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Metro Comparison (COL)

Business Taxes

Metro Area	Corporate				Unemployment		Workers Comp
	Sales	Tax	Basis	Inventory	Rate	Wage	(per \$100 payroll)
Atlanta	8.00%	6.00%	Net Income	No	2.62%	\$8,500	\$2.29
Chicago	10.25%	4.80%	Net Income	No	3.10%	\$12,520	\$2.79
Frisco/DFW	8.25%	1.00%	Taxable	Yes	2.70%	\$9,000	\$2.61
Houston	8.25%	1.00%	Taxable	Yes	2.70%	\$9,000	\$2.61
Los Angeles	9.75%	8.84%	Net Income	No	3.40%	\$7,000	\$2.72
New York	8.88%	7.10%	Net Income	No	4.10%	\$8,500	\$2.55

Source: Federation of Tax Administrators, State Tax Rates 2010, Various state revenue departments, 2009-2010

Personal Taxes

Metro Area	Sales Tax			Total	Property	State Income	
	State	County	City		Tax Rate	Tax Rate	
Atlanta	4.00%	3.00%	1.00%	8.00%	1.39%	1.00%	6.00%
Chicago	6.30%	2.80%	1.30%	10.30%	2.20%	3.00%	3.00%
Frisco/DFW	6.30%	1.00%	1.00%	8.30%	1.63%	0.00%	0.00%
Houston	6.30%	1.00%	1.00%	8.30%	1.55%	0.00%	0.00%
Los Angeles	7.30%	1.50%	1.00%	9.80%	1.13%	1.30%	9.60%
New York	4.00%	0.40%	4.50%	8.90%	2.16%	4.00%	9.00%

Source: Federation of Tax Administrators, State Tax Rates 2010, Various state revenue departments, 2009-10.

Cost of Living (US=100)

Metro Area	Overall	Food	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc.
Atlanta	97	99	91	88	103	102	102
Chicago	114	105	125	107	118	115	106
Frisco/DFW	89	99	63	95	106	108	99
Houston	86	94	54	96	103	107	97
Los Angeles	163	113	220	116	108	119	107
New York	178	137	203	157	119	178	135

Source: Sperling & Sander, Cities Ranked & Rated, 2007.

Health Care and Monthly Insurance Costs

Metro Area	Individual	Indemnity	Family	Indemnity	Doctors	Hospital Beds
	HMO		HMO		per Capita	per Capita

	Individual		Family		Doctors	Hospital Beds
Atlanta	\$545	\$719	\$1,023	\$1,184	211	243
Chicago	\$533	\$702	\$991	\$1,180	292	334
Frisco/DFW	\$563	\$716	\$1,057	\$1,205	218	257
Houston	\$549	\$706	\$1,040	\$1,188	247	305
Los Angeles	\$545	\$826	\$1,024	\$1,347	244	307
New York	\$685	\$941	\$1,275	\$1,578	391	475

Source: Economic Research Institute, Geographic Reference Report, 2009.

Housing Overview

Metro Area	% Single Family	New Price	Resale Family	% Multi	Typical Rent
Atlanta	71%	\$266,500	\$124,800	29%	\$800
Chicago	51%	\$360,200	\$176,400	49%	\$1,500
Frisco/DFW	68%	\$332,500	\$267,370	32%	\$900
Houston	68%	\$221,300	\$150,100	32%	\$850
Los Angeles	52%	\$596,100	\$331,400	48%	\$1,820
New York	19%	\$696,500	\$436,900	81%	\$1,890

Source: National Association of Realtors, 2009; American Community Survey, 2008; ACCRA, 2009; Money Magazine, 2009.

[Cost of Living Sample](#)