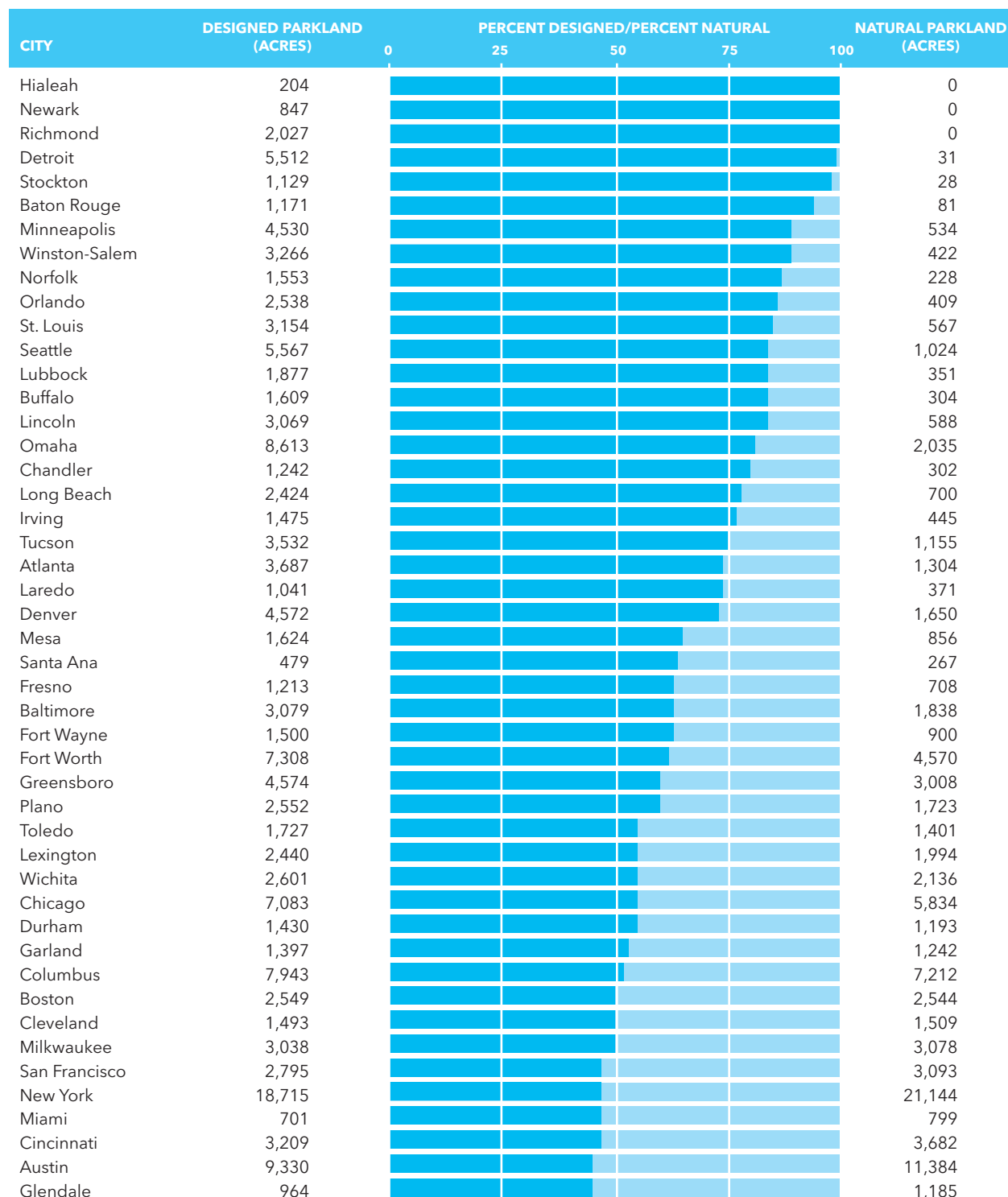
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9. Designed and natural parkland by city

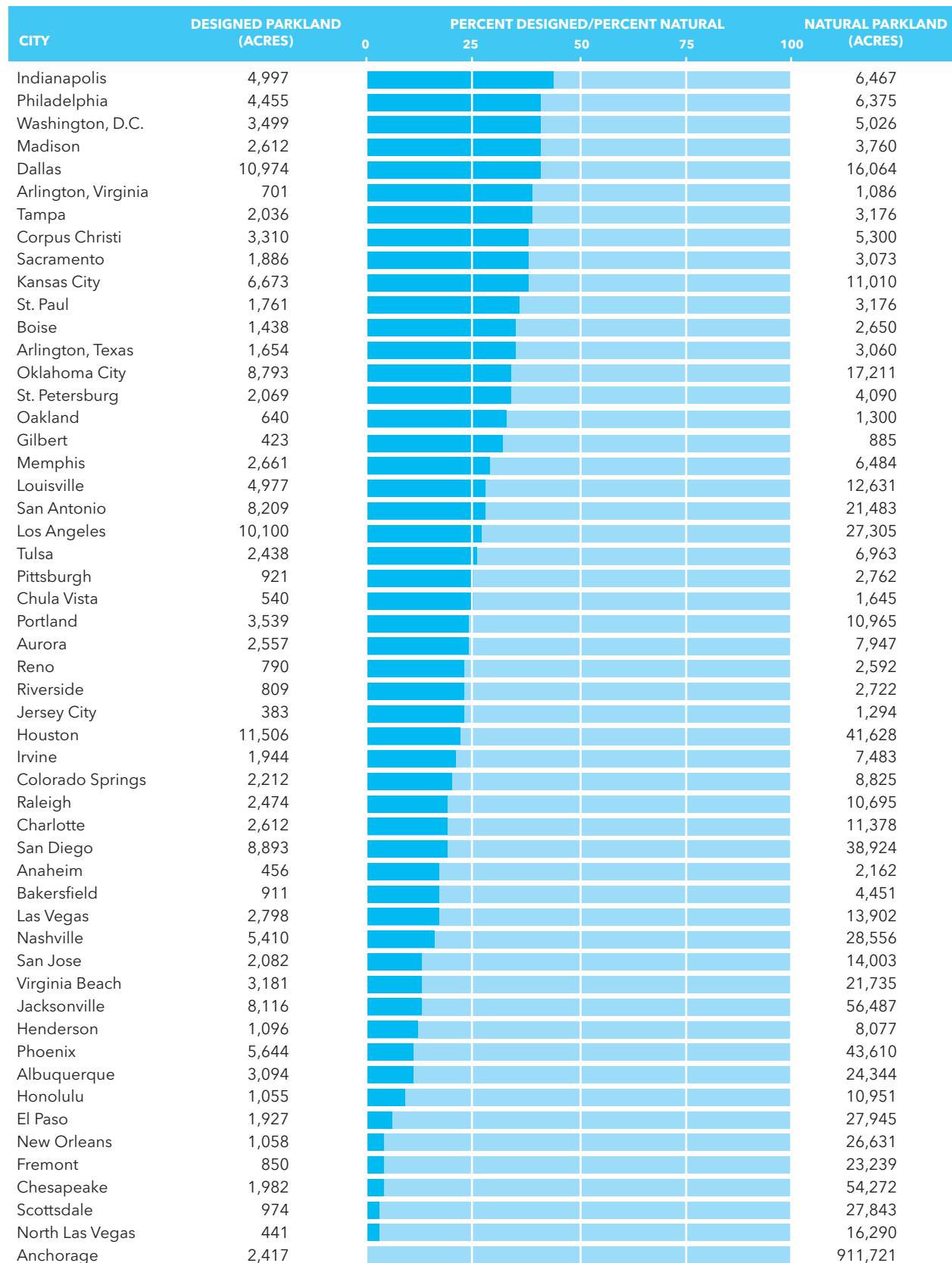
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■ *Designed areas are parklands that have been created, constructed, planted, and managed primarily for human use. They include playgrounds, neighborhood parks, sports fields, plazas, boulevards, municipal golf courses, municipal cemeteries, and all areas served by roadways, parking lots, and service buildings.*

■ *Natural and undeveloped areas are either pristine or reclaimed lands that are left largely undisturbed and managed for their ecological value (i.e., wetlands, forests, deserts). While they may have trails and occasional benches, they are not developed for any recreation activities beyond walking, running, and cycling.*



9. Designed and natural parkland by city (cont.)



10. Playgrounds per 10,000 residents

2016

Park playgrounds do not include school playgrounds. If a city has more than one park agency, their playgrounds are combined.

CITY	PARK PLAYGROUNDS	PLAYGROUNDS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Madison	173	7.1
Cincinnati	152	5.0
Detroit	309	4.7
Omaha	193	4.4
Norfolk	103	4.2
Virginia Beach	189	4.2
Corpus Christi	135	4.1
Pittsburgh	128	4.1
Glendale	97	4.0
Sacramento	193	4.0
Greensboro	104	3.7
Cleveland	141	3.7
Arlington, Virginia	80	3.5
Boise	77	3.5
Jacksonville	285	3.3
Lincoln	90	3.3
Irving	75	3.2
Baltimore	200	3.2
St. Petersburg	78	3.1
Henderson	86	3.1
Colorado Springs	136	3.0
Atlanta	138	3.0

CITY	PARK PLAYGROUNDS	PLAYGROUNDS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Bakersfield	111	3.0
Chula Vista	77	2.9
Boston	187	2.9
Albuquerque	161	2.9
Baton Rouge	66	2.9
Las Vegas	179	2.9
Richmond	63	2.8
Toledo	79	2.8
Irvine	67	2.8
Anchorage	84	2.8
Minneapolis	112	2.7
Milwaukee	162	2.7
Tulsa	112	2.7
El Paso	187	2.7
St. Paul	78	2.6
San Jose	267	2.6
Plano	70	2.5
New Orleans	97	2.5
Orlando	67	2.5
Lubbock	60	2.4
Louisville	185	2.4
Kansas City	116	2.4

11. Basketball hoops per 10,000 residents

2016

Basketball hoops do not include hoops on school grounds. If a city has more than one park agency, their basketball hoops are combined.

CITY	BASKETBALL HOOPS	HOOPS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Madison	239	9.8
Norfolk	203	8.2
St. Paul	220	7.4
Richmond	146	6.6
Buffalo	165	6.3
Cleveland	230	6.0
Milwaukee	339	5.7
Honolulu	200	5.7
Raleigh	243	5.5
Omaha	234	5.3
Baton Rouge	117	5.1
Cincinnati	152	5.0
Orlando	134	4.9
Tampa	176	4.9
Glendale	112	4.6
St. Petersburg	107	4.2
Arlington, Virginia	94	4.1
Philadelphia	640	4.1
Washington, D.C.	265	4.0
Colorado Springs	178	4.0
Chicago	1,076	3.9
Lexington	121	3.9

CITY	BASKETBALL HOOPS	HOOPS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Reno	94	3.9
Portland	237	3.8
New York	3,110	3.6
Pittsburgh	112	3.6
Henderson	100	3.6
Stockton	108	3.5
Minneapolis	143	3.5
Boston	219	3.4
Virginia Beach	151	3.3
Lincoln	92	3.3
Chandler	84	3.3
Miami	142	3.3
Detroit	208	3.2
Hialeah	71	3.1
Nashville	202	3.1
Riverside	96	3.0
Memphis	188	2.8
Atlanta	128	2.8
San Diego	385	2.8
Mesa	130	2.7
Corpus Christi	89	2.7
Sacramento	129	2.7

12. Off-leash dog parks per 100,000 residents

2016

If a city has more than one park agency, their dog parks are combined.

CITY	OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS	OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Boise	15	6.8
Henderson	15	5.3
Portland	33	5.3
Norfolk	12	4.9
Las Vegas	26	4.1
Madison	10	4.1
San Francisco	32	3.8
Arlington, Virginia	8	3.5
Tampa	12	3.3
St. Petersburg	6	2.4
Albuquerque	13	2.3
Anchorage	7	2.3
Sacramento	11	2.3
Pittsburgh	7	2.3
Jersey City	6	2.3
Bakersfield	8	2.1
Seattle	14	2.1
Chesapeake	5	2.1
Long Beach	9	1.9
Colorado Springs	8	1.8
Minneapolis	7	1.7
Washington, D.C.	11	1.7

CITY	OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS	OFF-LEASH DOG PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Lexington	5	1.6
St. Louis	5	1.6
Chandler	4	1.6
New York	133	1.6
Denver	10	1.5
Tucson	8	1.5
Lincoln	4	1.4
St. Paul	4	1.3
Austin	12	1.3
Cincinnati	4	1.3
Scottsdale	3	1.3
Riverside	4	1.3
Glendale	3	1.2
San Diego	16	1.2
Durham	3	1.2
Fresno	6	1.2
Chula Vista	3	1.1
Orlando	3	1.1
Atlanta	5	1.1
Boston	7	1.1
Nashville	7	1.1
San Jose	10	1.0

13. Recreation and senior centers per 20,000 residents

2016

If a city has more than one park agency, their recreation and senior centers are combined.

CITY	RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS	CENTERS PER 20,000 RESIDENTS
Baton Rouge	33	2.9
Minneapolis	51	2.5
Washington, D.C.	75	2.3
Cincinnati	34	2.2
Philadelphia	163	2.1
Norfolk	25	2.0
Tampa	34	1.9
Honolulu	33	1.9
Chicago	245	1.8
St. Paul	26	1.8
Richmond	19	1.7
Pittsburgh	26	1.7
Raleigh	37	1.7
Hialeah	18	1.6
Miami	34	1.6
Orlando	21	1.5
Arlington, Virginia	17	1.5
Atlanta	34	1.5
Irvine	18	1.5
Jacksonville	61	1.4
Winston-Salem	17	1.4
Baltimore	41	1.3

CITY	RECREATION AND SENIOR CENTERS	CENTERS PER 20,000 RESIDENTS
St. Petersburg	16	1.3
Oakland	26	1.3
Cleveland	22	1.1
Riverside	18	1.1
Long Beach	27	1.1
Los Angeles	219	1.1
Albuquerque	30	1.1
San Jose	54	1.1
Boise	11	1.0
Sacramento	24	1.0
Jersey City	13	1.0
San Diego	67	1.0
Boston	31	1.0
Memphis	31	0.9
Milwaukee	27	0.9
Denver	30	0.9
Santa Ana	15	0.9
Irving	10	0.9
Newark	12	0.9
Greensboro	12	0.9
Chesapeake	10	0.8
Nashville	27	0.8

14. Snapshot tables

2016

If a city has more than one agency, their facilities are combined. For the full tables, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

Ball diamonds per 10,000 residents

CITY	BALL DIAMONDS	BALL DIAMONDS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
St. Paul	159	5.4
Minneapolis	195	4.8
Pittsburgh	128	4.1
Cincinnati	119	3.9
St. Louis	120	3.8
Cleveland	142	3.7
Omaha	158	3.6
Chesapeake	86	3.6
Norfolk	86	3.5
Tampa	125	3.5

Ball diamonds include both baseball and softball diamonds.

Community garden plots per 1,000 residents

CITY	COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS	PLOTS PER 1,000 RESIDENTS
Portland	2,246	3.6
Washington, D.C.	2,300	3.5
Madison	739	3.0
Milwaukee	1,078	1.8
Seattle	1,113	1.7
San Francisco	1,384	1.6
Arlington, Virginia	301	1.3
Long Beach	574	1.2
San Jose	1,014	1.0
Baltimore	550	0.9

Beaches per 100,000 residents

CITY	BEACHES	BEACHES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Madison	12	4.9
Virginia Beach	14	3.1
Minneapolis	12	2.9
Corpus Christi	7	2.1
St. Petersburg	5	2.0
San Diego	26	1.9
Long Beach	9	1.9
Boston	12	1.9
Seattle	9	1.3
Cleveland	5	1.3

Disc golf courses per 100,000 residents

CITY	DISC GOLF COURSES	COURSES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Tulsa	7	1.7
Durham	4	1.6
Charlotte	14	1.3
Lexington	4	1.3
Fort Wayne	3	1.1
Orlando	3	1.1
Kansas City	5	1.0
Cincinnati	3	1.0
Anchorage	3	1.0
Richmond	2	0.9

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Sherman Avenue Community Garden in the Bronx, NY

Nature centers per 100,000 residents

CITY	NATURE CENTERS	NATURE CENTERS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Cincinnati	6	2.0
Fremont	4	1.8
Colorado Springs	6	1.3
Arlington, Virginia	3	1.3
Irvine	3	1.2
St. Petersburg	3	1.2
Anaheim	4	1.1
Portland	7	1.1
Raleigh	5	1.1
Virginia Beach	5	1.1

14. Snapshot tables (cont.)

Pickleball courts per 20,000 residents

CITY	PICKLEBALL COURTS	PICKLEBALL COURTS PER 20,000 RESIDENTS
St. Paul	30	2.0
Madison	21	1.7
Omaha	31	1.4
Chesapeake	16	1.3
Albuquerque	37	1.3
Baton Rouge	12	1.0
Minneapolis	19	0.9
Virginia Beach	18	0.8
Colorado Springs	16	0.7
Cincinnati	10	0.7



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A pickleball tournament

Swimming pools per 100,000 residents

CITY	SWIMMING POOLS	POOLS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Cleveland	42	10.9
Cincinnati	24	7.9
Pittsburgh	19	6.1
Washington, D.C.	35	5.3
Atlanta	23	5.1
Omaha	22	5.0
Philadelphia	74	4.7
Tucson	25	4.7
Henderson	13	4.6
Denver	29	4.3

Swimming pools include both indoor and outdoor pools, four-foot minimum depth.

Tennis courts per 10,000 residents

CITY	TENNIS COURTS	TENNIS COURTS PER 10,000 RESIDENTS
Richmond	136	6.1
Norfolk	143	5.8
Winston-Salem	109	4.5
Omaha	189	4.3
Greensboro	111	3.9
Atlanta	175	3.8
Arlington, Virginia	87	3.8
Boise	81	3.7
St. Louis	116	3.6
Virginia Beach	161	3.5

Skateboard parks per 100,000 residents

CITY	SKATEBOARD PARKS	SKATEBOARD PARKS PER 100,000 RESIDENTS
Chula Vista	8	3.0
Sacramento	13	2.7
Henderson	7	2.5
Las Vegas	11	1.8
Long Beach	8	1.7
Seattle	11	1.6
Reno	4	1.6
El Paso	11	1.6
Colorado Springs	7	1.6
Minneapolis	6	1.5



ERIN MAGUIRE

A boy does tricks at a skate park in Jesse Allen Park, Newark, NJ

15. Spending by selected urban park conservancies

2016

Conservancies, nonprofit organizations that financially support public parks, are an increasingly popular park management model. Spending data for this sample is taken from a Trust for Public Land survey and the organizations' 2016 IRS filings. It includes both operating and capital expenditures.

PRIVATE GROUP	CITY	PARKS	ACRES	SPENDING
Piedmont Park Conservancy	Atlanta	1	185	\$2,567,799
Historic Fourth Ward Park Conservancy	Atlanta	2	17	\$26,000
Mount Vernon Place Conservancy	Baltimore	1	6	\$4,508,108
Emerald Necklace Conservancy	Boston	5	835	\$1,343,395
Friends of Post Office Square	Boston	1	2	\$680,213
Friends of the Public Garden	Boston	3	82	\$1,848,578
Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy	Boston	6	15	\$2,553,879
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy	Buffalo	6	850	\$3,507,795
Garfield Park Conservatory Alliance	Chicago	1	12	\$1,187,696
Millennium Park Foundation	Chicago	1	25	\$1,750,005
Woodall Rodgers Park Foundation*	Dallas	1	5	\$3,904,961
Civic Center Conservancy	Denver	1	12	\$521,847
Detroit Riverfront Conservancy	Detroit	4	100	\$4,300,000
Discovery Green Conservancy	Houston	1	12	\$6,629,612
Herman Park Conservancy	Houston	1	445	\$13,772,477
Katy Prairie Conservancy*	Houston	14	13,000	\$3,237,407
Willow Waterhole Greenspace Conservancy*	Houston	1	280	\$459,999
Overton Park Conservancy	Memphis	1	184	\$380,725
Shelby Farms Park Conservancy	Memphis	1	3,200	\$18,970,769
Broadway Mall Association	New York	-	11	\$404,634
Bronx River Alliance	New York	10	640	\$893,513
Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy	New York	1	20	\$2,435,482
Central Park Conservancy	New York	1	843	\$63,539,143
Fort Greene Park Conservancy	New York	1	30	\$72,407
Friends of the High Line*	New York	1	7	\$15,772,710
Madison Square Park Conservancy*	New York	1	6	\$4,290,932
Prospect Park Alliance	New York	1	585	\$9,324,014
The Battery Conservancy*	New York	1	25	\$2,388,362
Van Cortlandt Conservancy*	New York	1	1,146	\$285,666
Myriad Gardens Foundation	Oklahoma City	1	17	\$3,176,841
Fairmount Park Conservancy	Philadelphia	163	2,250	\$1,570,780
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy	Pittsburgh	12	1,957	\$13,136,902
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy	Pittsburgh	62	7	\$771,559
The Forest Park Conservancy	Portland	1	5,171	\$498,906
Brackenridge Park Conservancy	San Antonio	1	246	\$84,398
Balboa Park Conservancy	San Diego	1	1,200	\$1,950,796
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy*	San Francisco	37	80,600	\$44,586,622
Guadalupe River Park Conservancy	San Jose	1	240	\$527,612
Forest Park Forever	St. Louis	1	500	\$3,657,665
Trust for the National Mall*	Washington, D.C.	1	146	\$7,120,167

* Indicates 2015 expenditures

16. Largest parks

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These are the largest parks located within the boundaries of the 100 largest U.S. cities. Most are owned by the municipality, but some are owned by a state, a county, a regional agency, or the federal government. If a park extends beyond the boundary of the city, only the acreage within the city is noted here.

The largest city parks

PARK	CITY	ACRES
McDowell Sonoran Preserve	Scottsdale	30,500
South Mountain Preserve	Phoenix	16,306
Sonoran Preserve	Phoenix	9,487
Cullen Park	Houston	9,270
Mission Trails Regional Park	San Diego	6,932
Jefferson Memorial Forest	Louisville	6,218
Lake Stanley Draper	Oklahoma City	6,190
Forest Park	Portland	5,172
Lake Houston Wilderness Park	Houston	4,787
Shooting Range Park	Albuquerque	4,596
Eagle Creek Park	Indianapolis	4,284
Griffith Park	Los Angeles	4,282
Loblolly Mitigation Preserve	Jacksonville	4,201
Mission Bay Park	San Diego	4,108
Far North Bicentennial Park	Anchorage	3,924
Piestewa Peak	Phoenix	3,766
Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge	Fort Worth	3,630
Rio Grande Valley State Park	Albuquerque	3,186

The largest regional and county parks within a city

PARK	CITY	ACRES
George Bush Park	Houston	8,043
Longview Lake Park	Kansas City	3,308
Shelby Farms Park	Memphis	3,200
Bear Creek Park	Houston	3,067
Calero County Park	San Jose	2,474
Mission Creek Regional Preserve	Fremont	2,086
Percy Warner Park	Nashville	1,978
Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area	Portland	1,837
American River Parkway	Sacramento	1,746
Tijuana River Valley Regional Park	San Diego	1,710

The largest state parks located within a city

PARK	CITY	ACRES
Chugach State Park	Anchorage	464,318
Franklin Mountains State Park	El Paso	25,809
Honolulu Watershed Forest Reserve	Honolulu	9,951
Topanga State Park	Los Angeles	8,873
Cary State Forest	Jacksonville	8,322
William B. Umstead State Park	Raleigh	5,571
False Cape State Park	Virginia Beach	4,321
Mustang Island State Park	Corpus Christi	4,219
Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve	Jacksonville	3,994
Cavalier Wildlife Management Area	Chesapeake	3,770

16. Largest parks (cont.)

The largest federal parks located within a city

PARK	CITY	ACRES
Chugach National Forest	Anchorage	245,653
Lake George Natural Landmark	Anchorage	192,192
Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	Chesapeake	50,469
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	Jacksonville	31,486
Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge	New Orleans	25,361
Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Virginia Beach	9,180
Gateway National Recreation Area	New York	7,683
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge	San Jose	6,800
Petroglyph National Monument	Albuquerque	5,164
Angeles National Forest	Los Angeles	3,696

17. Oldest city parks

These are the oldest U.S. city parks within the 100 largest cities. The date refers to the year of initial creation or acquisition; in the case of parks whose names have changed, the modern name is given. For a longer list of oldest parks, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

PARK	CITY	YEAR ESTABLISHED
Boston Common	Boston	1634
Military Park	Newark	1667
Washington Park	Newark	1669
Franklin, Logan, Rittenhouse, Washington Squares	Philadelphia	1682
Jackson Square	New Orleans	1721
San Pedro Springs Park	San Antonio	1729
Main Plaza	San Antonio	1731
Bowling Green	New York City	1733
Columbus, Pittman-Sullivan Parks	San Antonio	1733
El Pueblo De Los Angeles Historical Monument	Los Angeles	1781
National Mall	Washington, D.C.	1791
Garfield Park, Lafayette Square	Washington, D.C.	1792
Public Square, Settlers Landing Park	Cleveland	1796
Duane Park	New York City	1797
Hamilton, Paulus Hook Park	Jersey City	1804
Tribeca Park	New York City	1810
Gravois, Laclede, Mount Pleasant Parks	St. Louis	1812
Battle Monument, Mount Vernon Square Park	Baltimore	1815
Centennial Regional Park	Santa Ana	1816
Jackson Place Park	St. Louis	1816
Brinkley Park, Colonial Park, Confederate Park, Court Square	Memphis	1819
Unity Island	Buffalo	1823
Broderick Park	Buffalo	1825
Ahearn Park	New York City	1825
Franklin Square, Patterson Parks	Baltimore	1827
Washington Square Park	New York City	1827
Cooper Triangle	New York City	1828
Market Square	Buffalo	1830
Abingdon Square	New York City	1831
Palmer Park	New Orleans	1833
Union Square Park	New York City	1833

18. Most-visited city parks by city

This list includes only the most heavily visited park in a city. For a longer list of most-visited parks, including other parks within these cities, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

CITY	PARK	ACRES	ANNUAL VISITATION
Atlanta	Piedmont Park	185	4,000,000
Austin	Zilker Park	255	3,500,000
Boston	Boston Common	47	2,980,000
Chicago	Lincoln Park	1,216	20,000,000
Colorado Springs	Garden of the Gods	1,327	2,000,000
Dallas	Fair Park	263	5,515,000
Denver	City Park	263	2,000,000
Detroit	Belle Isle Park	981	2,600,000
Houston	Hermann Park	445	5,364,715
Jacksonville	Drew Field	26	2,500,000
Kansas City	Swope Park	1,805	2,339,213
Los Angeles	Griffith Park	4,282	12,000,000
Milwaukee	Veterans Park	104	5,000,000
Minneapolis	Chain of Lakes Regional Park	1,557	5,476,400
New York	Central Park	843	42,000,000
Oakland	Lakeside Park	75	4,000,000
Orlando	Lake Eola	46	2,260,000
Phoenix	South Mountain Park/Preserve	16,306	3,000,000
San Antonio	San Antonio Riverwalk	15	11,500,000
San Diego	Mission Bay Park	4,232	17,000,000
San Francisco	Golden Gate Park	1,032	14,500,000
Seattle	Green Lake Park	324	3,650,000
St. Louis	Forest Park	1,293	15,000,000
St. Paul	Como Regional Park	384	4,350,000
Washington, D.C.	National Mall and Memorial Parks	725	33,500,000

19. Most-visited city parks per acre

This list includes only the most heavily visited park per acre in a city. For a longer list of popular parks, including other parks within these cities, visit tpl.org/cityparkfacts.

CITY	PARK	ACRES	ANNUAL VISITORS PER ACRE
San Francisco	Union Square	3	1,776,923
New York	High Line	7	1,129,272
Detroit	Campus Martius Park	3	800,000
Boston	Norman B. Leventhal Park	2	235,294
San Antonio	San Antonio Riverwalk	15	200,000
Dallas	Klyde Warren Park	5	192,308
Chicago	Millennium Park	24	166,667
Atlanta	Centennial Olympic Park	21	152,381
Pittsburgh	Point State Park	20	124,062
Houston	Discovery Green	12	100,000
Philadelphia	Independence National Historical Park	55	64,836
Oakland	Lakeside Park/Lake Merritt	75	53,333
Milwaukee	Veterans Park	104	48,297
Orlando	Lake Eola Park	46	48,288
Washington, D.C.	National Mall and Memorial Parks	725	46,207



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