




GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS FOR ALL AGES: THE LIVABILITY INDEX AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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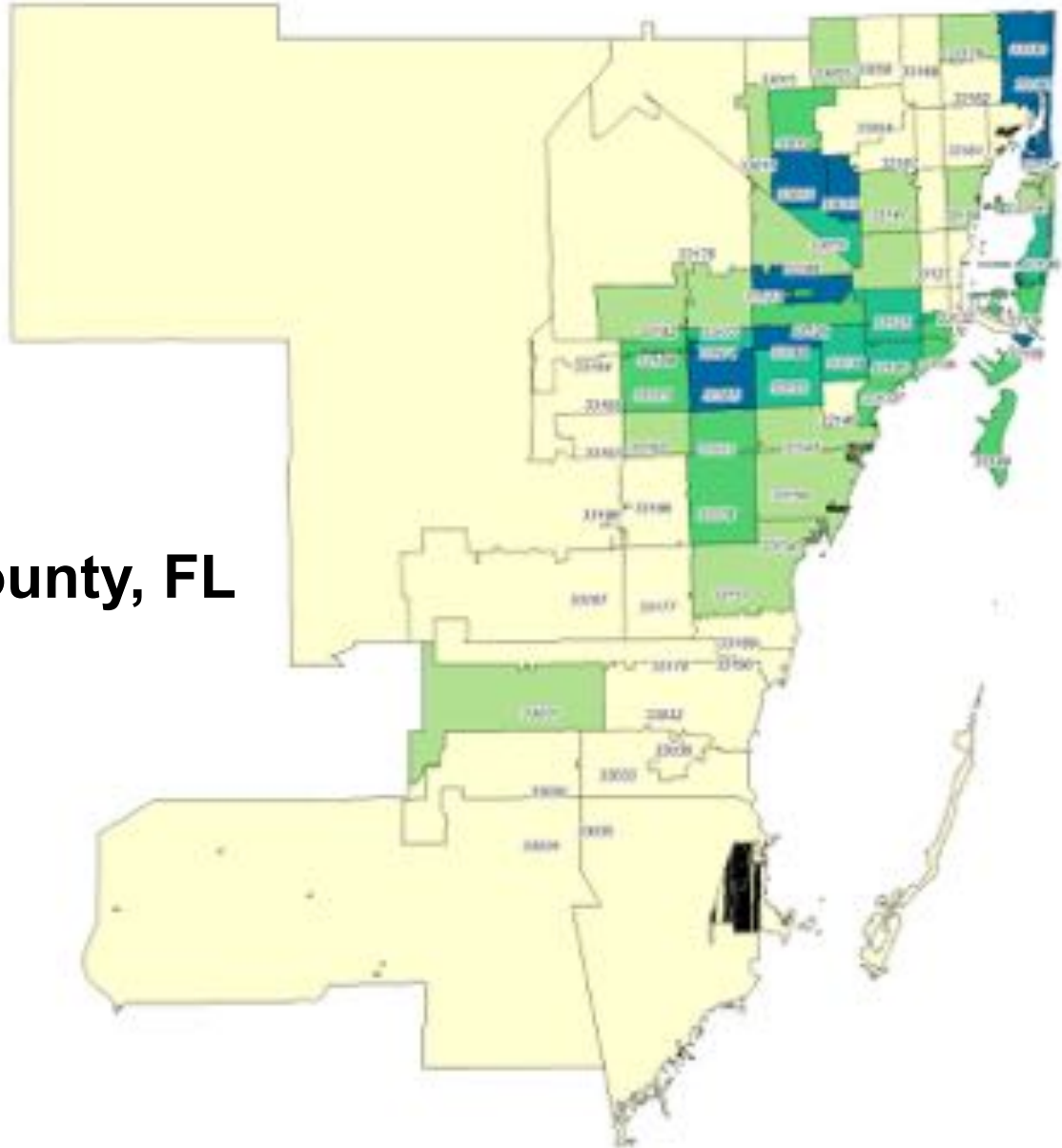
WHAT IS A LIVABLE COMMUNITY?

A photograph showing a young woman with dark curly hair and glasses, wearing a white shirt and a dark vest, looking at a bouquet of pink flowers. Next to her is an older man with glasses and a blue shirt, also looking at the flowers. They are in a market setting with other people and stalls in the background.

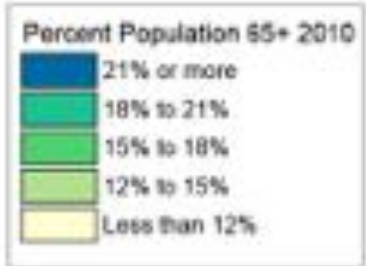
“A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and offers supportive community features and services. Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents’ engagement in the community’s civic, economic, and social life.”

—AARP Public Policy Institute

Percent Population Age 65+ 2010

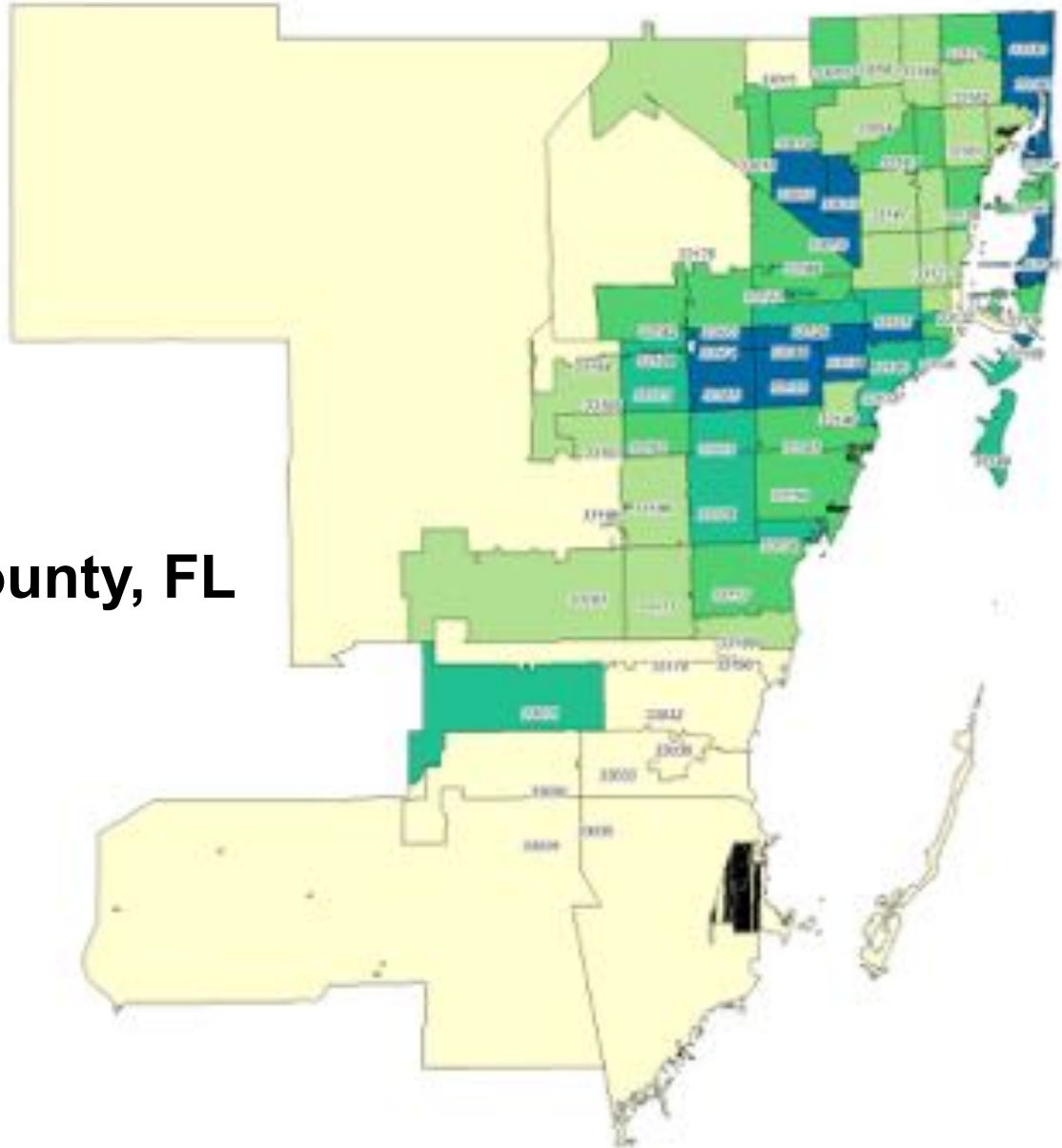


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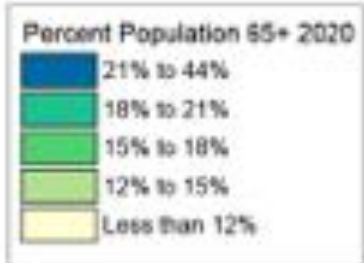


Source: Census 2010. Prepared by AARP Research Center.

Percent Population Age 65+ 2020



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HOW DO PEOPLE CHOOSE NEIGHBORHOODS?

- Preferences
- Limitations
 - Family Budget
 - Availability



- Where People Live



WHAT DO OLDER ADULTS WANT?



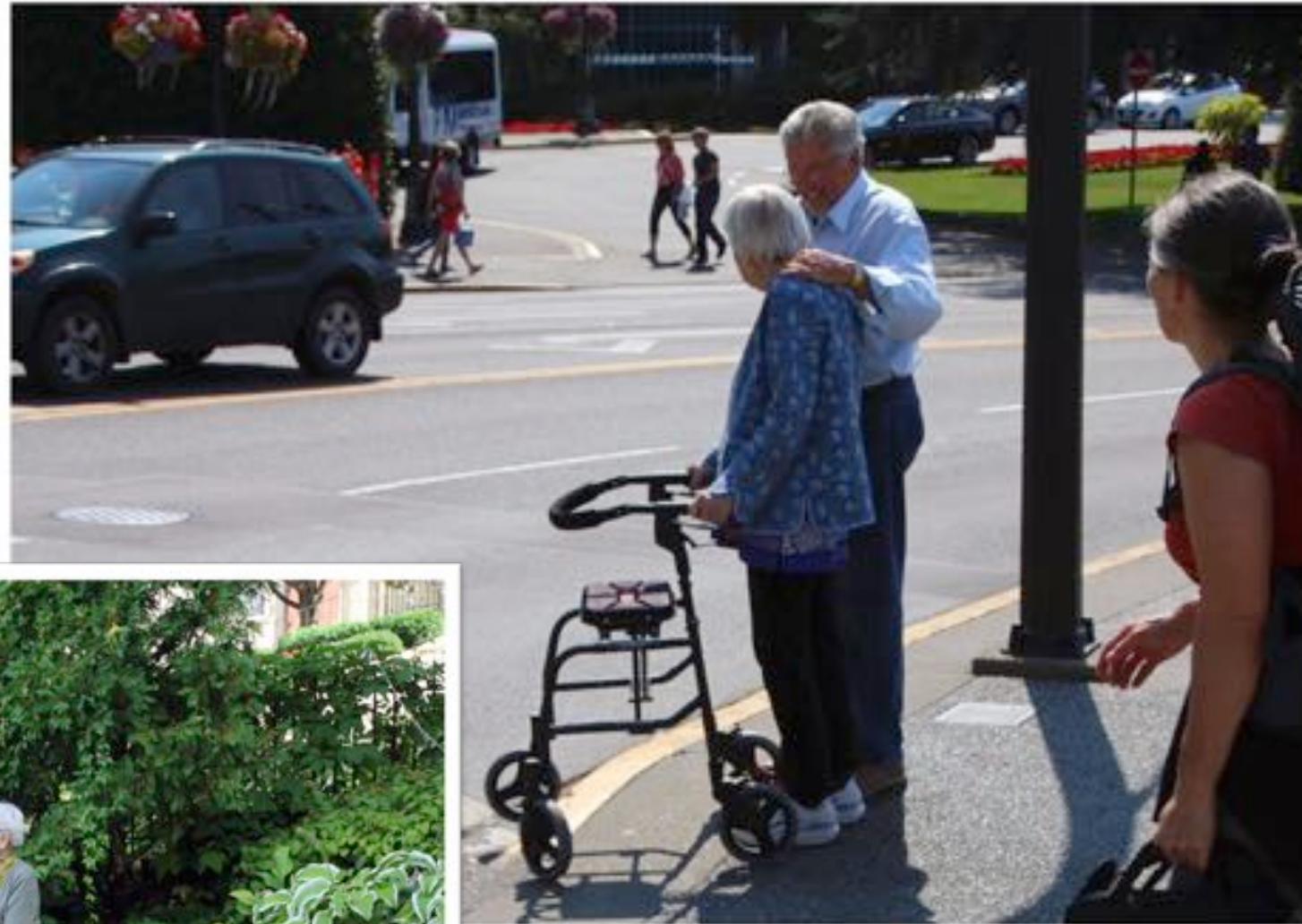
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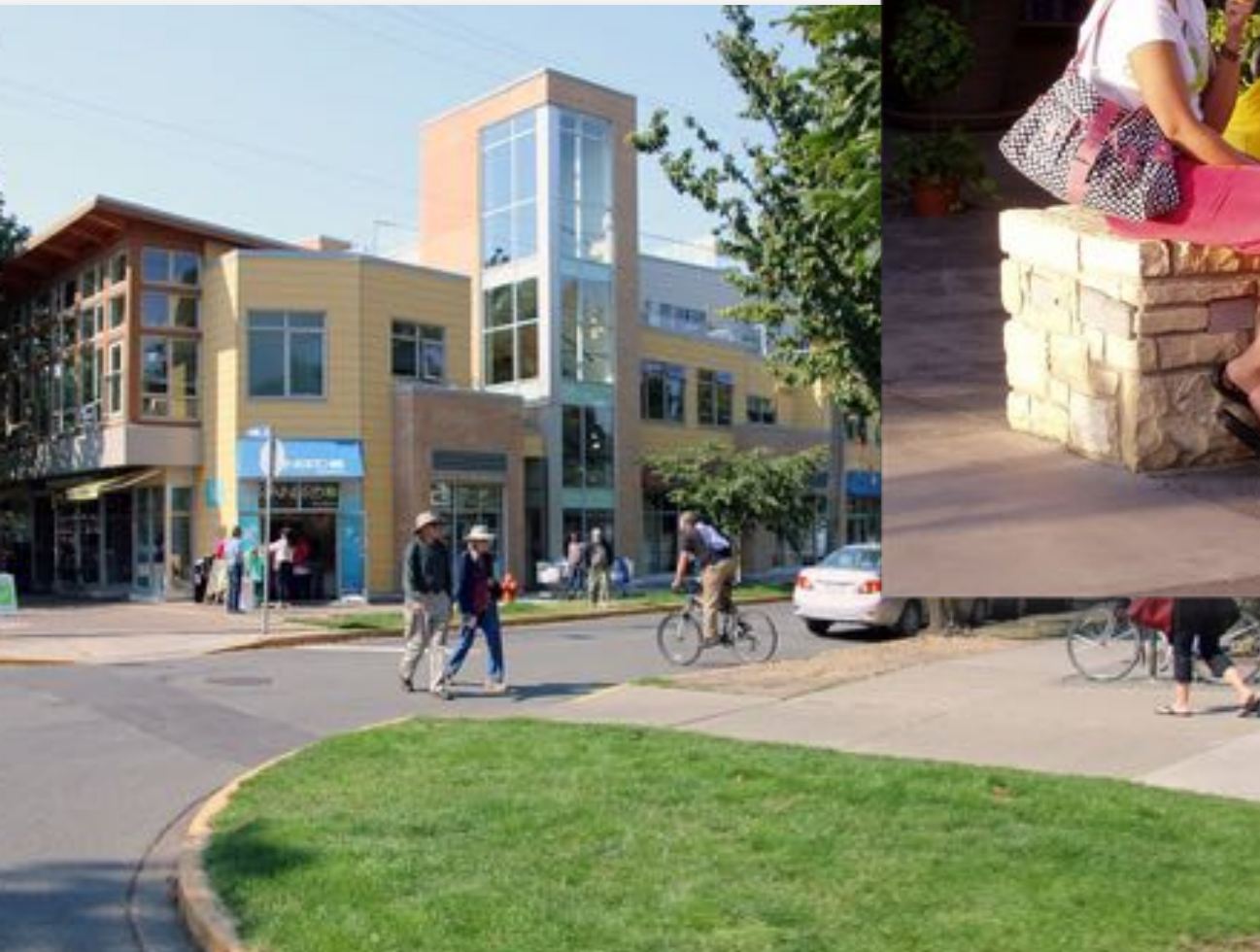




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personal safety | quality of health care | access to destinations

How livable is your community?

enter your address, city, state or zip code

air quality | water quality | housing affordability

LEARN MORE

The Livability Index scores cities and communities across the U.S. for the services and amenities that impact your life the most.

Search for your city or learn more about how we define livability.

The Livability Index

HEALTH

Healthy Behaviors
Access to Health Care
Quality of Health Care
Commitment to Livability

ENGAGEMENT

Internet Access
Civic Engagement
Social Engagement
Equal Rights
Commitment to Livability

ENVIRONMENT

Water Quality
Air Quality
Resilience
Energy Efficiency
Commitment to Livability

OPPORTUNITY

Equal Opportunity
Economic Opportunity
Education
Multi-generational
Communities
Local Fiscal Health
Commitment to Livability

HOUSING

Housing Accessibility
Housing Options
Housing Affordability
Commitment to Livability

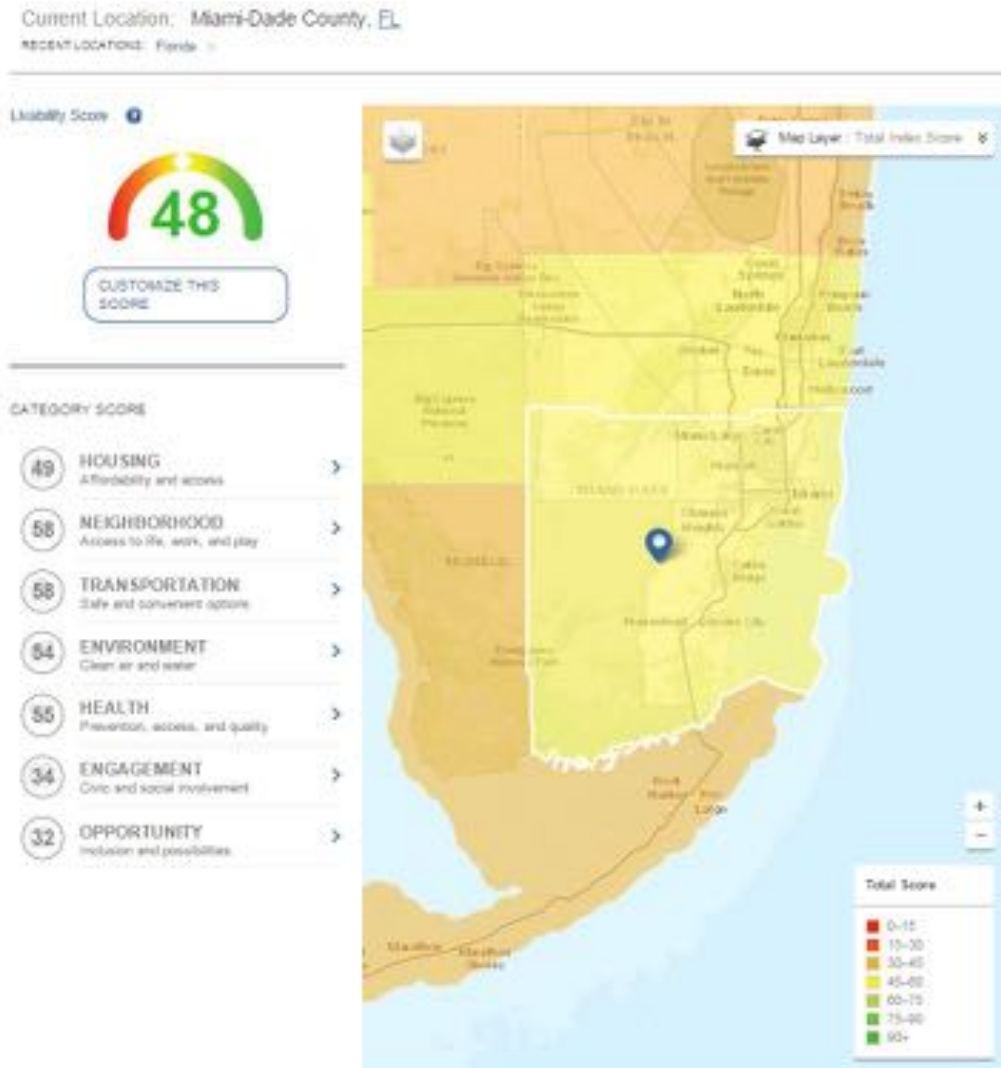
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Convenient Transportation Options
Transportation Costs
Safe Streets
Accessible System Design
Commitment to Livability

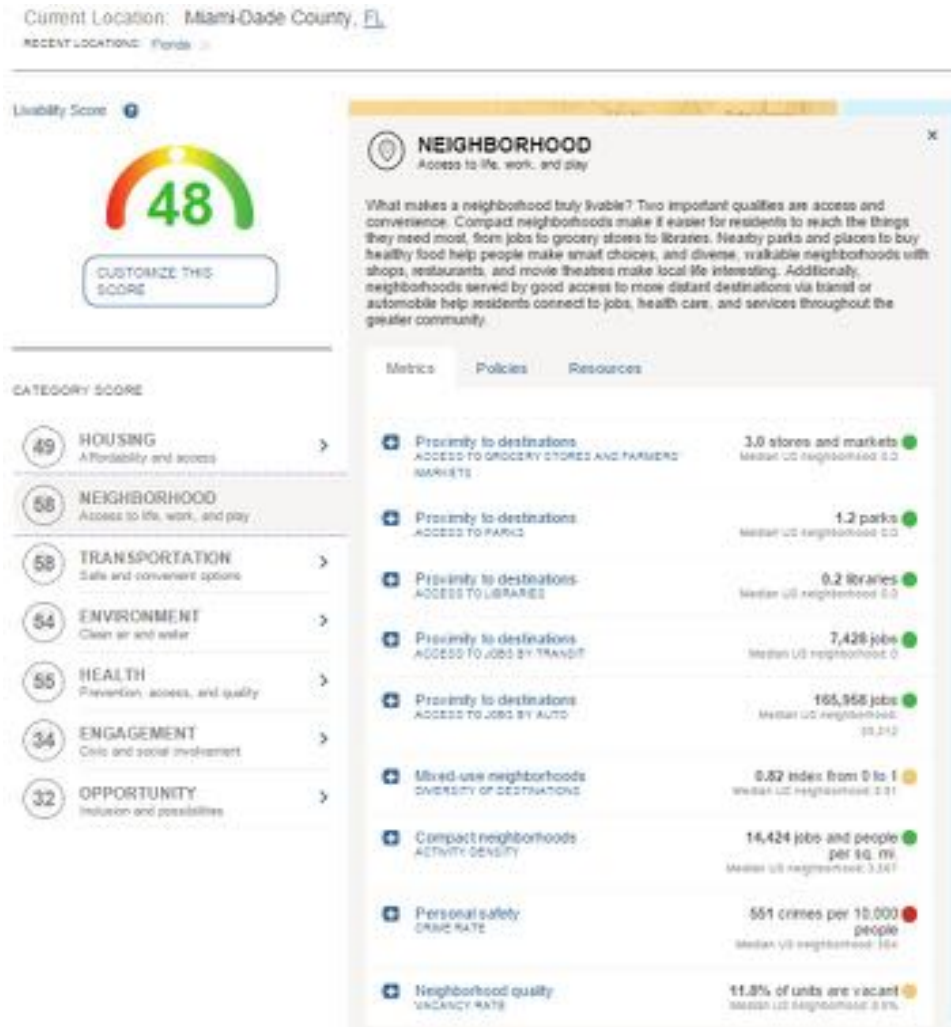
NEIGHBORHOOD

Proximity to Destinations
Mixed-use Neighborhoods
Compact Neighborhoods
Personal Safety
Neighborhood Quality
Commitment to Livability

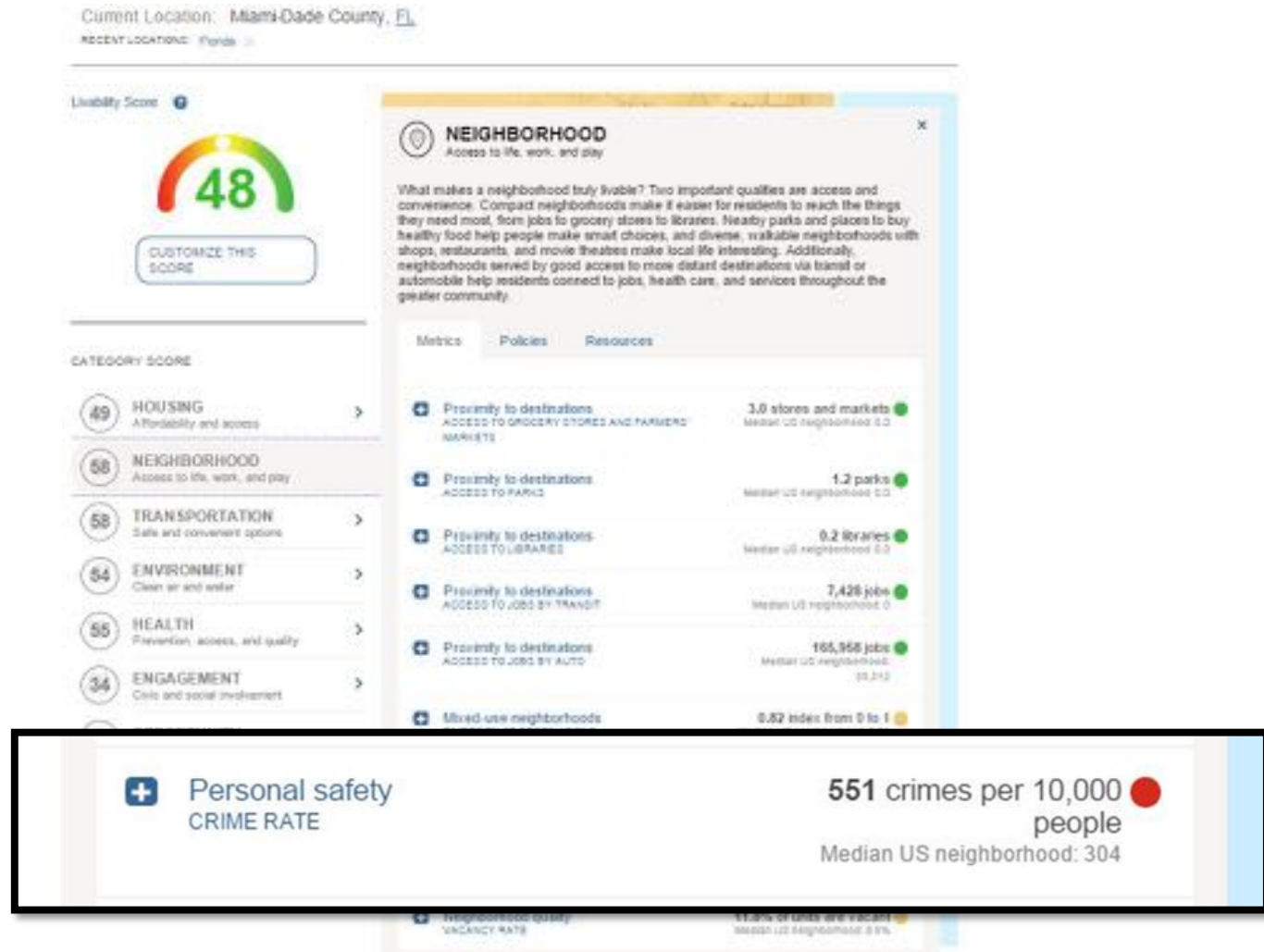
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58	NEIGHBORHOOD Access to life, work, and play	>
58	TRANSPORTATION Safe and convenient options	>
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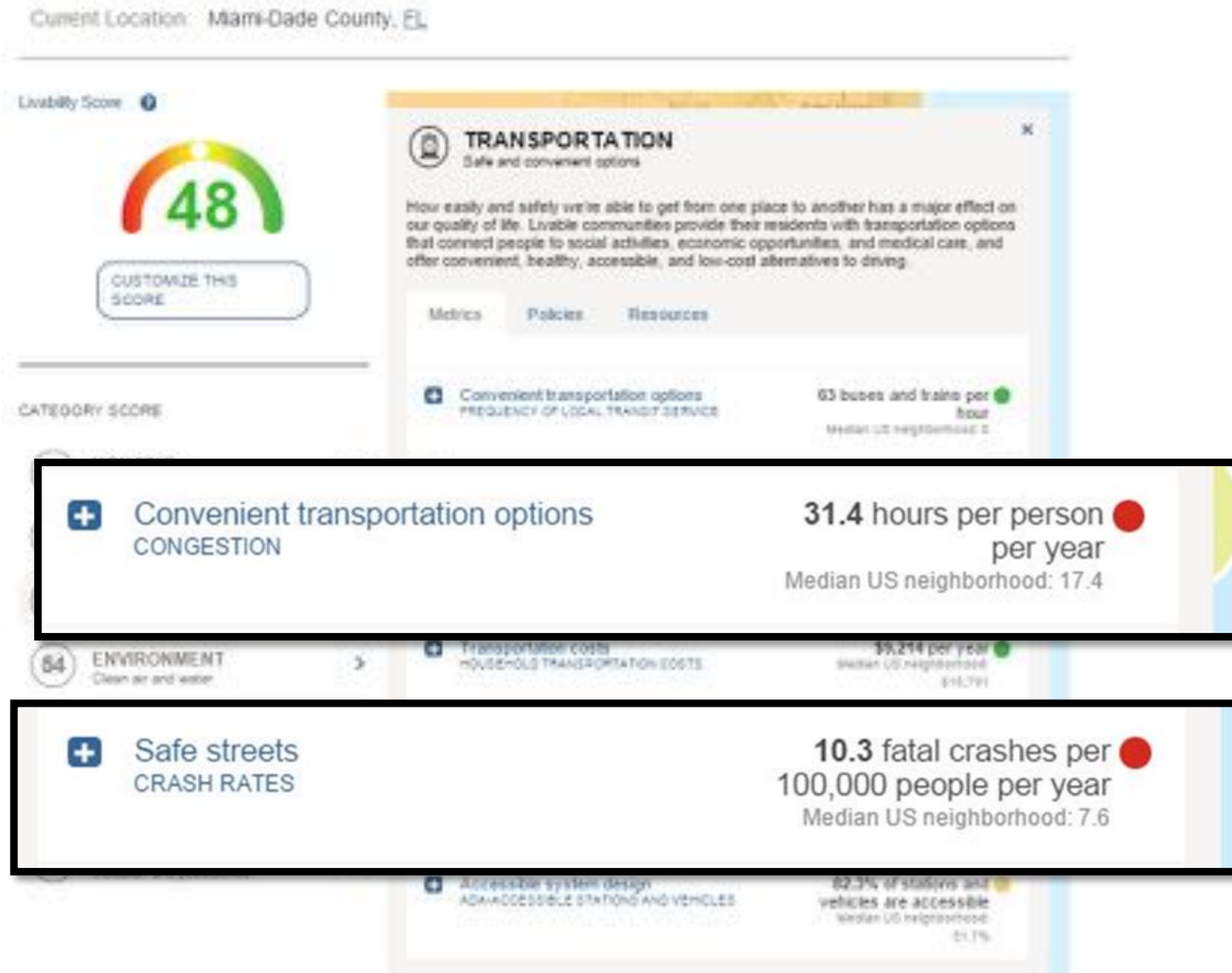
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Metrics Policies Resources

 Convenient transportation options FREQUENCY OF LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE	63 buses and trains per hour Median US neighborhood: 2
 Convenient transportation options WALK TRIPS	1.85 trips per household per day Median US neighborhood: 0.73
 Convenient transportation options CONGESTION	31.4 hours per person per year Median US neighborhood: 11.4
 Transportation costs HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS	\$9,214 per year Median US neighborhood: \$10,791
 Safe streets SPEED LIMITS	29.7 miles per hour Median US neighborhood: 28.2
 Safe streets CRASH RATES	19.3 fatal crashes per 100,000 people per year Median US neighborhood: 7.8
 Accessible system design ADA-ACCESSIBLE STATIONS AND VEHICLES	82.3% of stations and vehicles are accessible Median US neighborhood: 51.1%

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Metric Policies Resources

 Housing accessibility BASIC PASSAGE	2.6% of units have basic passage Median US neighborhood: 2.5%
 Housing options AVAILABILITY OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING	48.0% of units are multi-family Median US neighborhood: 43.8%
 Housing affordability HOUSING COSTS	\$1,418 per month Median US neighborhood: 209%
 Housing affordability HOUSING COST BURDEN	32.8% of income spent on housing Median US neighborhood: 33.4%
 Housing affordability AVAILABILITY OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING	177 units per 10,000 people Median US neighborhood: 134

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\$1,418 per month
Median US neighborhood: \$999

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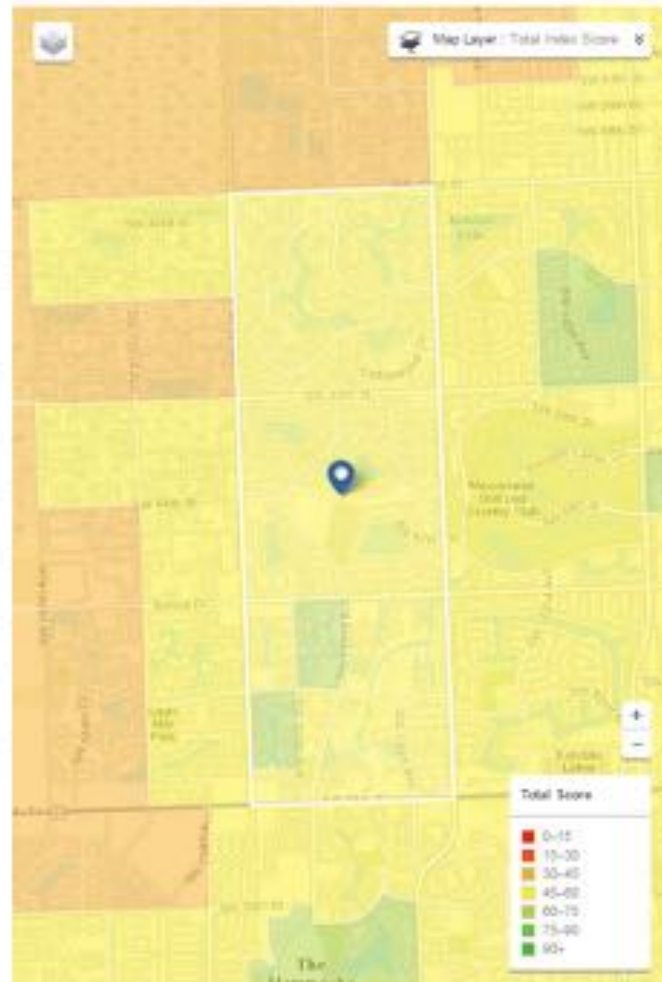
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Housing options AVAILABILITY OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING	60.6% of units are multi-family Median US neighborhood: 18.4%
Housing affordability HOUSING COSTS	\$1,543 per month Median US neighborhood: \$995
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NEIGHBORHOOD

Access to life, work, and play

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Proximity to destinations ACCESS TO GROCERY STORES AND FARMERS MARKETS	1.6 stores and markets Median US neighborhood: 1.0
Proximity to destinations ACCESS TO PARKS	0.9 parks Median US neighborhood: 1.2
Proximity to destinations ACCESS TO LIBRARIES	0.3 libraries Median US neighborhood: 0.1
Proximity to destinations ACCESS TO JOBS BY TRANSIT	2,161 jobs Median US neighborhood: 1
Proximity to destinations ACCESS TO JOBS BY AUTO	96,292 jobs Median US neighborhood: 68,311
Mixed-use neighborhoods DIVERSITY OF DESTINATIONS	0.81 index from 0 to 1 Median US neighborhood: 0.81
Compact neighborhoods ACTIVITY DENSITY	17,631 jobs and people per sq. mi. Median US neighborhood: 3,067
Personal safety CRIME RATE	551 crimes per 10,000 people Median US neighborhood: 104
Neighborhood quality VACANCY RATE	8.4% of units are vacant Median US neighborhood: 11%

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Metric Policies Resources

 Convenient transportation options FREQUENCY OF LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE	22 buses and trains per hour Median US neighborhood: 8
 Convenient transportation options WALK TRIPS	1.26 trips per household per day Median US neighborhood: 0.73
 Convenient transportation options CONGESTION	31.9 hours per person per year Median US neighborhood: 17.4
 Transportation costs HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS	\$9,827 per year Median US neighborhood: \$12,731
 Safe streets SPEED LIMITS	26.6 miles per hour Median US neighborhood: 28.3
 Safe streets CRASH RATES	7.2 total crashes per 100,000 people per year Median US neighborhood: 7.8
 Accessible system design ADA-ACCESSIBLE STATIONS AND VEHICLES	82.3% of stations and vehicles are accessible Median US neighborhood: 81.1%

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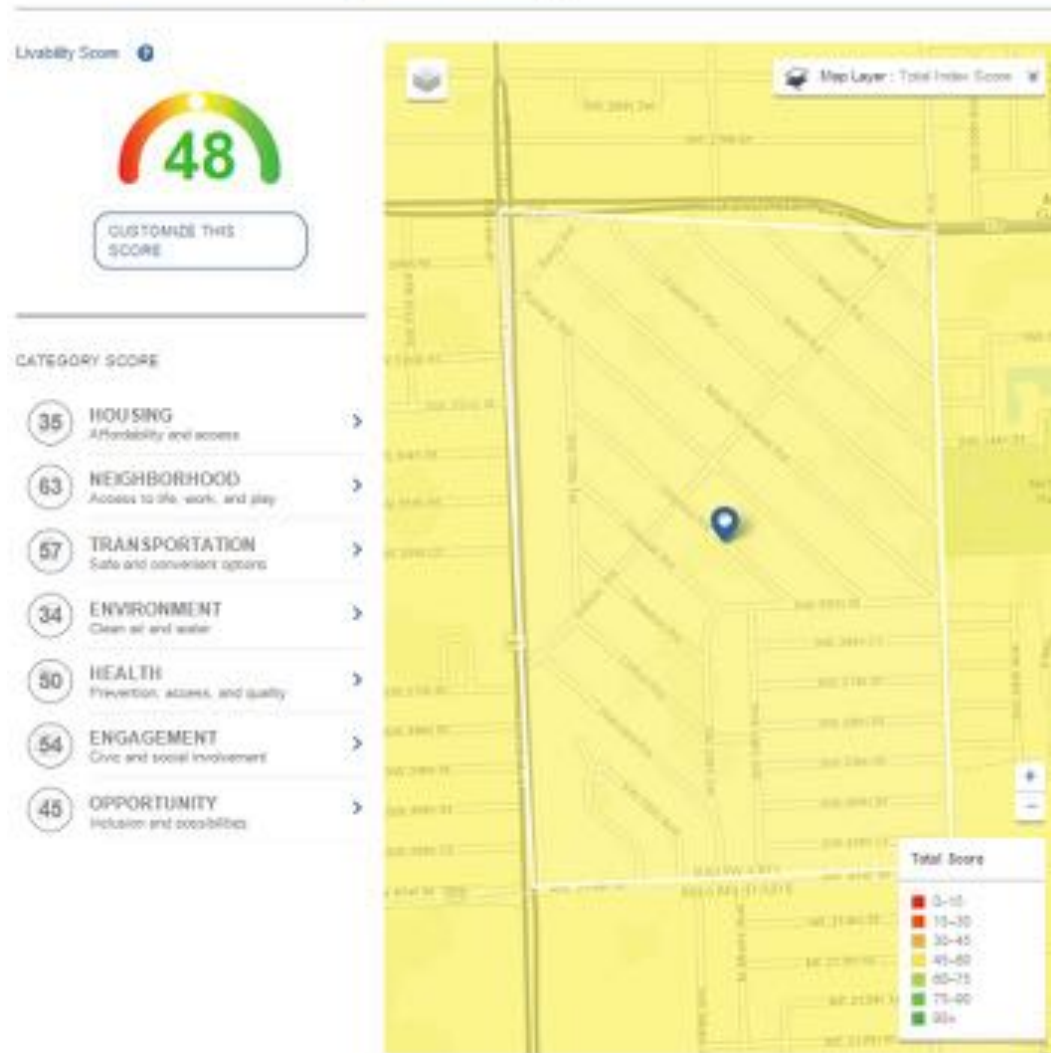
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- 63** NEIGHBORHOOD
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- 67** TRANSPORTATION
Safe and convenient options
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Clean air and water
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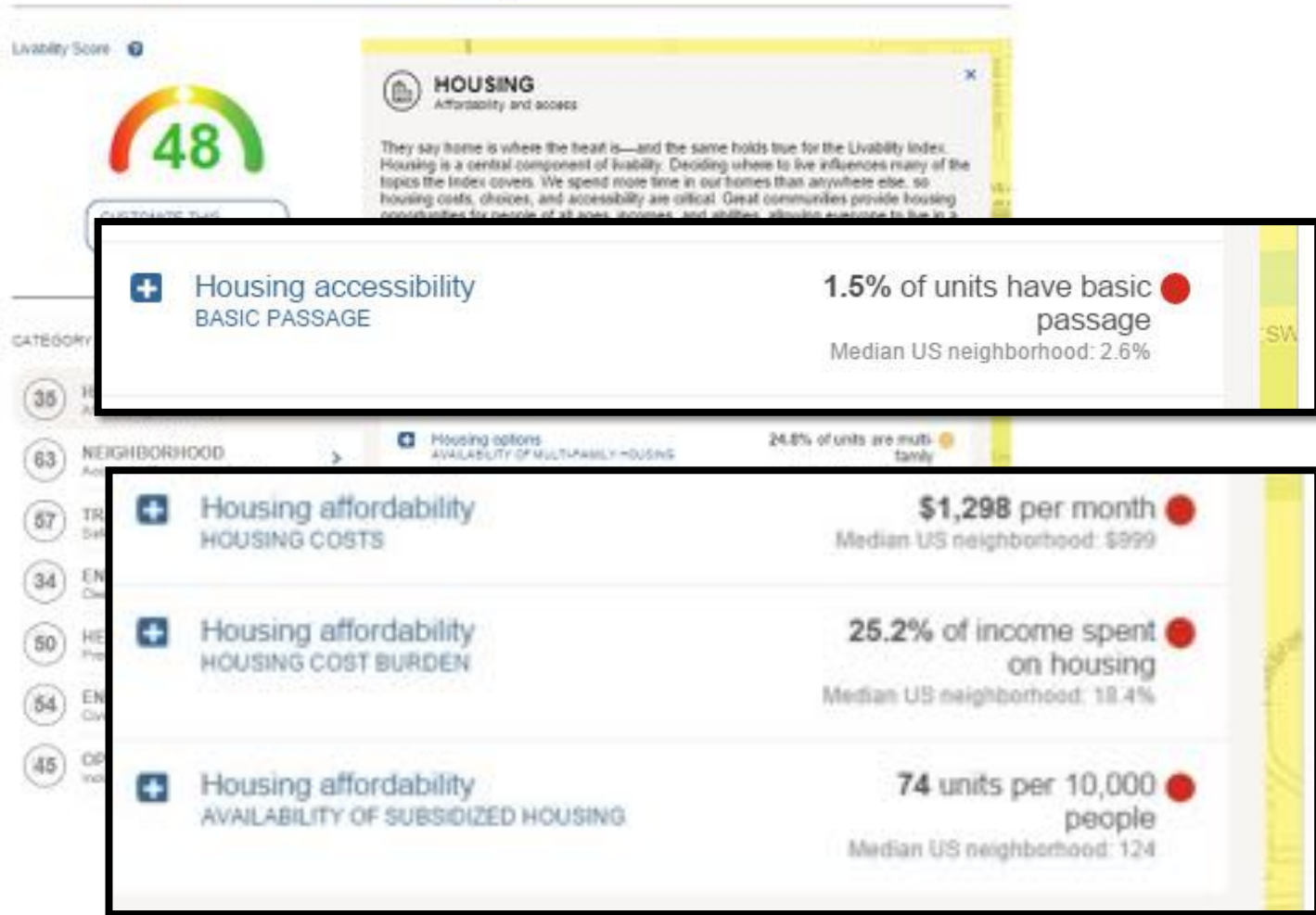
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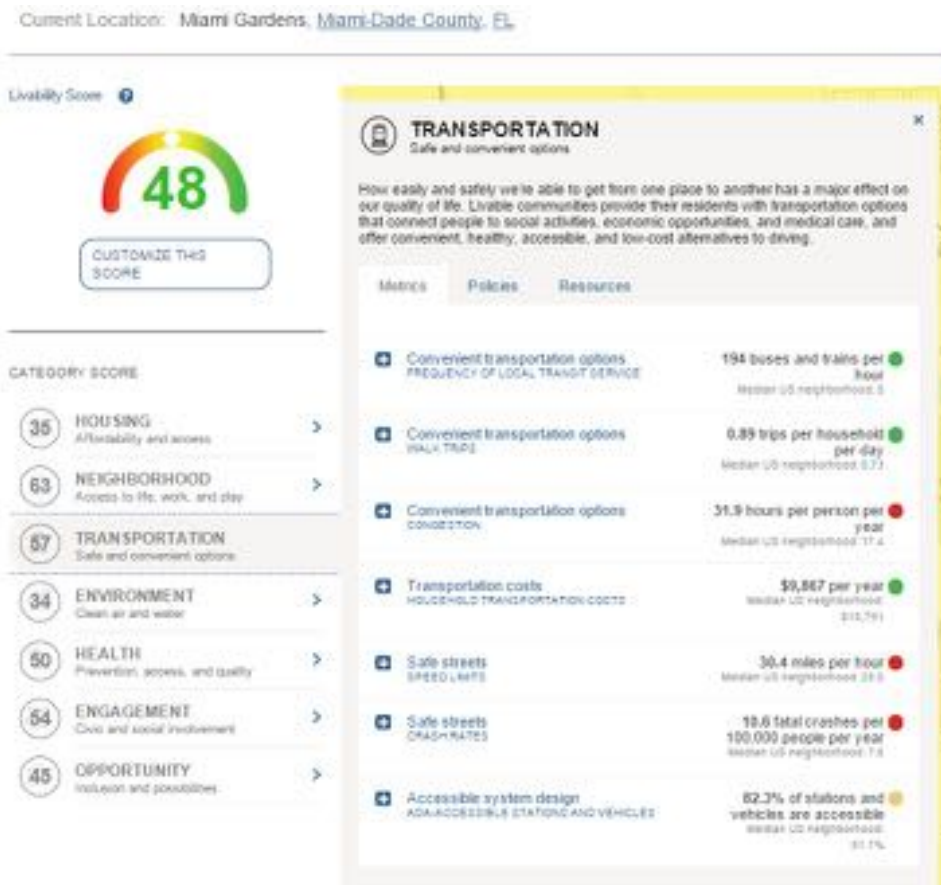
 Housing accessibility BASIC PASSAGE	1.5% of units have basic passage Median US neighborhood: 2.5%
 Housing options AVAILABILITY OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING	24.8% of units are multi-family Median US neighborhood: 18.2%
 Housing affordability HOUSING COSTS	\$1,298 per month Median US neighborhood: 1098
 Housing affordability HOUSING COST BURDEN	25.2% of income spent on housing Median US neighborhood: 18.2%
 Housing affordability AVAILABILITY OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING	74 units per 10,000 people Median US neighborhood: 124

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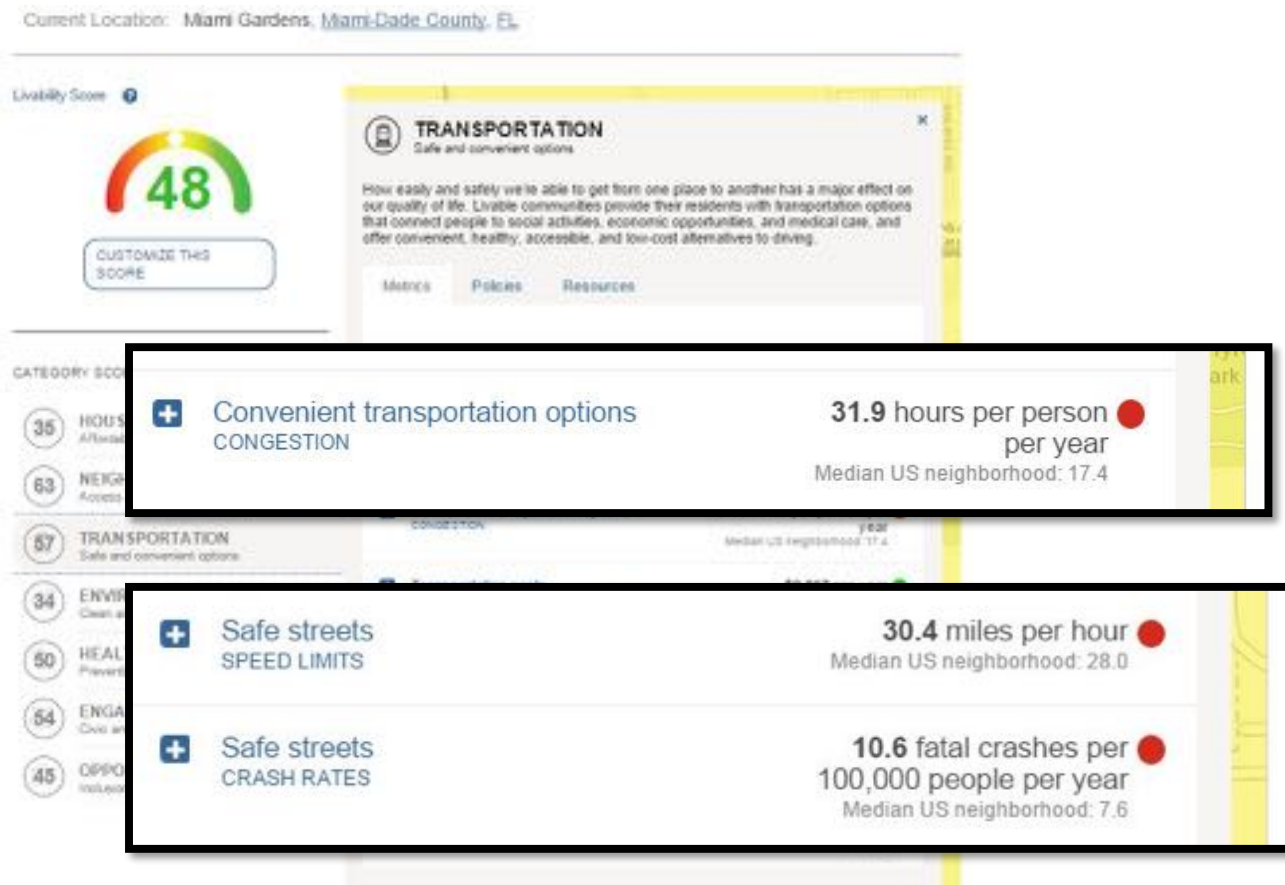
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing affordability HOUSING COSTS	\$729 per month <small>(median US neighborhood: \$557)</small>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing affordability HOUSING COST BURDEN	16.8% of income spent on housing <small>(median US neighborhood: 16.4%)</small>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing affordability AVAILABILITY OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING	177 units per 10,000 people <small>(median US neighborhood: 12)</small>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convenient transportation options WALK TRIPS	1.29 trips per household per day Median US neighborhood: 0.75
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Convenient transportation options CONGESTION	31.3 hours per person per year Median US neighborhood: 17.4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation costs HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS	\$6,409 per year Median US neighborhood: \$13,791
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe streets SPEED LIMITS	27.6 miles per hour Median US neighborhood: 24.0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe streets DEATH-RATES	10.8 fatal crashes per 100,000 people per year Median US neighborhood: 7.4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessible system design ADA-ACCESSIBLE STATIONS AND VEHICLES	82.3% of stations and vehicles are accessible Median US neighborhood: 51.7%

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Livability Score



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TRANSPORTATION

Safe and convenient options

How easily and safely we're able to get from one place to another has a major effect on our quality of life. Livable communities provide their residents with transportation options that connect people to social activities, economic opportunities, and medical care, and offer convenient, healthy, accessible, and low-cost alternatives to driving.

Metrics Policies Resources

Convenient transportation options
FREQUENCY OF LOCAL TRANSIT SERVICE

121 buses and trains
per hour

70
67
77

+ Convenient transportation options
CONGESTION

31.9 hours per person
per year

Median US neighborhood: 17.4

65 ENVIRONMENT
Clean air and water

52
39
40

+ Safe streets
CRASH RATES

10.8 fatal crashes per
100,000 people per year

Median US neighborhood: 7.6

TRANSPORTATION COSTS
HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS

\$6,409 per year

Median US neighborhood: \$13,791

ACCESSIBLE STATIONS AND VEHICLES
STATIONS OR STOPS AND VEHICLES ARE ACCESSIBLE

Median US neighborhood: 21.7%

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CATEGORY SCORE

70	HOUSING Affordability and access	>
67	NEIGHBORHOOD Access to life, work, and play	>
77	TRANSPORTATION Safe and convenient options	>
65	ENVIRONMENT Clean air and water	>
52	HEALTH Prevention, access, and quality	>
39	ENGAGEMENT Civic and social involvement	>
40	OPPORTUNITY Inclusion and possibilities	>

HEALTH

Prevention, access, and quality

Community conditions influence health behaviors. Healthy communities have comprehensive smoke-free air laws, offer easy access to exercise opportunities, and have high-quality health care available. Because health is so deeply related to quality of life, many other categories of livability in this index include metrics related to health. For example, access to healthy foods, jobs and education, number of walk trips, lower speed limits, social engagement measures, and air and water pollution are all related to health. Where you live matters.

Metric	Value	Resources
Healthy behaviors Tobacco use	86.2% of people smoke regularly	View all neighborhoods 88.7%
Healthy behaviors Obesity prevalence	26.7% of people are obese	View all neighborhoods 27.6%
Healthy behaviors Access to exercise opportunities	94.5% of people have access	View all neighborhoods 83.2%
Access to health care Health care professional shortage index	14 index from 0 to 25	View all neighborhoods 1
Quality of health care Preventable hospitalizations per 1,000 patients	88.3 preventable hospitalizations per 1,000 patients	View all neighborhoods 83.1
Quality of health care Patient satisfaction	63.2% of patients are satisfied	View all neighborhoods 67.7%

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Affordability and access
- 67** NEIGHBORHOOD
Access to life, work, and play
- 77** TRANSPORTATION
Safety and convenience
- 65** ENVIRONMENT
Clean air and water
- 52** RECREATION
Parks and green spaces
- 39** ENVIRONMENT
Climate change
- 40** QUALITY OF LIFE
Income and education

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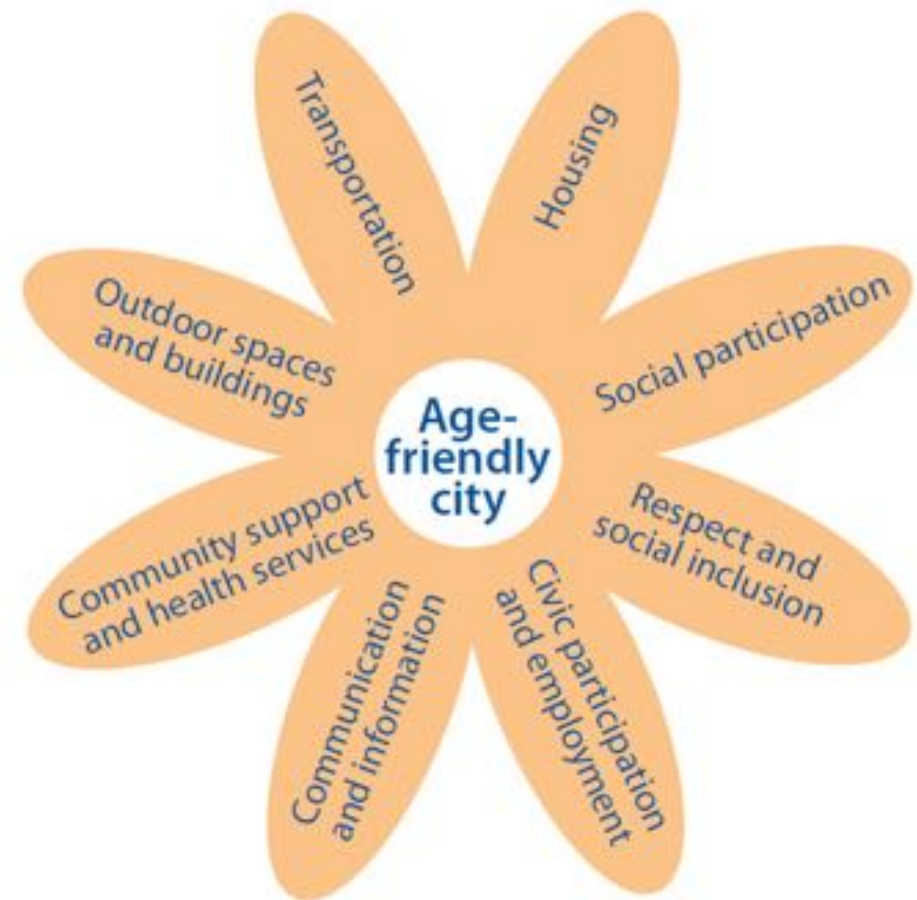
Metric Policies Resources

- Healthy behaviors
TOBACCO USE: 88.2% of people smoke regularly (Under all neighborhoods: 88.7%)
- Healthy behaviors
OBESITY PREVALENCE: 20.7% of people are obese

- +** Access to health care
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS: 14 index from 0 to 25 (Median US neighborhood: 0)
- +** Quality of health care
PREVENTABLE HOSPITALIZATION RATE: 88.3 preventable hospitalizations per 1,000 patients (Median US neighborhood: 62.1)
- +** Quality of health care
PATIENT SATISFACTION: 63.2% of patients are satisfied (Median US neighborhood: 67.3%)

How can the Index be used?

- Catalyze community conversations for lasting change



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