



1 = Sterling, Illinois
 2 = Des Moines, Iowa
 3 = Boston, Massachusetts

Item	Sterling, IL	Des Moines, IA	Boston, MA
Population:	15,152	196,998	599,351
% Professional	15.36%	17.15%	26.57%
% Management	9.59%	12.27%	16.20%
% Manufacturing	26.24%	13.84%	8.40%
4 Year College Degree	8.70%	15.65%	20.24%
Single	43.02%	47.01	62.90%
Household Income	\$41,229	\$42,718	\$46,676
Sales Tax	6.25%	6.00%	5.0%
State Income Tax	3.00%	8.92%	5.95%
Air Quality (100 best)	52	24	26
Water Quality	45	60	1
Violent Crime	2	6	7
Average July High	85	86	83
Average January Low	12	12	19
Snowfall	26 inches	31 inches	48 inches
Mass Transit	No	Yes	Yes
Cost of Living (US = 100)	76	81	128
Housing	29	44	148
Groceries	97	90	112
Health	93	131	130
Median Home Cost	\$92,160	\$102,780	\$398,210
Sample Apartment Rents			
Studio Apartment	\$400 (590 sq. ft.)	\$500 (537 sq. ft.)	\$1,125 (300 sq. ft.)
1 Bedroom / 1 Bath	\$490 (700 sq. ft.)	\$610 (680 sq. ft.)	\$1,300 (500 sq. ft.)
2 Bedroom / 1 Bath	\$560 (840 sq. ft.)	\$725 (737 sq. ft.)	\$1,450 (700 sq. ft.)

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