California - Capital: Sacramento

Weather: Mediterranean climate with wet winters and dry summers.

Population: 39.5 million

Culture: Diverse cultural heritage influenced by Native American, Hispanic, Asian, and European

traditions.

Language: English (official), Spanish widely spoken

Food: Known for fresh produce, wine, and fusion cuisine. Famous dishes include fish tacos,

sourdough bread, and avocado toast.

Cost of Living: High, particularly in cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles.

**Texas - Capital: Austin** 

Weather: Varies from arid in the west to humid in the east.

Population: 29.1 million

Culture: Rich blend of Western, Mexican, and Southern influences. Known for rodeos, country

music, and Tex-Mex cuisine.

Language: English (official), Spanish widely spoken

Food: Famous for barbecue, Tex-Mex, and chili.

Cost of Living: Moderate, with lower costs in rural areas and higher costs in cities like Austin and

Dallas.

## Florida - Capital: Tallahassee

Weather: Tropical and subtropical climate with hot, humid summers and mild winters.

Population: 21.5 million

Culture: A melting pot with influences from Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Southern US.

Known for its beaches, theme parks, and nightlife.

Language: English (official), Spanish widely spoken

Food: Seafood, Cuban sandwiches, key lime pie, and citrus fruits.

Cost of Living: Varies, with higher costs in coastal areas and lower costs inland.

**New York - Capital: Albany** 

Weather: Humid continental climate with cold winters and hot summers.

Population: 19.3 million

Culture: Cultural hub with influences from around the world. Known for Broadway, museums, and

diverse neighborhoods.

Language: English (official), many languages spoken in New York City

Food: Bagels, pizza, cheesecake, and diverse international cuisine.

Cost of Living: High, especially in New York City.

# Illinois - Capital: Springfield

Weather: Humid continental climate with cold winters and hot, humid summers.

Population: 12.6 million

Culture: Known for its history, architecture, and cultural institutions. Chicago is a major cultural

center.

Language: English (official)

Food: Deep-dish pizza, Chicago-style hot dogs, and Italian beef sandwiches.

Cost of Living: Moderate, higher in Chicago and lower in rural areas.

# Pennsylvania - Capital: Harrisburg

Weather: Varied climate with cold winters and warm, humid summers.

Population: 12.8 million

Culture: Rich history with significant colonial and industrial heritage. Known for historical sites and

Amish communities.

Language: English (official)

Food: Philly cheesesteak, Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine, and soft pretzels.

Cost of Living: Moderate, with higher costs in urban areas like Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

# **Ohio - Capital: Columbus**

Weather: Humid continental climate with cold winters and warm, humid summers.

Population: 11.7 million

Culture: Known for its Midwestern values, sports, and industrial history.

Language: English (official)

Food: Buckeyes (chocolate and peanut butter candy), Cincinnati chili, and pierogies.

Cost of Living: Moderate, with lower costs in rural areas.

Georgia - Capital: Atlanta

Weather: Humid subtropical climate with hot summers and mild winters.

Population: 10.6 million

Culture: Blend of Southern charm and modern urban culture. Known for its music, film industry, and

historical landmarks.

Language: English (official)

Food: Peach cobbler, fried chicken, and Southern comfort food.

Cost of Living: Moderate, higher in Atlanta and lower in rural areas.

# North Carolina - Capital: Raleigh

Weather: Humid subtropical climate with hot summers and mild winters.

Population: 10.4 million

Culture: Known for its Southern hospitality, music, and research institutions.

Language: English (official)

Food: North Carolina barbecue, sweet tea, and Krispy Kreme donuts.

Cost of Living: Moderate, with higher costs in urban areas like Raleigh and Charlotte.

# Michigan - Capital: Lansing

Weather: Humid continental climate with cold winters and warm summers.

Population: 10 million

Culture: Known for its automotive history, Great Lakes, and outdoor activities.

Language: English (official)

Food: Coney dogs, pasties, and Michigan cherries.

Cost of Living: Moderate, with higher costs in urban areas like Detroit and lower costs in rural areas.