

Athens, Georgia

Background	1
Rankings	2
Business Environment	3
Demographics	3
Economy	4
Income	5
City Finances	6
Employment	7
Taxes	8
Transportation	9
Businesses	10
Living Environment	11
Cost of Living	11
Housing	11
Health	13
Education	14
Employers	16
Public Safety	16
Politics	16
Sports	17
Climate	17
Hazardous Waste	17
Air Quality	17

Atlanta, Georgia

Background	19
Rankings	20
Business Environment	24
Demographics	24
Economy	25
Income	26
City Finances	27
Employment	28
Taxes	29
Transportation	30
Businesses	31
Living Environment	33
Cost of Living	33
Housing	33
Health	35
Education	37
Employers	38
Public Safety	39
Politics	40
Sports	40
Climate	40
Hazardous Waste	40
Air Quality	40

Austin, Texas

Background	43
Rankings	44
Business Environment	49
Demographics	49
Economy	50
Income	51
City Finances	52
Employment	53
Taxes	54
Transportation	55
Businesses	56
Living Environment	57
Cost of Living	57
Housing	57
Health	59
Education	61
Employers	62
Public Safety	62
Politics	63
Sports	63
Climate	63
Hazardous Waste	64
Air Quality	64

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Background	67
Rankings	68
Business Environment	71
Demographics	71
Economy	72
Income	73
City Finances	74
Employment	75
Taxes	76
Transportation	77
Businesses	78
Living Environment	79
Cost of Living	79
Housing	79
Health	81
Education	83
Employers	84
Public Safety	84
Politics	85
Sports	85
Climate	85
Hazardous Waste	85
Air Quality	85

Cape Coral, Florida

Background	87
Rankings	88
Business Environment	90
Demographics	90
Economy	91
Income	92
City Finances	93
Employment	94
Taxes	95
Transportation	96
Businesses	97
Living Environment	98
Cost of Living	98
Housing	98
Health	100
Education	101
Employers	102
Public Safety	103
Politics	103
Sports	103
Climate	103
Hazardous Waste	104
Air Quality	104

Charleston, South Carolina

Background	107
Rankings	108
Business Environment	111
Demographics	111
Economy	112
Income	113
City Finances	114
Employment	115
Taxes	116
Transportation	117
Businesses	118
Living Environment	119
Cost of Living	119
Housing	119
Health	121
Education	123
Employers	124
Public Safety	124
Politics	124
Sports	125
Climate	125
Hazardous Waste	125
Air Quality	125

Clarksville, Tennessee

Background	127
Rankings	128
Business Environment	129
Demographics	129
Economy	130
Income	131
City Finances	132
Employment	133
Taxes	134
Transportation	135
Businesses	136
Living Environment	137
Cost of Living	137
Housing	137
Health	139
Education	140
Employers	141
Public Safety	142
Politics	142
Sports	142
Climate	142
Hazardous Waste	143
Air Quality	143

College Station, Texas

Background	145
Rankings	146
Business Environment	147
Demographics	147
Economy	148
Income	149
City Finances	150
Employment	151
Taxes	152
Transportation	153
Businesses	154
Living Environment	155
Cost of Living	155
Housing	155
Health	157
Education	158
Employers	160
Public Safety	160
Politics	160
Sports	160
Climate	161
Hazardous Waste	161
Air Quality	161

Columbia, South Carolina

Background	163
Rankings	164
Business Environment	166
Demographics	166
Economy	167
Income	168
City Finances	169
Employment	170
Taxes	171
Transportation	172
Businesses	173
Living Environment	174
Cost of Living	174
Housing	174
Health	176
Education	178
Employers	179
Public Safety	179
Politics	180
Sports	180
Climate	180
Hazardous Waste	180
Air Quality	181

Dallas, Texas

Background	183
Rankings	184
Business Environment	187
Demographics	187
Economy	188
Income	189
City Finances	190
Employment	191
Taxes	192
Transportation	193
Businesses	194
Living Environment	196
Cost of Living	196
Housing	196
Health	198
Education	200
Employers	201
Public Safety	202
Politics	203
Sports	203
Climate	203
Hazardous Waste	203
Air Quality	204

El Paso, Texas

Background	207
Rankings	208
Business Environment	211
Demographics	211
Economy	212
Income	213
City Finances	214
Employment	215
Taxes	216
Transportation	217
Businesses	218
Living Environment	219
Cost of Living	219
Housing	219
Health	221
Education	223
Employers	224
Public Safety	224
Politics	224
Sports	225
Climate	225
Hazardous Waste	225
Air Quality	225

Fort Worth, Texas

Background	227
Rankings	228
Business Environment	232
Demographics	232
Economy	233
Income	234
City Finances	235
Employment	236
Taxes	237
Transportation	238
Businesses	239
Living Environment	240
Cost of Living	240
Housing	240
Health	242
Education	244
Employers	245
Public Safety	245
Politics	246
Sports	246
Climate	246
Hazardous Waste	246
Air Quality	247

Houston, Texas

Background	249
Rankings	250
Business Environment	254
Demographics	254
Economy	255
Income	256
City Finances	257
Employment	258
Taxes	259
Transportation	260
Businesses	261
Living Environment	263
Cost of Living	263
Housing	263
Health	265
Education	267
Employers	269
Public Safety	269
Politics	270
Sports	270
Climate	270
Hazardous Waste	271
Air Quality	271

Huntsville, Alabama

Background	273
Rankings	274
Business Environment	276
Demographics	276
Economy	277
Income	278
City Finances	279
Employment	280
Taxes	281
Transportation	282
Businesses	283
Living Environment	284
Cost of Living	284
Housing	284
Health	286
Education	287
Employers	288
Public Safety	289
Politics	289
Sports	289
Climate	289
Hazardous Waste	290
Air Quality	290

Jacksonville, Florida

Background	293
Rankings	294
Business Environment	297
Demographics	297
Economy	298
Income	299
City Finances	300
Employment	301
Taxes	302
Transportation	303
Businesses	304
Living Environment	305
Cost of Living	305
Housing	305
Health	307
Education	309
Employers	310
Public Safety	310
Politics	311
Sports	311
Climate	311
Hazardous Waste	311
Air Quality	311

Lafayette, Louisiana

Background	313
Rankings	314
Business Environment	315
Demographics	315
Economy	316
Income	317
City Finances	318
Employment	319
Taxes	320
Transportation	321
Businesses	322
Living Environment	323
Cost of Living	323
Housing	323
Health	325
Education	326
Employers	328
Public Safety	328
Politics	329
Sports	329
Climate	329
Hazardous Waste	329
Air Quality	329

Memphis, Tennessee

Background	331
Rankings	332
Business Environment	335
Demographics	335
Economy	336
Income	337
City Finances	338
Employment	339
Taxes	340
Transportation	341
Businesses	342
Living Environment	343
Cost of Living	343
Housing	343
Health	345
Education	347
Employers	348
Public Safety	348
Politics	349
Sports	349
Climate	349
Hazardous Waste	349
Air Quality	350

Miami, Florida

Background	353
Rankings	354
Business Environment	358
Demographics	358
Economy	359
Income	360
City Finances	361
Employment	362
Taxes	363
Transportation	364
Businesses	365
Living Environment	367
Cost of Living	367
Housing	367
Health	369
Education	371
Employers	372
Public Safety	373
Politics	373
Sports	373
Climate	373
Hazardous Waste	374
Air Quality	374

Midland, Texas

Background	377
Rankings	378
Business Environment	379
Demographics	379
Economy	380
Income	381
City Finances	382
Employment	383
Taxes	384
Transportation	385
Businesses	386
Living Environment	387
Cost of Living	387
Housing	387
Health	389
Education	390
Employers	392
Public Safety	392
Politics	393
Sports	393
Climate	393
Hazardous Waste	393
Air Quality	393

Nashville, Tennessee

Background	395
Rankings	396
Business Environment	400
Demographics	400
Economy	401
Income	402
City Finances	403
Employment	404
Taxes	405
Transportation	406
Businesses	407
Living Environment	409
Cost of Living	409
Housing	409
Health	411
Education	413
Employers	414
Public Safety	415
Politics	416
Sports	416
Climate	416
Hazardous Waste	416
Air Quality	417

New Orleans, Louisiana

Background	419
Rankings	420
Business Environment	424
Demographics	424
Economy	425
Income	426
City Finances	427
Employment	428
Taxes	429
Transportation	430
Businesses	431
Living Environment	432
Cost of Living	432
Housing	432
Health	434
Education	436
Employers	437
Public Safety	437
Politics	438
Sports	438
Climate	438
Hazardous Waste	438
Air Quality	439

Orlando, Florida

Background	441
Rankings	442
Business Environment	446
Demographics	446
Economy	447
Income	448
City Finances	449
Employment	450
Taxes	451
Transportation	452
Businesses	453
Living Environment	454
Cost of Living	454
Housing	454
Health	456
Education	458
Employers	459
Public Safety	459
Politics	459
Sports	460
Climate	460
Hazardous Waste	460
Air Quality	460

San Antonio, Texas

Background	463
Rankings	464
Business Environment	468
Demographics	468
Economy	469
Income	470
City Finances	471
Employment	472
Taxes	473
Transportation	474
Businesses	475
Living Environment	476
Cost of Living	476
Housing	476
Health	478
Education	480
Employers	481
Public Safety	482
Politics	482
Sports	482
Climate	482
Hazardous Waste	483
Air Quality	483

Savannah, Georgia

Background	485
Rankings	486
Business Environment	488
Demographics	488
Economy	489
Income	490
City Finances	491
Employment	492
Taxes	493
Transportation	494
Businesses	495
Living Environment	496
Cost of Living	496
Housing	496
Health	498
Education	499
Employers	501
Public Safety	501
Politics	502
Sports	502
Climate	502
Hazardous Waste	502
Air Quality	502

Tampa, Florida

Background	505
Rankings	506
Business Environment	510
Demographics	510
Economy	511
Income	512
City Finances	513
Employment	514
Taxes	515
Transportation	516
Businesses	517
Living Environment	518
Cost of Living	518
Housing	518
Health	520
Education	522
Employers	523
Public Safety	523
Politics	524
Sports	524
Climate	524
Hazardous Waste	524
Air Quality	525

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Background	527
Rankings	528
Business Environment	529
Demographics	529
Economy	530
Income	531
City Finances	532
Employment	533
Taxes	534
Transportation	535
Businesses	536
Living Environment	537
Cost of Living	537
Housing	537
Health	539
Education	540
Employers	542
Public Safety	542
Politics	542
Sports	542
Climate	543
Hazardous Waste	543
Air Quality	543

Appendixes

Appendix A: Comparative Statistics	A-3
Appendix B: Metropolitan Area Definitions	A-171
Appendix C: Government Type & Primary County ..	A-177
Appendix D: Chambers of Commerce	A-179
Appendix E: State Departments of Labor	A-185

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Background	1
Rankings	2
Business Environment	5
Demographics	5
Economy	6
Income	7
City Finances	8
Employment	9
Taxes	10
Transportation	11
Businesses	12
Living Environment	13
Cost of Living	13
Housing	13
Health	15
Education	16
Employers	18
Public Safety	18
Politics	18
Sports	19
Climate	19
Hazardous Waste	19
Air Quality	19

Anchorage, Alaska

Background	21
Rankings	22
Business Environment	25
Demographics	25
Economy	26
Income	27
City Finances	28
Employment	29
Taxes	30
Transportation	31
Businesses	32
Living Environment	33
Cost of Living	33
Housing	33
Health	35
Education	37
Employers	38
Public Safety	38
Politics	38
Sports	39
Climate	39
Hazardous Waste	39
Air Quality	39

Boise City, Idaho

Background	41
Rankings	42
Business Environment	45
Demographics	45
Economy	46
Income	47
City Finances	48
Employment	49
Taxes	50
Transportation	51
Businesses	52
Living Environment	53
Cost of Living	53
Housing	53
Health	55
Education	56
Employers	57
Public Safety	58
Politics	58
Sports	58
Climate	58
Hazardous Waste	59
Air Quality	59

Boulder, Colorado

Background	61
Rankings	62
Business Environment	64
Demographics	64
Economy	65
Income	66
City Finances	67
Employment	68
Taxes	69
Transportation	70
Businesses	71
Living Environment	72
Cost of Living	72
Housing	72
Health	74
Education	75
Employers	77
Public Safety	77
Politics	78
Sports	78
Climate	78
Hazardous Waste	78
Air Quality	78

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Background	81
Rankings	82
Business Environment	85
Demographics	85
Economy	86
Income	87
City Finances	88
Employment	89
Taxes	90
Transportation	91
Businesses	92
Living Environment	93
Cost of Living	93
Housing	93
Health	95
Education	97
Employers	98
Public Safety	98
Politics	99
Sports	99
Climate	99
Hazardous Waste	99
Air Quality	99

Denver, Colorado

Background	101
Rankings	102
Business Environment	106
Demographics	106
Economy	107
Income	108
City Finances	109
Employment	110
Taxes	111
Transportation	112
Businesses	113
Living Environment	114
Cost of Living	114
Housing	114
Health	116
Education	118
Employers	119
Public Safety	120
Politics	120
Sports	120
Climate	120
Hazardous Waste	121
Air Quality	121

Fort Collins, Colorado

Background	123
Rankings	124
Business Environment	126
Demographics	126
Economy	127
Income	128
City Finances	129
Employment	130
Taxes	131
Transportation	132
Businesses	133
Living Environment	134
Cost of Living	134
Housing	134
Health	136
Education	138
Employers	139
Public Safety	139
Politics	139
Sports	140
Climate	140
Hazardous Waste	140
Air Quality	140

Honolulu, Hawaii

Background	143
Rankings	144
Business Environment	147
Demographics	147
Economy	148
Income	149
City Finances	150
Employment	151
Taxes	152
Transportation	153
Businesses	154
Living Environment	155
Cost of Living	155
Housing	155
Health	157
Education	159
Employers	160
Public Safety	160
Politics	160
Sports	161
Climate	161
Hazardous Waste	161
Air Quality	161

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Background	163
Rankings	164
Business Environment	166
Demographics	166
Economy	167
Income	168
City Finances	169
Employment	170
Taxes	171
Transportation	172
Businesses	173
Living Environment	174
Cost of Living	174
Housing	174
Health	176
Education	177
Employers	178
Public Safety	179
Politics	179
Sports	179
Climate	179
Hazardous Waste	180
Air Quality	180

Las Vegas, Nevada

Background	183
Rankings	184
Business Environment	188
Demographics	188
Economy	189
Income	190
City Finances	191
Employment	192
Taxes	193
Transportation	194
Businesses	195
Living Environment	196
Cost of Living	196
Housing	196
Health	198
Education	199
Employers	201
Public Safety	201
Politics	202
Sports	202
Climate	202
Hazardous Waste	202
Air Quality	202

Los Angeles, California

Background	205
Rankings	206
Business Environment	210
Demographics	210
Economy	211
Income	212
City Finances	213
Employment	214
Taxes	215
Transportation	216
Businesses	217
Living Environment	219
Cost of Living	219
Housing	219
Health	221
Education	223
Employers	225
Public Safety	225
Politics	225
Sports	226
Climate	226
Hazardous Waste	226
Air Quality	226

Phoenix, Arizona

Background	229
Rankings	230
Business Environment	234
Demographics	234
Economy	235
Income	236
City Finances	237
Employment	238
Taxes	239
Transportation	240
Businesses	241
Living Environment	242
Cost of Living	242
Housing	242
Health	244
Education	246
Employers	247
Public Safety	248
Politics	248
Sports	248
Climate	248
Hazardous Waste	249
Air Quality	249

Portland, Oregon

Background	251
Rankings	252
Business Environment	256
Demographics	256
Economy	257
Income	258
City Finances	259
Employment	260
Taxes	261
Transportation	262
Businesses	263
Living Environment	265
Cost of Living	265
Housing	265
Health	267
Education	269
Employers	270
Public Safety	271
Politics	271
Sports	271
Climate	271
Hazardous Waste	272
Air Quality	272

Provo, Utah

Background	275
Rankings	276
Business Environment	278
Demographics	278
Economy	279
Income	280
City Finances	281
Employment	282
Taxes	283
Transportation	284
Businesses	285
Living Environment	286
Cost of Living	286
Housing	286
Health	288
Education	289
Employers	291
Public Safety	291
Politics	291
Sports	292
Climate	292
Hazardous Waste	292
Air Quality	292

Reno, Nevada

Background	295
Rankings	296
Business Environment	298
Demographics	298
Economy	299
Income	300
City Finances	301
Employment	302
Taxes	303
Transportation	304
Businesses	305
Living Environment	306
Cost of Living	306
Housing	306
Health	308
Education	309
Employers	311
Public Safety	311
Politics	312
Sports	312
Climate	312
Hazardous Waste	312
Air Quality	312

Riverside, California

Background	315
Rankings	316
Business Environment	319
Demographics	319
Economy	320
Income	321
City Finances	322
Employment	323
Taxes	324
Transportation	325
Businesses	326
Living Environment	327
Cost of Living	327
Housing	327
Health	329
Education	331
Employers	332
Public Safety	332
Politics	333
Sports	333
Climate	333
Hazardous Waste	333
Air Quality	334

Sacramento, California

Background	337
Rankings	338
Business Environment	341
Demographics	341
Economy	342
Income	343
City Finances	344
Employment	345
Taxes	346
Transportation	347
Businesses	348
Living Environment	349
Cost of Living	349
Housing	349
Health	351
Education	353
Employers	354
Public Safety	355
Politics	355
Sports	355
Climate	355
Hazardous Waste	356
Air Quality	356

Salt Lake City, Utah

Background	359
Rankings	360
Business Environment	364
Demographics	364
Economy	365
Income	366
City Finances	367
Employment	368
Taxes	369
Transportation	370
Businesses	371
Living Environment	372
Cost of Living	372
Housing	372
Health	374
Education	376
Employers	377
Public Safety	378
Politics	378
Sports	378
Climate	379
Hazardous Waste	379
Air Quality	379

San Diego, California

Background	381
Rankings	382
Business Environment	386
Demographics	386
Economy	387
Income	388
City Finances	389
Employment	390
Taxes	391
Transportation	392
Businesses	393
Living Environment	395
Cost of Living	395
Housing	395
Health	397
Education	399
Employers	400
Public Safety	401
Politics	401
Sports	402
Climate	402
Hazardous Waste	402
Air Quality	402

San Francisco, California

Background	405
Rankings	406
Business Environment	411
Demographics	411
Economy	412
Income	413
City Finances	414
Employment	415
Taxes	416
Transportation	417
Businesses	418
Living Environment	420
Cost of Living	420
Housing	420
Health	422
Education	424
Employers	425
Public Safety	426
Politics	427
Sports	427
Climate	427
Hazardous Waste	427
Air Quality	427

San Jose, California

Background	429
Rankings	430
Business Environment	434
Demographics	434
Economy	435
Income	436
City Finances	437
Employment	438
Taxes	439
Transportation	440
Businesses	441
Living Environment	443
Cost of Living	443
Housing	443
Health	445
Education	447
Employers	448
Public Safety	449
Politics	450
Sports	450
Climate	450
Hazardous Waste	450
Air Quality	451

Santa Rosa, California

Background	453
Rankings	454
Business Environment	456
Demographics	456
Economy	457
Income	458
City Finances	459
Employment	460
Taxes	461
Transportation	462
Businesses	463
Living Environment	464
Cost of Living	464
Housing	464
Health	466
Education	468
Employers	469
Public Safety	469
Politics	470
Sports	470
Climate	470
Hazardous Waste	470
Air Quality	470

Seattle, Washington

Background	473
Rankings	474
Business Environment	479
Demographics	479
Economy	480
Income	481
City Finances	482
Employment	483
Taxes	484
Transportation	485
Businesses	486
Living Environment	488
Cost of Living	488
Housing	488
Health	490
Education	492
Employers	493
Public Safety	494
Politics	494
Sports	494
Climate	494
Hazardous Waste	495
Air Quality	495

Tucson, Arizona

Background	497
Rankings	498
Business Environment	501
Demographics	501
Economy	502
Income	503
City Finances	504
Employment	505
Taxes	506
Transportation	507
Businesses	508
Living Environment	509
Cost of Living	509
Housing	509
Health	511
Education	513
Employers	514
Public Safety	514
Politics	515
Sports	515
Climate	515
Hazardous Waste	515
Air Quality	516

Appendices

Appendix A: Comparative Statistics	A-3
Appendix B: Metropolitan Area Definitions	A-171
Appendix C: Government Type & Primary County	A-177
Appendix D: Chambers of Commerce	A-179
Appendix E: State Departments of Labor	A-185

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Background	1
Rankings	2
Business Environment	4
Demographics	4
Economy	5
Income	6
City Finances	7
Employment	8
Taxes	9
Transportation	10
Businesses	11
Living Environment	12
Cost of Living	12
Housing	12
Health	14
Education	16
Employers	17
Public Safety	17
Politics	18
Sports	18
Climate	18
Hazardous Waste	19
Air Quality	19

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Background	21
Rankings	22
Business Environment	24
Demographics	24
Economy	25
Income	26
City Finances	27
Employment	28
Taxes	29
Transportation	30
Businesses	31
Living Environment	32
Cost of Living	32
Housing	32
Health	34
Education	35
Employers	37
Public Safety	37
Politics	37
Sports	38
Climate	38
Hazardous Waste	38
Air Quality	38

Chicago, Illinois

Background	41
Rankings	42
Business Environment	47
Demographics	47
Economy	48
Income	49
City Finances	50
Employment	51
Taxes	52
Transportation	53
Businesses	54
Living Environment	56
Cost of Living	56
Housing	56
Health	58
Education	60
Employers	61
Public Safety	62
Politics	62
Sports	62
Climate	63
Hazardous Waste	63
Air Quality	63

Columbia, Missouri

Background	65
Rankings	66
Business Environment	67
Demographics	67
Economy	68
Income	69
City Finances	70
Employment	71
Taxes	72
Transportation	73
Businesses	74
Living Environment	75
Cost of Living	75
Housing	75
Health	77
Education	78
Employers	80
Public Safety	80
Politics	81
Sports	81
Climate	81
Hazardous Waste	81
Air Quality	82

Davenport, Iowa

Background	85
Rankings	86
Business Environment	88
Demographics	88
Economy	89
Income	90
City Finances	91
Employment	92
Taxes	93
Transportation	94
Businesses	95
Living Environment	96
Cost of Living	96
Housing	96
Health	98
Education	99
Employers	100
Public Safety	101
Politics	101
Sports	101
Climate	101
Hazardous Waste	102
Air Quality	102

Des Moines, Iowa

Background	105
Rankings	106
Business Environment	109
Demographics	109
Economy	110
Income	111
City Finances	112
Employment	113
Taxes	114
Transportation	115
Businesses	116
Living Environment	117
Cost of Living	117
Housing	117
Health	119
Education	120
Employers	122
Public Safety	122
Politics	123
Sports	123
Climate	123
Hazardous Waste	123
Air Quality	123

Fargo, North Dakota

Background	125
Rankings	126
Business Environment	128
Demographics	128
Economy	129
Income	130
City Finances	131
Employment	132
Taxes	133
Transportation	134
Businesses	135
Living Environment	136
Cost of Living	136
Housing	136
Health	138
Education	139
Employers	140
Public Safety	141
Politics	141
Sports	141
Climate	142
Hazardous Waste	142
Air Quality	142

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Background	145
Rankings	146
Business Environment	148
Demographics	148
Economy	149
Income	150
City Finances	151
Employment	152
Taxes	153
Transportation	154
Businesses	155
Living Environment	156
Cost of Living	156
Housing	156
Health	158
Education	160
Employers	161
Public Safety	161
Politics	162
Sports	162
Climate	162
Hazardous Waste	162
Air Quality	162

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Background	165
Rankings	166
Business Environment	169
Demographics	169
Economy	170
Income	171
City Finances	172
Employment	173
Taxes	174
Transportation	175
Businesses	176
Living Environment	177
Cost of Living	177
Housing	177
Health	179
Education	181
Employers	182
Public Safety	182
Politics	183
Sports	183
Climate	183
Hazardous Waste	183
Air Quality	183

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Background	185
Rankings	186
Business Environment	187
Demographics	187
Economy	188
Income	189
City Finances	190
Employment	191
Taxes	192
Transportation	193
Businesses	194
Living Environment	195
Cost of Living	195
Housing	195
Health	197
Education	199
Employers	200
Public Safety	200
Politics	200
Sports	201
Climate	201
Hazardous Waste	201
Air Quality	201

Indianapolis, Indiana

Background	203
Rankings	204
Business Environment	207
Demographics	207
Economy	208
Income	209
City Finances	210
Employment	211
Taxes	212
Transportation	213
Businesses	214
Living Environment	215
Cost of Living	215
Housing	215
Health	217
Education	219
Employers	220
Public Safety	221
Politics	221
Sports	222
Climate	222
Hazardous Waste	222
Air Quality	222

Kansas City, Missouri

Background	225
Rankings	226
Business Environment	229
Demographics	229
Economy	230
Income	231
City Finances	232
Employment	233
Taxes	234
Transportation	235
Businesses	236
Living Environment	237
Cost of Living	237
Housing	237
Health	239
Education	241
Employers	242
Public Safety	242
Politics	243
Sports	243
Climate	243
Hazardous Waste	243
Air Quality	244

Lincoln, Nebraska

Background	247
Rankings	248
Business Environment	251
Demographics	251
Economy	252
Income	253
City Finances	254
Employment	255
Taxes	256
Transportation	257
Businesses	258
Living Environment	259
Cost of Living	259
Housing	259
Health	261
Education	262
Employers	264
Public Safety	264
Politics	265
Sports	265
Climate	265
Hazardous Waste	265
Air Quality	265

Little Rock, Arkansas

Background	267
Rankings	268
Business Environment	270
Demographics	270
Economy	271
Income	272
City Finances	273
Employment	274
Taxes	275
Transportation	276
Businesses	277
Living Environment	278
Cost of Living	278
Housing	278
Health	280
Education	282
Employers	283
Public Safety	283
Politics	284
Sports	284
Climate	284
Hazardous Waste	284
Air Quality	284

Madison, Wisconsin

Background	287
Rankings	288
Business Environment	291
Demographics	291
Economy	292
Income	293
City Finances	294
Employment	295
Taxes	296
Transportation	297
Businesses	298
Living Environment	299
Cost of Living	299
Housing	299
Health	301
Education	303
Employers	304
Public Safety	304
Politics	305
Sports	305
Climate	305
Hazardous Waste	305
Air Quality	305

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Background	307
Rankings	308
Business Environment	311
Demographics	311
Economy	312
Income	313
City Finances	314
Employment	315
Taxes	316
Transportation	317
Businesses	318
Living Environment	319
Cost of Living	319
Housing	319
Health	321
Education	323
Employers	324
Public Safety	324
Politics	325
Sports	325
Climate	325
Hazardous Waste	325
Air Quality	326

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Background	329
Rankings	330
Business Environment	334
Demographics	334
Economy	335
Income	336
City Finances	337
Employment	338
Taxes	339
Transportation	340
Businesses	341
Living Environment	342
Cost of Living	342
Housing	342
Health	344
Education	346
Employers	347
Public Safety	348
Politics	348
Sports	349
Climate	349
Hazardous Waste	349
Air Quality	349

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Background	351
Rankings	352
Business Environment	355
Demographics	355
Economy	356
Income	357
City Finances	358
Employment	359
Taxes	360
Transportation	361
Businesses	362
Living Environment	363
Cost of Living	363
Housing	363
Health	365
Education	367
Employers	368
Public Safety	369
Politics	369
Sports	369
Climate	370
Hazardous Waste	370
Air Quality	370

Omaha, Nebraska

Background	373
Rankings	374
Business Environment	377
Demographics	377
Economy	378
Income	379
City Finances	380
Employment	381
Taxes	382
Transportation	383
Businesses	384
Living Environment	385
Cost of Living	385
Housing	385
Health	387
Education	389
Employers	390
Public Safety	390
Politics	391
Sports	391
Climate	391
Hazardous Waste	391
Air Quality	391

Rochester, Minnesota

Background	393
Rankings	394
Business Environment	395
Demographics	395
Economy	396
Income	397
City Finances	398
Employment	399
Taxes	400
Transportation	401
Businesses	402
Living Environment	403
Cost of Living	403
Housing	403
Health	405
Education	407
Employers	408
Public Safety	408
Politics	409
Sports	409
Climate	409
Hazardous Waste	409
Air Quality	409

Saint Louis, Missouri

Background	411
Rankings	412
Business Environment	415
Demographics	415
Economy	416
Income	417
City Finances	418
Employment	419
Taxes	420
Transportation	421
Businesses	422
Living Environment	423
Cost of Living	423
Housing	423
Health	425
Education	427
Employers	428
Public Safety	429
Politics	430
Sports	430
Climate	430
Hazardous Waste	430
Air Quality	430

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Background	433
Rankings	434
Business Environment	436
Demographics	436
Economy	437
Income	438
City Finances	439
Employment	440
Taxes	441
Transportation	442
Businesses	443
Living Environment	444
Cost of Living	444
Housing	444
Health	446
Education	448
Employers	449
Public Safety	449
Politics	450
Sports	450
Climate	450
Hazardous Waste	450
Air Quality	450

Springfield, Illinois

Background	453
Rankings	454
Business Environment	455
Demographics	455
Economy	456
Income	457
City Finances	458
Employment	459
Taxes	460
Transportation	461
Businesses	462
Living Environment	463
Cost of Living	463
Housing	463
Health	465
Education	466
Employers	467
Public Safety	468
Politics	468
Sports	468
Climate	468
Hazardous Waste	469
Air Quality	469

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Background	471
Rankings	472
Business Environment	475
Demographics	475
Economy	476
Income	477
City Finances	478
Employment	479
Taxes	480
Transportation	481
Businesses	482
Living Environment	483
Cost of Living	483
Housing	483
Health	485
Education	486
Employers	488
Public Safety	488
Politics	488
Sports	489
Climate	489
Hazardous Waste	489
Air Quality	489

Wichita, Kansas

Background	491
Rankings	492
Business Environment	495
Demographics	495
Economy	496
Income	497
City Finances	498
Employment	499
Taxes	500
Transportation	501
Businesses	502
Living Environment	503
Cost of Living	503
Housing	503
Health	505
Education	506
Employers	508
Public Safety	508
Politics	509
Sports	509
Climate	509
Hazardous Waste	509
Air Quality	509

Appendices

Appendix A: Comparative Statistics	A-3
Appendix B: Metropolitan Area Definitions	A-171
Appendix C: Government Type & Primary County ..	A-177
Appendix D: Chambers of Commerce	A-179
Appendix E: State Departments of Labor	A-185

Allentown, Pennsylvania

Background	1
Rankings	2
Business Environment	4
Demographics	4
Economy	5
Income	6
City Finances	7
Employment	8
Taxes	9
Transportation	10
Businesses	11
Living Environment	12
Cost of Living	12
Housing	12
Health	14
Education	15
Employers	17
Public Safety	17
Politics	18
Sports	18
Climate	18
Hazardous Waste	18
Air Quality	18

Baltimore, Maryland

Background	21
Rankings	22
Business Environment	26
Demographics	26
Economy	27
Income	28
City Finances	29
Employment	30
Taxes	31
Transportation	32
Businesses	33
Living Environment	35
Cost of Living	35
Housing	35
Health	37
Education	39
Employers	40
Public Safety	41
Politics	41
Sports	41
Climate	42
Hazardous Waste	42
Air Quality	42

Boston, Massachusetts

Background	45
Rankings	46
Business Environment	51
Demographics	51
Economy	52
Income	53
City Finances	54
Employment	55
Taxes	56
Transportation	57
Businesses	58
Living Environment	60
Cost of Living	60
Housing	60
Health	62
Education	64
Employers	66
Public Safety	67
Politics	67
Sports	67
Climate	67
Hazardous Waste	68
Air Quality	68

Buffalo, New York

Background	71
Rankings	72
Business Environment	75
Demographics	75
Economy	76
Income	77
City Finances	78
Employment	79
Taxes	80
Transportation	81
Businesses	82
Living Environment	84
Cost of Living	84
Housing	84
Health	86
Education	88
Employers	89
Public Safety	89
Politics	90
Sports	90
Climate	90
Hazardous Waste	90
Air Quality	91

Charlotte, North Carolina

Background	93
Rankings	94
Business Environment	98
Demographics	98
Economy	99
Income	100
City Finances	101
Employment	102
Taxes	103
Transportation	104
Businesses	105
Living Environment	106
Cost of Living	106
Housing	106
Health	108
Education	110
Employers	111
Public Safety	112
Politics	112
Sports	112
Climate	112
Hazardous Waste	113
Air Quality	113

Cincinnati, Ohio

Background	115
Rankings	116
Business Environment	119
Demographics	119
Economy	120
Income	121
City Finances	122
Employment	123
Taxes	124
Transportation	125
Businesses	126
Living Environment	128
Cost of Living	128
Housing	128
Health	130
Education	132
Employers	133
Public Safety	134
Politics	134
Sports	134
Climate	134
Hazardous Waste	135
Air Quality	135

Cleveland, Ohio

Background	137
Rankings	138
Business Environment	142
Demographics	142
Economy	143
Income	144
City Finances	145
Employment	146
Taxes	147
Transportation	148
Businesses	149
Living Environment	150
Cost of Living	150
Housing	150
Health	152
Education	154
Employers	155
Public Safety	155
Politics	156
Sports	156
Climate	156
Hazardous Waste	156
Air Quality	157

Columbus, Ohio

Background	159
Rankings	160
Business Environment	163
Demographics	163
Economy	164
Income	165
City Finances	166
Employment	167
Taxes	168
Transportation	169
Businesses	170
Living Environment	172
Cost of Living	172
Housing	172
Health	174
Education	176
Employers	177
Public Safety	178
Politics	179
Sports	179
Climate	179
Hazardous Waste	179
Air Quality	179

Durham, North Carolina

Background	181
Rankings	182
Business Environment	185
Demographics	185
Economy	186
Income	187
City Finances	188
Employment	189
Taxes	190
Transportation	191
Businesses	192
Living Environment	193
Cost of Living	193
Housing	193
Health	195
Education	197
Employers	198
Public Safety	199
Politics	199
Sports	199
Climate	199
Hazardous Waste	200
Air Quality	200

Edison, New Jersey

Background	203
Rankings	204
Business Environment	207
Demographics	207
Economy	208
Income	209
City Finances	210
Employment	211
Taxes	212
Transportation	213
Businesses	214
Living Environment	215
Cost of Living	215
Housing	215
Health	217
Education	219
Employers	221
Public Safety	221
Politics	222
Sports	222
Climate	222
Hazardous Waste	222
Air Quality	223

Lexington, Kentucky

Background	225
Rankings	226
Business Environment	228
Demographics	228
Economy	229
Income	230
City Finances	231
Employment	232
Taxes	233
Transportation	234
Businesses	235
Living Environment	236
Cost of Living	236
Housing	236
Health	238
Education	240
Employers	241
Public Safety	241
Politics	242
Sports	242
Climate	242
Hazardous Waste	242
Air Quality	243

Louisville, Kentucky

Background	245
Rankings	246
Business Environment	249
Demographics	249
Economy	250
Income	251
City Finances	252
Employment	253
Taxes	254
Transportation	255
Businesses	256
Living Environment	257
Cost of Living	257
Housing	257
Health	259
Education	261
Employers	262
Public Safety	263
Politics	263
Sports	263
Climate	263
Hazardous Waste	264
Air Quality	264

Manchester, New Hampshire

Background	267
Rankings	268
Business Environment	270
Demographics	270
Economy	271
Income	272
City Finances	273
Employment	274
Taxes	275
Transportation	276
Businesses	277
Living Environment	278
Cost of Living	278
Housing	278
Health	280
Education	281
Employers	282
Public Safety	283
Politics	283
Sports	283
Climate	283
Hazardous Waste	284
Air Quality	284

New Haven, Connecticut

Background	287
Rankings	288
Business Environment	290
Demographics	290
Economy	291
Income	292
City Finances	293
Employment	294
Taxes	295
Transportation	296
Businesses	297
Living Environment	298
Cost of Living	298
Housing	298
Health	300
Education	302
Employers	303
Public Safety	303
Politics	304
Sports	304
Climate	304
Hazardous Waste	304
Air Quality	305

New York, New York

Background	307
Rankings	308
Business Environment	313
Demographics	313
Economy	314
Income	315
City Finances	316
Employment	317
Taxes	319
Transportation	320
Businesses	321
Living Environment	324
Cost of Living	324
Housing	324
Health	326
Education	331
Employers	333
Public Safety	334
Politics	335
Sports	335
Climate	335
Hazardous Waste	335
Air Quality	336

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Background	339
Rankings	340
Business Environment	344
Demographics	344
Economy	345
Income	346
City Finances	347
Employment	348
Taxes	349
Transportation	350
Businesses	351
Living Environment	352
Cost of Living	352
Housing	352
Health	354
Education	356
Employers	358
Public Safety	359
Politics	359
Sports	359
Climate	359
Hazardous Waste	360
Air Quality	360

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Background	363
Rankings	364
Business Environment	368
Demographics	368
Economy	369
Income	370
City Finances	371
Employment	372
Taxes	373
Transportation	374
Businesses	375
Living Environment	376
Cost of Living	376
Housing	376
Health	378
Education	380
Employers	382
Public Safety	382
Politics	382
Sports	383
Climate	383
Hazardous Waste	383
Air Quality	383

Providence, Rhode Island

Background	385
Rankings	386
Business Environment	389
Demographics	389
Economy	390
Income	391
City Finances	392
Employment	393
Taxes	394
Transportation	395
Businesses	396
Living Environment	397
Cost of Living	397
Housing	397
Health	399
Education	400
Employers	402
Public Safety	402
Politics	403
Sports	403
Climate	403
Hazardous Waste	403
Air Quality	403

Raleigh, North Carolina

Background	405
Rankings	406
Business Environment	410
Demographics	410
Economy	411
Income	412
City Finances	413
Employment	414
Taxes	415
Transportation	416
Businesses	417
Living Environment	418
Cost of Living	418
Housing	418
Health	420
Education	422
Employers	423
Public Safety	424
Politics	424
Sports	424
Climate	424
Hazardous Waste	425
Air Quality	425

Richmond, Virginia

Background	427
Rankings	428
Business Environment	431
Demographics	431
Economy	432
Income	433
City Finances	434
Employment	435
Taxes	436
Transportation	437
Businesses	438
Living Environment	440
Cost of Living	440
Housing	440
Health	442
Education	444
Employers	445
Public Safety	446
Politics	446
Sports	446
Climate	447
Hazardous Waste	447
Air Quality	447

Rochester, New York

Background	449
Rankings	450
Business Environment	453
Demographics	453
Economy	454
Income	455
City Finances	456
Employment	457
Taxes	458
Transportation	459
Businesses	460
Living Environment	461
Cost of Living	461
Housing	461
Health	463
Education	465
Employers	466
Public Safety	467
Politics	467
Sports	467
Climate	467
Hazardous Waste	468
Air Quality	468

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Background	471
Rankings	472
Business Environment	475
Demographics	475
Economy	476
Income	477
City Finances	478
Employment	479
Taxes	480
Transportation	481
Businesses	482
Living Environment	483
Cost of Living	483
Housing	483
Health	485
Education	487
Employers	488
Public Safety	488
Politics	489
Sports	489
Climate	489
Hazardous Waste	489
Air Quality	490

Washington, D.C.

Background	493
Rankings	494
Business Environment	499
Demographics	499
Economy	500
Income	501
City Finances	502
Employment	503
Taxes	504
Transportation	505
Businesses	506
Living Environment	508
Cost of Living	508
Housing	508
Health	510
Education	512
Employers	514
Public Safety	514
Politics	515
Sports	515
Climate	515
Hazardous Waste	516
Air Quality	516

Wilmington, North Carolina

Background	519
Rankings	520
Business Environment	522
Demographics	522
Economy	523
Income	524
City Finances	525
Employment	526
Taxes	527
Transportation	528
Businesses	529
Living Environment	530
Cost of Living	530
Housing	530
Health	532
Education	533
Employers	534
Public Safety	535
Politics	535
Sports	535
Climate	535
Hazardous Waste	536
Air Quality	536

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Background	539
Rankings	540
Business Environment	542
Demographics	542
Economy	543
Income	544
City Finances	545
Employment	546
Taxes	547
Transportation	548
Businesses	549
Living Environment	550
Cost of Living	550
Housing	550
Health	552
Education	553
Employers	555
Public Safety	555
Politics	555
Sports	556
Climate	556
Hazardous Waste	556
Air Quality	556

Appendices

Appendix A: Comparative Statistics	A-3
Appendix B: Metropolitan Area Definitions	A-171
Appendix C: Government Type & Primary County ..	A-177
Appendix D: Chambers of Commerce	A-179
Appendix E: State Departments of Labor	A-185