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City Info Tours

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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/
- 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/

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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/realestate/]
- 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]

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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/]

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/]
- Craigs List [http://losangeles.craigslist.org/]

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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:

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:

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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/
- 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 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://sanfrancisco.apartments.com/)
- [http://www.apartmentratings.com/rate/CA-San-Francisco.html](http://www.apartmentratings.com/rate/CA-San-Francisco.html)

Job Search Sites:
- [http://www.bajobs.com/](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:

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:

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