

here & there



Atlanta, Georgia

Georgia's capital and largest city, Atlanta is a major Southern financial and cultural force and the focus of a metropolitan statistical area that covers more than 6,000 square miles and includes more than 110 municipalities. People from all over the country, joined by immigrants from other lands, have flocked to Atlanta's mild climate, physical beauty, and job opportunities.

Offering Old South graciousness blended with an ambitious zest for expansion and dominance, Atlanta has assumed an important position in national and international commerce. Ted Turner, one of the city's well-known citizens, has declared that Atlanta has "absolutely everything going for it—climate, location, great transportation, easy air access, and a government that's both cooperative and supportive."

But, with progress come challenges. Property taxes are high, and navigating Atlanta streets can be difficult...and time consuming. For instance, the city is not laid out in a grid pattern, so there are few rectangular blocks or square intersections. Five main streets converge downtown in an area known as Five Points; these streets roughly divide the city into geographic quadrants (northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest).

Further complicating matters is the fact that more than thirty avenues, lanes, drives, and other thoroughfares in Atlanta contain the word "Peachtree," but only Peachtree *Street* is truly a main road. Average commute time in Atlanta is 25 minutes, but over 20% of the population has a commute time of 45 minutes or longer, compared to Decatur's easy 15-minute average.

HERE Decatur, IL

Population	76,674
Median HH Income	\$39,079
Median Home Value	\$78,000
Property Tax Rate	8.9



104 Oak Ridge Drive
Price: \$244,500

Square Footage	3441
Bedrooms	4
Baths	3.5
Type	2-story
Style	contemporary
Garage	3-car
Year Built	1977

Wooded lot with lake views. Two-story living room, lower level rec room, spacious deck overlooking lake.

THERE Atlanta, GA

Population	519,145
Median HH Income	\$47,153
Median Home Value	\$247,229 (\$144,100 in 2000)
Property Tax Rate	17.86



720 Charles Allen Drive
Price: \$244,500

Square Footage	1362
Bedrooms	4
Baths	2
Type	single story
Style	bungalow
Garage	no garage/parking pad
Year Built	1920

Wall-to-wall carpeting, 9ft. ceilings, front porch, sloped lot.