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Profile Of Jurisdictions

This chapter highlights the seven United States and eight Canadian jurisdictions selected for analysis. Detailed profiles of each of these fifteen cities are contained in Appendix H of this report.

A. United States locations

1. Austin, Texas

Austin is located 233 miles north of the US-Mexico border and 202 miles south of Dallas. The population in 1992 was 901,048 with a projected population for 1995 of 1,016,400.

Since the mid 1950's Austin has become a significant centre for high-technology industries. In 1994 Austin's three largest private sector employers were IBM Corporation, Motorola Inc. and Dell Computer Corporation.

2. Bellingham, Washington

Bellingham is located 25 miles south of the US-Canada border, 90 miles north of Seattle and 60 miles south of Vancouver, BC. The city is located in Whatcom County which had a population of 140,900 in 1993 and is expected to grow by between 1.5 and 3.0% annually through the year 2000.

The major industrial employers in Bellingham include Georgia Pacific, Bellingham Frozen Foods and Ershigs Inc.

3. Columbus, Ohio

Columbus is centrally located within the state of Ohio, 186 miles south of Detroit and 311 miles south-east of Chicago. The population in 1990 was 1,377,419 and is expected to reach 1,504,000 by the year 2000.

The three largest manufacturing employers in Columbus are Honda of America, AT&T and Abbott Laboratories.