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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Nicknamed "City of Lakes" and the "Mill City," Minneapolis lies on both banks of the Mississippi River, just north of the river's confluence with the Minnesota River, and adjoins Saint Paul, the state's capital.

The city is abundantly rich in water, with 20 lakes and wetlands, the Mississippi River, creeks and waterfalls, many connected by parkways in the Chain of Lakes and the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway. Among cities of similar densities, Minneapolis has the most dedicated parkland.

Minneapolis was once the world's flour milling capital and a hub for timber, and today is the primary business center between Chicago and Seattle, with Minneapolis proper containing America's fifth-highest concentration of Fortune 500 companies.

Cultural arts and sports tourism attract millions of visitors each year. The region is second only to New York City in live theater per capita and is the third-largest theater market in the U.S. after New York City and Chicago. The Walker Art Center and Minneapolis Institute of Art attract thousands of visitors each year. Minneapolis is also home to four professional sports teams and the Golden Gophers of the University of Minnesota.

Minneapolis is the largest city in the state of Minnesota, and the 48th-largest in the United States. As of 2012, the estimated population of the city of Minneapolis is 392,880. Known as the *Twin Cities*, Minneapolis–Saint Paul is the 16th-largest metropolitan area in the U.S., with the area containing approximately 3.4 million residents.

Half of Minneapolis–Saint Paul residents work in the city where they live. Most residents drive cars, but 60% of the 160,000 people working downtown commute by other means. Alternative transportation is encouraged. The Metropolitan Council's Metro Transit operates the light rail system and most of the city's buses.

Median household income in Minneapolis is \$45,538 and the median home value is \$220,900. The cost of living index in Minneapolis is 115.1, much higher than Decatur's affordable 89.

HERE Decatur, IL



2874 S. Forrest Lane
Price: \$224,000

Square Feet	2280
Bedrooms	4
Baths	3
Style	2-story
Garage	2-car attached
Year Built	1978

Stately lakefront property with large deck, expansive rooms, hardwood floors and built-ins.

THERE Minneapolis MN



14510 13th Ave. North
Price: \$224,000

Square Feet	1742
Bedrooms	3
Baths	2
Style	Ranch
Garage	2-car detached
Year Built	1949

Great starter home priced to sell. Open floor plan, hardwood floors and master suite with Jacuzzi.

Minneapolis community information provided by the City of Minneapolis and real estate listings provided by Realtor.com. Cost of living comparisons provided by the Economic Development Corporation for Decatur & Macon County. For more information, go to www.decaturredc.com.