

# **Boston College Career Center City Info Tours**

*Find Information on Top Employers & Industries, City-specific Job Search Sites, Cost of Living Information, Housing, and more...*

**Atlanta  
Boston  
Chicago  
Dallas  
Los Angeles  
Miami  
New York City  
Philadelphia  
San Francisco  
Washington, D.C.**



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## Atlanta



### Largest Employers:

- Delta Airlines
- BellSouth Corp.
- U.S. Postal Service
- Wal-Mart,
- Emory University (including hospitals)

### Largest Industries:

- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Professional and business services
- Government
- Educational and health services
- Leisure and hospitality

### Job Search Sites

- AJC Jobs <http://www.ajc.com/hotjobs/content/hotjobs/>
- Atlanta Employment Guide <http://atlanta.employmentguide.com/>
- Job Central <http://www.jobcentral.com/c-Atlanta-Georgia-jobs.asp>

**Population:** 4,112,198

**Weather:** January, 40.5° F; July, 79.1° F; annual average, 64.2° F

**Median Household Income:** \$34,770

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.2% (December 2004)

### Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$193,000
- Local Income Tax Rate: 6.00%
- Local Sales Tax Rate: 4.0% (food and prescription drugs are exempt)

**Public Transportation:** Train and Bus based

### Housing:

- Atlanta Apartments <http://atlanta.apartments.com/>
- Atlanta Real Estate <http://atlanta.ga.house.info/>
- Atlanta Apartments for Rent <http://atlanta.apartmentfinder.com/Default.aspx>

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## Boston



### Largest Employers:

- General Hospital Corporation
- Fidelity Investments
- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
- Brigham & Women's Hospital, Inc.
- Boston University

### Largest Industries:

- Educational and health services
- Trade
- Transportation and utilities,
- Professional and business services
- Government
- Manufacturing

### Job Search Sites:

- Boston Jobs <http://www.bostonjobs.com/>
- Boston.com Job Listings <http://www.boston.com/jobs/>
- Boston Job Source <http://bostonjobsource.com/>

**Population:** 3,406,829

**Weather:** January, 29.3° F; July, 73.9° F; annual average, 51.6° F

**Median Household Income:** \$39,629

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.9% (March 2005)

### Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$454,843
- Local Income Tax Rate: None
- Local Sales Tax Rate: None

**Public Transportation:** Subway, Buses, Commuter Trains, and Boats

### Housing:

- Boston Housing Info <http://boston.ma.house.info/>
- Apartment Rental Boston <http://boston.apartments.com/>
- Craigs List <http://boston.craigslist.org/hhh/>

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## Chicago



### Largest Employers:

- US Government
- Chicago Public Schools
- City of Chicago
- Jewel-Osco, Cook County

### Largest Companies:

- Boeing
- Sears Holding Corp.
- Walgreen
- Motorola
- Caterpillar

### Largest Industries:

- Services
- Wholesale and retail trade
- Manufacturing
- Government

### Job Search Sites:

- Jobs in Chicago <http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/realstate/>
- Chicago Jobs <http://www.chicagojobs.com/>
- Metro Chicago Jobs <http://www.metrochicagojobs.com/>

**Population:** 2,869,121

**Average Annual Temperature:** 49.8

**Unemployment Rate:** 6.4% (2005)

### Cost of Living:

- Average House Price: \$427,000
- State Income Tax Rate: 3%
- State Sales Tax Rate: 6.25%

**Public Transportation:** Chicago Transit Authority has buses and a subway system

### Housing:

- Chicago Housing Authority <http://www.thecha.org/>
- Chicago Area Housing <http://www.chicagoareahousing.org/HousingHomePage.asp>
- Chicago Herald Listings <http://www.chicagotribune.com/classified/realstate/>

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## Dallas



### Largest Employers:

- AMR (American Airlines)
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Lockheed Martin
- Aeronautics Co.
- SBC Communications, Inc.
- Verizon Communications, Inc.

### Largest Industries:

- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Professional and business services
- Government
- Manufacturing
- Educational and health services

### Job Search Sites:

- Dallas Jobs <http://www.dallasjobs.com/>
- Dallas Morning News <http://www.dallasnews.com/classifieds/jobcenter//>
- Dallas Jobing <http://dallas.jobing.com/>

**Population:** 5,221,801

**Weather:** January, 45.44° F; August, 85.72° F; annual average, 66.42° F

**Median Household Income:** \$37,628

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.5%

### Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$127,690
- Local Income Tax Rate: None
- Local Sales Tax Rate: 8.25%, of which 1.0% is a transit system tax

**Public Transportation:** Rail, Bus, Paratransit, Light rail system, HOV lane and Rideshare services

### Housing:

- Dallas Homes <http://dallas.americanhomeguides.com/>
- Dallas Real Estate <http://www.dfwsearchhomes.com/>
- House Info Dallas <http://dallas.tx.house.info/>

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## Los Angeles



### Largest Employers:

- Los Angeles County
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- U.S. Government
- University of California
- City of Los Angeles

### Largest Industries:

- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Government
- Professional and business services
- Educational and health services
- Leisure and hospitality

### Job Search Sites:

- Los Angeles Jobs <http://losangeles.jobing.com/>
- LA Times Employment Section <http://www.latimes.com/classified/jobs/>
- LA Careers <http://www.lacareers.com/index.php>

**Population:** 9,519,338

**Weather:** January, 57.0° F; August, 72.0° F; annual average, 63.9° F

**Median Household Income:** \$36,687

**Unemployment Rate:** 5.8% (January 2004)

### Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$617,000
- Local income tax rate: None
- Local sales tax rate: 1.25%

**Public Transportation:** Light Rail Service and Buses

### Housing:

- Los Angeles Apartments <http://losangeles.apartments.com/>
- Move.com [http://www.move.com/apartments/los-angeles\\_california/](http://www.move.com/apartments/los-angeles_california/)
- Craigs List <http://losangeles.craigslist.org/>

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# Miami



## Largest Employers:

- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Miami-Dade County
- Federal Government
- Florida State Government
- Jackson Memorial Hospital/Health System

## Largest Industries:

- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Government
- Professional and business services
- Educational and health services
- Leisure and hospitality

## Job Search Sites:

- Miami employment <http://miami.employmentguide.com/>
- Yahoo Hot Jobs <http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/jobs-I-Miami-FL>
- Jobs.com <http://miami.jobs.com/>

**Population:** 376,815

**Weather:** January, 68.1° F; July, 83.7° F; annual average, 76.7° F

**Median Household Income:** \$25,211

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.5%

## Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$248,500
- Local Income Tax Rate: None
- Local Sales Tax Rate: 1.0%

**Public Transportation:** Metrorail, Bus system, Metromover

## Housing:

- Craigslist <http://miami.craigslist.org/apa/>
- Housing Agency <http://www.miamidade.gov/housing/>
- House Info <http://miami.fl.house.info/>

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## New York City



### Largest Employers:

- City of New York
- New York Public Schools
- Merrill Lynch
- JFK International Airport
- Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.

### Largest Industries:

- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Educational and health services
- Government
- Professional and business services

### Job Search Sites

- NY Job Source <http://nyjobsource.com/>
- Metro New York Jobs: <http://www.metronewyorkjobs.com/>
- Craigslist: <http://newyork.craigslist.org/>

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.5% (2005)

Weather: January, 32.4° F; July, 76.9° F; annual average 54.91° F

**Population:** 8,008,278

**Median household income:** \$38,293

### Cost of Living:

- Average House Price: \$990,800 (Manhattan only)
- State Income Tax: Ranges from 4% to 7.7%
- State Sales Tax Rate: 4%

**Public Transportation:** Subways and buses

### Housing:

- Craigslist New York City <http://newyork.craigslist.org/>
- City Realty <http://www.cityrealty.com/>
- Educational Housing Services <http://www.studenthousing.org/>

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# Philadelphia



## Largest Employers:

- Federal Government
- City of Philadelphia
- Philadelphia School District
- University of Pennsylvania (incl. hospital)
- Jefferson Health System

## Largest Industries:

- Educational and health services
- Government
- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Professional and business services
- Financial activities

## Job Search Sites:

- Philly.com Listings <http://www.philly.com/philly/jobs/>
- Philadelphia Employment Guide <http://philadelphia.employmentguide.com/>
- Philadelphia Jobs <http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/jobs/>

**Population:** 6,188,463

**Weather:** January, 32.0° F; August, 75.3° F; annual average, 53.6° F

**Median Household Income:** \$30,746

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.5% (April 2005)

## Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$211,000
- Local Income Tax Rate: 2.8%
- Local Sales Tax Rate: 1.0%

**Public Transportation:** Subway and Buses

## Housing:

- House Info Philadelphia <http://philadelphia.pa.house.info/>
- Philadelphia Apartments <http://www.4wallsinphilly.com/>
- Craigs List <http://philadelphia.craigslist.org/apa/>

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## San Francisco



### Largest Employers:

- New United Motor
- Bechtel Group Inc.
- Levi Strauss & Co.
- FirstAmerica Automotive Inc.
- Lucas Film Limited

### Largest Industries:

- Professional and business services
- Trade
- Transportation and utilities
- Government
- Leisure and hospitality
- Education and health services

**Population:** 776,733

**Weather:** January, 52.3° F; August, 62.4° F; annual average, 58.6° F

**Median Household Income:** \$55,221

**Unemployment Rate:** 4.8%

### Cost of Living:

- Average Housing Price: \$726,700
- Local Sales Tax Rate: 1.25%
- Local Income Tax Rate: None

**Public Transportation:** buses, trolleys, light-rail vehicles, cable cars, trains, and ferry services

### Housing:

- <http://sanfrancisco.apartments.com/>
- [http://www.move.com/apartments/san-francisco\\_california/](http://www.move.com/apartments/san-francisco_california/)
- <http://www.apartmentratings.com/rate/CA-San-Francisco.html>

### Job Search Sites:

- <http://www.sfgate.com/jobs/>
- <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/jobs/>
- <http://www.bajobs.com/>

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## Washington D.C.



### Largest Employers:

- George Washington University
- WMATA
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Multilateral Investment Grant
- Georgetown University

### Largest Industries:

- Government
- Professional and business services
- Educational and health services
- Other services
- leisure and hospitality

### Job Search Sites:

- Washington Post Job Listings <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wl/jobs/home>
- DC Jobs <http://www.dcjobs.com/>
- Craigs List <http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/>

**Unemployment rate:** 8.8% (December 2004)

**Median household income:** \$40,127

**Population:** 563,384

**Weather:** January, 36.0° F; August, 77.0° F; annual average, 54.0° F

### Cost of Living:

- Average House Price: \$430,000
- Local sales tax rate: 5.75%
- Local income tax rate: Ranges from 5.0% to 9.5%

**Public Transportation:** Metro Subway and Bus System

### Housing:

- Washington Post Housing <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-adv/classifieds/rentals/>
- Washington D.C. Apartments <http://washingtondc.apartments.com/>
- Washington D.C. Rent with Ratings: <http://www.apartmentratings.com/rate/DC-Washington.html>

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