AIER The American Institute for Economic Research

Find out more about the CDI. Visit **www.aier.org**

THE AIER 2014|2015
College Destinations INDEX

SMALL METROS

An objective look at 12 key criteria that enrich a college learning experience

17

Lexington | Fayette | KY

POPULATION: 485,023

THE top 20 SMALL METROS

Metropolitan Statistical Areas with 250,000 to 1.0 million residents[1]

1 Boulder, CO
2 Durham-Chapel Hill, NC
3 Ann Arbor, MI
4 Madison, WI
5 Gainesville, FL
6 Fort Collins-Loveland, CO
7 Lincoln, NE
8 Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT
9 Trenton-Ewing, NJ
10 Huntsville, AL
11 Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY
12 Lansing-East Lansing, MI
13 Anchorage, AK
14 Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA
15 Provo-Orem, UT
16 Syracuse, NY
17 Lexington-Fayette, KY
18 Honolulu, HI
19 Tallahassee, FL
20 Eugene-Springfield, OR

Colleges & Universities

A sampling of nearby colleges and universities

Asbury Theological Seminary
Asbury University
Bluegrass Community and Technical College
Georgetown College
Midway College
National College-Lexington
Strayer University-Kentucky
Transylvania University
University of Kentucky

RANK	STUDENT LIFE			CULTURE			ECONOMIC HEALTH			OPPORTUNITY		
Overall Rank	**Student Concentration** College students per 1,000 residents[1]	**Cost of Housing** Fair market rent of a 2-bedroom apartment[2]	**City Accessibility** Percentage of workers that bike, walk, or take public transportation[1]	**Arts & Leisure** Concentration of arts, entertainment, and recreation establishments[3]	**International Students** Percentage of students that are foreign born[4]	**Innovation Producers** Percentage of workers in innovative fields[5]	**Unemployment Rate** Percentage of labor force unemployed[6]	**Entrepreneurial Activity** Net change in businesses per 100,000 residents (3-year average)[7]	**Brain Drain or Gain** Annual change in share of population with college degrees[1]	**R&D per Student** Academic R&D per student[8]	**College Educated** Percentage of the population with a college degree[1]	**Earning Potential** Median earnings[1]
17	12 113.0	3 $717	17 4.4%	8 43.0	14 3.3%	16 6.5%	15 6.7%	11 -22.3	12 1.01	11 $6,580	13 35.2%	12 $27,365

[1]U.S. Census, 2012. [2]U.S. Dept. of HUD, 2014. [3]U.S. Economic Census, 2011. [4]IPEDS, 2012. [5]BLS OES, 2013. [6]BLS, 2013 average. [7]U.S. Small Business Administration, 2011. [8]National Science Foundation, 2012.