

# here & there



## Boston, Massachusetts

Boston, also known as "Beantown," is the 24th largest city in the United States with a population over 600,000 and located on the eastern Massachusetts coast at the mouth of the Charles River, which separates Boston from Cambridge.

Boston is rich in early American colonial history as well as the history of the American Revolution, and a city home to most of our country's oldest buildings.

Must see attractions include the Boston Common, the country's oldest public park, the Old North Church, Boston's oldest church, the Omni Parker House Hotel, America's longest continuously operating hotel where Boston Cream Pie and the Parker House roll originated, and the Union Oyster House, home of clam chowder and Boston's oldest restaurant. Look for the Boston Stone at the corner of Marshall and Salt Lane - in the 1700s this was the zero point from which all distances were measured. And most everything in the area is easily accessible along the nation's oldest transit system - the "T."

No city in the United States is as crazy about their sports as Boston, where sports fans are legendary for their devotion to their teams. Boston is home to the beloved Red Sox and Fenway Park, the Celtics, Bruins, and New

England Patriots and the world famous Boston Marathon that is run from Hopkinton to Boston in April every year.

The Boston economy is founded on the education, healthcare, finance, and technology industries. Some of the nation's most well-regarded teaching hospitals are based in Boston, including Massachusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Boston is also home to mutual fund giant Fidelity Investments.

Boston is a city of neighborhoods, from Allston to Roxbury, with the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, the North End, and more in between. Each has its own unique character and history. Boston is physically a relatively compact city with narrow streets, making it a good walking city - it's relatively easy to walk from one of the neighborhoods all the way to the Boston waterfront on Boston Harbor.

The cost of living index in Boston is 140, well over the national average and 33% higher than Decatur's. The median home value in Boston is \$375,000 compared to Decatur's affordable \$80,000.

### HERE Decatur, IL



1230 Hickory Point Road

**Price: \$375,00**

Square Feet	2698
Bedrooms	4
Baths	4
Garage	3 car
Lot	1.77 acres

Waterfront property, 2 fireplaces, master suite, spacious great room, deck and patio, treed lot.

### THERE Boston, MA



483 Beacon Street, #46

**Price: \$375,000**

Square Feet	475
Bedrooms	1
Baths	1
Garage	on street permit parking'
Style	condo

Wood floors, window AC unit, 3 rooms, close to T station, located in the Back Bay.

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