Rochester, Minnesota
City Facts

**Accolades:**
- #6 Top 100 Best Places to Live – Livability.com 2013
- #6 10 Most Affordable Cities for Homebuyers – CNNMoney.com 2012
- Minnesota - #2 Most Livable State, MSN.Money 2012
- Platinum Award, Best Employers for Healthy Lifestyles - Nat’l Business Group, 2012 & 2013
- #10 Most Secure Places to Live, Mid-Sized Cities, Sperling’s Best Places, 2011
- #6 10 Best Cities for the Next Decade – Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine, 2010
- Best Places to Do Business – Forbes 2008
- Top 100 Places to Live and Launch – CNNMoney.com 2008
- Top 100 Walking Cities in the U.S. – Prevention Magazine 2008
- #14 Most Secure U.S. Places – Yahoo Real Estate 2008
- Cities on the Verge – Fast Company 2007
- 50 Best Places to Live & Play – National Geographic 2007
- #3 Least Stressful Places in the US – Men’s Journal 2007
- Great Then, Great Now – Money Magazine 2007
- Best Places to Live – Money Magazine multiple years

**Reasons why people choose Rochester:**

- **City Population (2012)**: 108,992; 29.4% ages 25-44; median 35 years
- **Annual Visitors**: >2 million
- **Median Home Value**: $160,300; most residents are homeowners
- **Median Monthly Rent (2012)**: ~$860 (2 bedroom)
- **Mean Commute Time**: 15.6 minutes
- **Largest Employers**: Mayo Clinic, IBM, Rochester School District
- **Colleges and Universities**: 10, including 4-year Univ. of MN Rochester, adjacent to Mayo Clinic
- **ACT Composite Scores**: Minnesota #1 in 2006 - 2013 for states that test >50% of students
- **Mayo Employee Athletic Center/Dan Abraham Healthy Living Center (DAHLC*)**: ~$31/month or less (onsite daycare)
- **Mayo Sick Child Daycare & Backup Centers**
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City Parks:  >100 covering 5 sq. miles

Golf Courses: 10 (16 in surrounding region)

Rochester Park & Recreation:
Year round City league sports

Hiking/Biking/Cross Country Ski Trails: >85 miles of paved trails

Tennis Courts: 36 outdoor, 17 indoor

Sand Volleyball Courts: 19

Rochester Honkers:
Summer Collegiate League baseball

Soccer fields: 37

Rochester Ice Hawks:
MN Junior Hockey League

Quarry Hill Nature Center

Downtown Farmer’s Market

Rochester Public Library

Rochester Art Center

Choral Arts Ensemble

Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Rochester Repertory Theatre

Rochester Civic Theatre

Local Co-op Art Gallery (SEMVA)

For more information, please visit these sites:

Rochestermn.com

www.rochestermn.com

Rochester Convention and Visitor’s Bureau

www.rochestercvb.org

Rochester, Minnesota


City of Rochester, Minnesota

www.rochestermn.gov

Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce

www.rochestermnchamber.com

Downtown Rochester – Inc. Thursdays on First

www.downtownrochestermn.com

Child Care Resource and Referral

www.c2r2.org

Rochester Park and Recreation

www.rochestermn.gov/departments/park

Rochester, MN on Wikipedia