

## The Sprawl Index

Gary-Hammond, IN

**Overall Sprawl Index Score: 77.37**

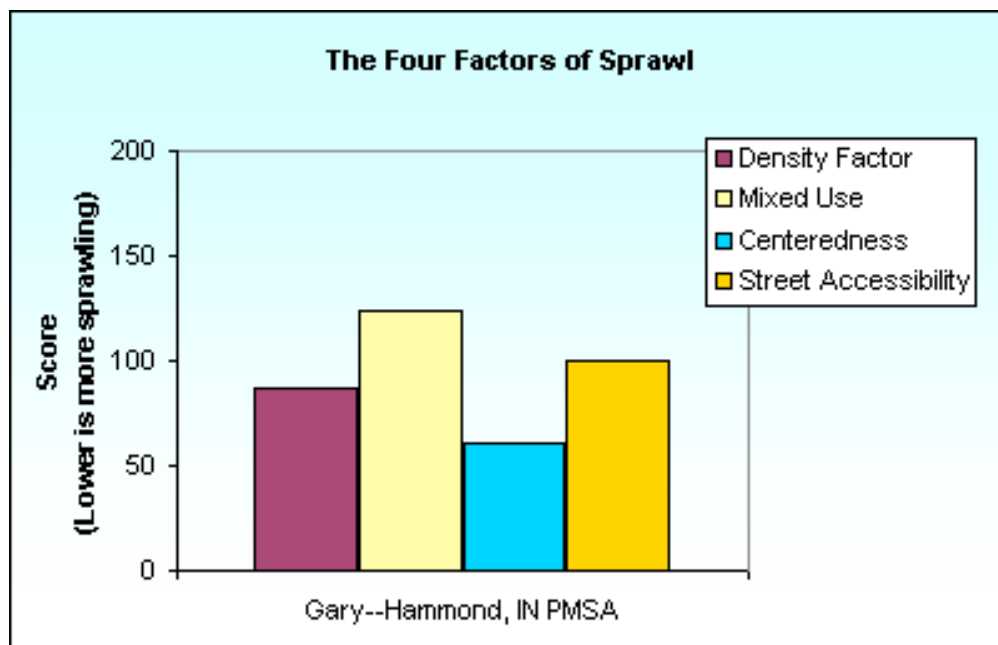
*ranking it 11th most sprawling of 83 metro areas measured.*

A lower score on the index indicates a greater degree of sprawl. The average score for all metros ranked is 100. A lower score indicates below average conditions among these 83 U.S. metro areas: for example, less compact housing, a poorer mix of homes and jobs, poor street connectivity, or weaker than average town centers. A score above 100 indicates above average performance, when compared to the other metro areas ranked. Most metro areas score between 50 and 150 on the scale.

### What Makes a Place Sprawling:

The sprawl index measured sprawl in four ways. Below are index scores for this metro area. See the report for a full explanation of each factor.

Sprawl Factor	Index Score	Ranking out of 83 <i>(most to least sprawling)</i>
Residential Density Factor	86.41	21
Mix of homes, jobs & services	123.72	73
Strength of town centers/downtowns	61.25	7
Accessibility of street network	100.51	43



## The Impact of Sprawl:

### *Outcomes Affected by Sprawl in Gary*

Peak 8-hour ozone level (parts per billion)	98
Fatal accidents per 100,000 persons	12.99
Daily Miles Driven per person (DMVT)	n/a
Average number of vehicles per household	1.72
Percent of commuters using Transit	2.77%
Percent of commuters walking to work	2.07%
Average commute time, in minutes	26.79
Average annual traffic delay, in hours	n/a

**2000 Population:** 631,362

*MSA is Metropolitan Statistical Area. For more information on MSAs, PMSAs, CMSAs, and NECMAs, see the Census Bureau.*