

living and working

Greater Baltimore consistently ranks as one of the best metro areas to live and work in the US. The region has world class hospitals, the best state education system, and popular cultural destinations. Combined with a strong economy, Greater Baltimore is a top metro area for quality of life and economic opportunity.



- Greater Baltimore boasts one of the most educated populations in the US with the 4th highest population percentage attaining an advanced degree
- Maryland students rank first in scoring three or higher on Advanced Placement exams
- Johns Hopkins University Hospital has been named the #1 Hospital by US News and World Report for 21 years in a row
- CNN Money named Columbia/Ellicott City the #2 Best Places to Live in 2010
- Greater Baltimore ranks 4th in median household income, 6th in per capita income, and 1st in per capita income growth among the 25 largest US metros

Top Education

Greater Baltimore has one of the most highly educated populations in the US, anchored by the best K-12 education system in the nation and several top colleges and universities.

US News and World Report Top US Colleges	
#1	Liberal Arts Colleges <i>United States Naval Academy</i>
#1	Up and Coming National Schools <i>University of Maryland Baltimore County</i>
#3	Regional Universities (North) <i>Loyola University of Maryland</i>
#3	Best Medical Schools <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>

Education Week State Education Rankings (2011)	
Rank	State
1	Maryland
2	New York
3	Massachusetts
4	Virginia
5	Florida



Great Housing Value

The Greater Baltimore housing market offers one of the best values among all major US coastal metros. High opportunity and relatively low home prices for the area create a favorable market for potential buyers.

Housing Opportunity Index by MSA for Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Major Metros (2011)		
Rank	Metro Area	HOI (%)
1	Washington DC	81.2
2	Baltimore	75.7
3	Philadelphia	74.7
4	Boston	59.4
5	New York	24.1
	US	74.6

Source: NAHB / Wells Fargo, 2011

Median Home Price (2011)		
Rank	Metro Area	Price
1	San Francisco	\$465,900
2	New York	\$375,900
3	San Diego	\$374,800
4	Boston	\$322,100
5	Washington DC	\$294,800
6	Los Angeles	\$292,700
7	Seattle	\$287,100
8	Denver	\$223,800
9	Portland	\$213,400
10	Baltimore	\$212,600
11	Philadelphia	\$199,100
12	Riverside, CA	\$173,400
13	Chicago	\$155,000
	US Average	\$158,700

Source: National Association of Realtors, 2011

Career Opportunities

Major publications consistently rank Greater Baltimore as one of the top US cities for starting a career, matching employees to jobs, and getting a fresh start. Greater Baltimore is also home to a diverse business community.

- #2 Hotbeds for High-Tech Growth
Area Development Online
- #3 Best Cities for College Grads
Apartments.com
- #6 Cities for Getting Ahead in the Recession
Forbes
- #7 Best Cities for a Fresh Start
Relocation.com
- #7 Hot Spots for Young Professionals
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