Web Application Name: TownCost

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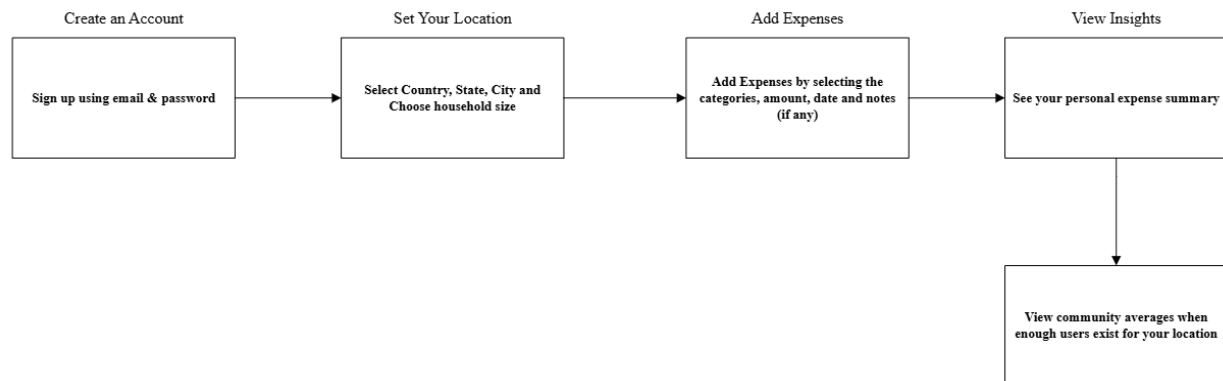**Web Link:** https://towncost.in/

Summary:

TownCost is a community-driven cost-of-living tracking web application that helps users track their personal expenses, understand average cost of living by country, state and city based on real user-submitted data. The platform aggregates anonymized expense data and provides insights only when enough users contribute, ensuring privacy and reliability.

Tech Stack: React, Vite, TypeScript, Shadcn UI, Tailwind CSS, Supabase, Vercel, Hostinger

How-to Guide:

Data Methodology:

TownCost uses a community driven data model. All expenses data is submitted directly by users. No third party or scraped data is used. Expenses are grouped into categories such as Rent, Groceries, Fuel, Utilities, Transport, Internet/Mobile. The cost-of-living insights are calculated at 3 levels, country, state, and city. Average values are calculated using valid records only. Expenses are stored in user's local currency. Each location has an associated currency and symbol. Individual expense records are never publicly visible. Only aggregated averages are shown. No personal identifiers are exposed in insights.

To avoid empty dashboards and to provide early insights, we include seeded baseline data for selected locations. The countries are India, Australia, Bahrain, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, UAE, UK, USA.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- Is my data private?

Yes. Your expenses are private. Only aggregated anonymous data is used.

- Why can't I see community insights yet?

Insights appear only after at least 2 users submit data for the same location.

- Can I edit or delete expenses?

Yes, users can fully manage their own expenses.

Feedback and Issues:

If you face issues or have suggestions:

- Email: arvindh.builds@gmail.com
- Report bugs via GitHub Issues: Issues · Arvindh99/TownCost
- Feature requests welcome