

Richard J. Daley Center



Identification

EBN 116757

Name Richard J. Daley Center

Alternative Name Chicago Civic Center, Daley Plaza

Construction Type skyscraper

Current Status existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name North America

District (2nd level) Loop

Country Name U.S.A.

Postcode 60602

State Name Illinois

Address (as text) 55 West Randolph Street

Metro Area Name Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City


Main Address 51-99 West Randolph Street

Combined Statistical Area

City Name	Chicago	Virtual Address	101-149 North Clark Street 50-98 West Washington Street 100-148 North Dearborn Street
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District (1st level) Downtown

Description

Foundation System	caisson foundation	Facade Color	brown
Structural Material	steel	Architectural style	international style
Facade Material	cor-ten steel	Main Usage	 governmental office court house

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	648.01 ft	Height (floor-floor)	18 ft
Height (tip)	648.01 ft	Floors (overground)	32
Height (roof)	648.01 ft	Gross Floor Area (GFA)	Buy full PDF
Height (floor-ceiling)	11.83 ft		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1963	Building costs	\$ 87,000,000
Year (construction end)	1965		

Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings

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- City landmark
- Pedway access is available
- Plaza is available to the public

Facts

- An untitled Picasso sculpture, made of the same brown steel as the building itself, sits in the plaza. Many people have tried to guess what it is: an angel, a lion, a woman, a horse? But when viewed from the northeast the subject becomes visible: the profile of mayor Richard J. Daley!
- With 87 feet between columns, the structural bays are so wide that they are often compared to bridges.
- Each of the building's piers is shaped in plan like a cross, and gets narrower towards the top as it supports less weight.
- Considered for landmark status as early as 2001, only 36 years after completion.
- The 26th floor offers a free southern view to anyone willing to undergo the security check. The height at that level is just under 500 feet.
- The Daley Center's lower level is the hub of Chicago's pedway system, with tunnels extending east, west, and south.
- Tallest building in Chicago from 1965 to 1969; surpassed by the John Hancock Center.
- The building's lobby and plaza are frequently used for cultural events and political demonstrations.
- This is the tallest flat-roofed building in the world below 40 stories, owing to the high ceilings needed for courtrooms.
- The Richard J. Daley Center is located directly opposite the Cook County Administration Building.

Certificates

Name	Level	Year	Status
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Silver	2012	Certified

Involved companies

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