

here & there



Washington, DC

Even though there are ample job opportunities, the cost of living in Washington DC is among the highest in the country. Finding quality public education in the district is also a challenge, so to avoid paying private school tuition and afford a single family home, many families move to the suburbs of Northern Virginia and Maryland.

Most young professionals prefer renting apartments (or rooms) in the Northwest neighborhoods of DC, which includes Georgetown, Foggy Bottom, Adams-Morgan, and DuPont Circle. Rent is expensive, and qualifying for an apartment is a lengthy bureaucratic process with strict income requirements. But, the cost of living isn't too bad if you get rid of your car, use public transportation, and find a roommate. If you want to keep your car and avoid the long commute, then the only option is living to close to work.

As one of the top 10 worst traffic cities in the United States, driving around Washington DC can be challenging due to confusing traffic patterns and congested roads during rush hour. Also, finding on-street parking can be tedious because spaces are premium. For this reason, many Washingtonians prefer taking the metro rather than driving.

However, the metro system does not operate 24 hours, and does not provide service to all areas of the city. For example, Georgetown does not have a metro station; the neighborhood is only serviced by Metrobus and DC Circulator, which connect Georgetown to downtown Washington DC.

	Decatur	Washington, DC
Vital Statistics*		
Population	110,768	604,912
Median HH Income	\$44,337	\$59,290
Median Home Sales Price	\$90,500	\$443,700
Cpst of Living Index	89.2	124.4

HERE Decatur, IL



846 Will Lane, Forsyth
Price: \$439,000

Square Feet	3785
Bedrooms	5
Baths	4.5
Style	Two-story
Garage	3-car

Spacious home with guest suite, gourmet kitchen, deck, patio and beautiful landscape.

THERE Washington, DC



2475 Virginia Ave. NW
Price: \$439,000

Square Feet	1240
Bedrooms	2
Baths	2
Style	condo
Garage	NO parking

Corner unit in Potomac Plaza located in the heart of Foggy Bottom.

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