

Thinking of moving out of town - or perhaps out of state? The resources below will assist you in figuring out what you need to know to ensure a successful and productive move. The best source of information is clearly the internet. **Happy Trails!!**

Learn About Different Cities:

Compare cities and states based on a number of parameters such as: demographics, housing information, industry, utilities, transportation and commuting, civic and government, recreation, banking, healthcare, education, local news information, photo galleries, virtual tours and much more! You can also order free in-depth reports detailing over 250 points of interest on your city of choice. (www.bestplaces.net) (www.moving.com/real-estate/city-profile/index.asp) (www2.amshomefinder.com/virtual_relocation/) (www.about.com/citiestowns/)

The Chamber of Commerce is one of the best sources of information on visiting or relocating to a specific US city or state. This site also includes info. on Boards of Tourism, Economic Development, Visitors Bureaus and much more! (www.chamberofcommerce.com). Want to find out where the sun actually shines? (www.weather.com)

Best Places to Live:

Learn about America's top town to call home from Money Magazine (<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2009/>)

Cost of Living and Salary Calculator:

Select the city where you are and the city you are moving to and get an analysis of how much your salary is worth in each area: www.homefair.com

Moving Information:

Learn about truck rentals, moving storage calculators, public storage facilities, online reservations, pickup and delivery services, moving supplies and much more! (www.publicstorage.com/movingandstorage/truckrental/index.html)

Get information and get it done online for things like change of address, notifying others of your move, mail forwarding, IRS tax information and forms, motor vehicle registration, voter registration and tips for the move. (www.usps.gov/moversguide/)

Crime:

Learn about crime statistics on over 500 US cities: (www.homefair.com) (www.bestplaces.net)

Apartments:

Search for and locate apartments and other rental properties by state or city. Further refine your search by selecting options ranging from AC to fireplaces, alarm systems and fitness centers. Various sites include over six million apartment listings in 6,000 cities nationwide. These also generally include great resources for making an educated move (dealing with landlords, packing tips, budget info. and more) (www.apartmentsearch.com/) (www.rent.com) (www.craigslist.com)

Maps:

Know the road! Get maps, detailed directions, traffic patterns, construction problems and more! (<http://maps.google.com/>) (www.mapquest.com) (www.bing.com/maps)

Bringing the kids?

Learn about the local school districts - get their report card! Information on class size, student/teacher ratios, technology, SAT averages, and much much more. (www.homefair.com) go to school reports, or (www.bestplaces.net).

Job Resources: Best Companies in the Best Places:

Obtain a wealth of information about geographic specific job search resources, including the lists of America's Most Admired Companies, The 100 Best Companies to Work For, America's Fastest Growing Companies, Best Companies for Minorities, and much more! (http://www.quintcareers.com/relocation_resources.html)