The metropolitan cites of Baltimore and Boston, although geographically in very different regions have a lot of similarities and differences that should be examined in order to assess the disparity in wealth and economic growth. Baltimore City has had a lot of issues with lack of planning and development of commercial and real estate space. It has the potential to generate a much higher GDP and host a broader population. A potential investor might have the funds to buy commercial or real estate property in Baltimore at a low cost and could then attempt to model new business and communities after successful areas in Boston, Massachusetts. A deeper understanding of what makes Boston more successful might be helpful. A closer look at the population demographics, crime statistics, business types, and overall wealth and economic growth might help ascertain a pathway to improve the current situation in Baltimore City.

The Foursquare developer application would provide all the Business/Venue types, rating information, and frequency of visitation to determine community success for both cities. K-means clustering will be used to help identify particular areas of economic success. Both cities have overall demographic data available via the US Census Bureau as well as [Data](https://datausa.io/) USA which also provides average GDP data and economic information. The crime statistics for both cities, separated by zip code, is available via   
Neighborhood Scout. City data also provides most demographic information and economic information by zip code.

<https://datausa.io/>

<https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/ma/boston/crime>

<https://www.neighborhoodscout.com/md/baltimore>

<https://www.census.gov/data.html>

<http://www.city-data.com/zipmaps/Baltimore-Maryland.html>

<https://www.city-data.com/city/Boston-Massachusetts.html>