

# Chase Tower

## Identification

<b>EBN</b>	117332
<b>Name</b>	Chase Tower
<b>Alternative Name</b>	One First National Plaza, First National Bank Building, Bank One Plaza
<b>Construction Type</b>	skyscraper
<b>Current Status</b>	existing [completed]

## Location

<b>Continent Name</b>	North America	<b>District (2nd level)</b>	Loop
<b>Country Name</b>	U.S.A.	<b>Postcode</b>	60670
<b>State Name</b>	Illinois	<b>Address (as text)</b>	21 South Clark Street
<b>Metro Area Name</b>	Chicago-Naperville-Michigan City	<b>Main Address</b>	21 South Clark Street

Combined Statistical Area

<b>City Name</b>	Chicago	<b>Virtual Address</b>	51-99 West Madison Street 2-26 South Dearborn Street
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**District (1st level)** Downtown

## Description

<b>Foundation System</b>	caisson foundation	<b>Facade Color</b>	light gray
<b>Structural Material</b>	steel	<b>Architectural style</b>	modernism
<b>Facade System</b>	curtain wall	<b>Main Usage</b>	commercial office
<b>Facade Material</b>	granite		

## Spatial dimensions

<b>Height (structural)</b>	850.01 ft	<b>Floors (overground)</b>	60
<b>Height (tip)</b>	850.01 ft	<b>Elevators</b>	50
<b>Height (roof)</b>	850.01 ft	<b>Gross Floor Area (GFA)</b>	<a href="#">Buy full PDF</a>

## Years and costs

<b>Year (construction start)</b>	1966	<b>Year (construction end)</b>	1969
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## Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- Illuminated logo on the facade
- Plaza is available to the public

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## Facts

- This is the tallest building in the "Loop proper" as defined by the loop in Chicago's elevated train tracks. The site is also the geographic center of the loop.
- The large terraced plaza south of the building is one of 3 major plazas between Clark and Dearborn Streets. See also Richard J. Daley Center and the Chicago Federal Center.
- The plaza is two levels deep, with several staircases and a large fountain at the bottom.
- The fountain in the plaza is formed by nine square tubes of water rising to varying heights (similar to the Sears Tower).
- A colorful mosaic by Marc Chagall titled "Four Seasons" is located on the mid-level terrace of the plaza.
- The building sweeps from a 200-foot wide base to 95 feet at the top. The east-west length is 300 feet.
- An unusual sensation can be experienced by placing a foot on one of the curving piers, then looking up to the top: this gives the illusion that it's possible to run up the building.
- First National Chairman Gaylord Freeman began construction of the building without building permits from Chicago City Hall.
- The building replaced six older skyscrapers, including the Morrison Hotel which was the tallest building ever demolished at the time.
- The old First National Bank Building remained standing until the bank moved into this building, then was torn down to build the plaza.
- The granite for the facade was quarried at Marble Falls, 50 miles northwest of Austin, Texas.
- U.S. President Barack Obama met his wife Michelle in this building in 1989 when both worked for the law firm Sidley & Austin.
- Like the Comcast Building in New York City, this building is set behind a popular sunken plaza in the very heart of the business district. Both buildings also have the same height.
- The walls of the fifth-floor employee cafeteria are painted with an extensive mural by Karl Wirsum (famous for his whimsical firefly on Block 37) with abstract shapes resembling masks, bees, notes, machines, and flowers.
- Other skyscrapers with a similar shape include the Sompo Japan Nipponkoa Head Office Building in Tokyo and the W.R. Grace Building and Solow Building in New York.

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## Certificates

Name	Level	Year	Status
Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	Silver	2015	Certified

## Involved companies

Associate Architect.....

**Perkins & Will**

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Design Architect.....

**C.F. Murphy Associates**

Chicago  
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Structural Engineering.....

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## Additional company data available for this building

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