

# Quincy & Adams County, Illinois

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### OVERVIEW

The Quincy and Adams County area offers a high quality of life thanks to the availability of affordable housing, low crime rates, a variety of entertainment opportunities. This was confirmed when *Forbes* magazine ranked Quincy number 8 on its list of the *Best Small Cities to Raise a Family* in 2010.

### ARTS & CULTURE

It is easy to become involved — and to be entertained.

Quincy is home to America's first Community Arts Council. The Quincy Society of Fine Arts was founded in 1947 and continues to sponsor a wide range of cultural events including fine arts festivals, opera productions, arts classes, historic preservation and theater productions. The area is also the site of ten museums and four national historic districts, including one area with 50 square blocks of well-preserved private homes.



### HEALTH CARE

Quincy, Illinois is the healthcare hub for the tri-states. Three major medical centers provide the highest quality patient care:

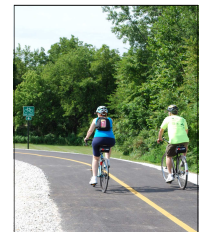
**Blessing Hospital** is the largest and most sophisticated medical center in a 100-mile radius with a medical staff of more than 240 physicians and a team of more than 2,000 employees.

**Quincy Medical Group** is one of the leading multi-specialty group practices in the Midwest. With over 120 physicians and providers practicing in 27 medical and surgical specialties.

**Quincy Family Practice Center** operates as part of the Family Practice residencies of the SIU School of Medicine. SIU doctors provide care at all levels: outpatient, inpatient, extended care and in the home.

### PARKS & RECREATION

With nearly 1,000 acres of land, the Quincy Park District provides a full range of activities year round. Services include 11 playground sites, athletic fields, golf and miniature golf and walking/jogging paths.



### TAXATION

Personal Income Tax (applied to net income)	5%
State Sales Tax	6.25%
Local Sales Tax	1.5%
<b>Total Sales Tax</b>	<b>7.75%</b>

Source: Illinois Department of Revenue

### CLIMATE

In the heart of the Midwest, the Quincy region offers four distinct seasons and all the activities that go with those seasons. Warm up with hot chocolate during one of the historic holiday home tours or join us in the spring for a garden walking tour.

**Average temperature:** 63° F

**Average precipitation:** 3.07 inches per month

Source: The Weather Channel

### HOUSING

Our region can offer you a low cost of living thanks in part to its affordable housing. According to the Illinois Association of Realtors, the median single family home price in Adams County for the third quarter of 2011 is \$112,750. The average home price for that same time period is \$129,166.

#### County Housing Statistics

Average Household Size	2.37 persons
Housing Units	29,842
Owner Occupied	72.2%
Renter Occupied	27.8%

Source: Census Bureau, 2010