



Young Muslims Sisters

PROGRESS REPORT

20

23

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Our Story

Young Muslims (YM) was established in 1995 when Muslim youth groups in New Jersey, New York City, and Chicago united to establish a national network. **Over the past 25 years, YM has been passed down through generations of YM leadership**, who expanded and adapted YM to meet the evolving needs of American Muslim youth. We are America's largest grassroots Muslim youth organization, serving the country with 160+ YM Brothers and YM Sisters NeighborNets. Run entirely **by the youth, for the youth**, Young Muslims Sisters believes in empowering young Muslim American women to feel confident in every part of their identity. By creating heartfelt relationships, providing mentorship embedded in Islamic tradition, and facilitating service opportunities, we are building future generations of Islamic workers.

**More information on the Young Muslims Brothers division can be found at www.ymsite.com.*



90+

NeighborNets

400+

Islamic Workers

1000s

of youth served

About Us

Our Mission

*Young Muslims seeks the pleasure of Allah (SWT) by empowering Muslim youth through **companionship, mentorship, education, and service.***

Our Vision

American Muslim youth collectively contributing to the betterment of society with God-consciousness and a firm understanding of their Muslim identity.



Our Goals

Sustainability



We are ensuring our long-term impact by creating resources for our members, expanding our mentorship systems, and creating financial sustainability for local and national efforts.

Tarbiyyah

We are creating a generation of visionary Muslim women by compiling resources to help our leadership address contemporary issues, teaching life skills, connecting our membership with institutions of Islamic knowledge, and developing mentors grounded in tradition.



Diversity



We are committed to fostering a diverse environment inclusive of people of all backgrounds and connecting our leadership with the rich history of Islamic work in America.

Societal Impact

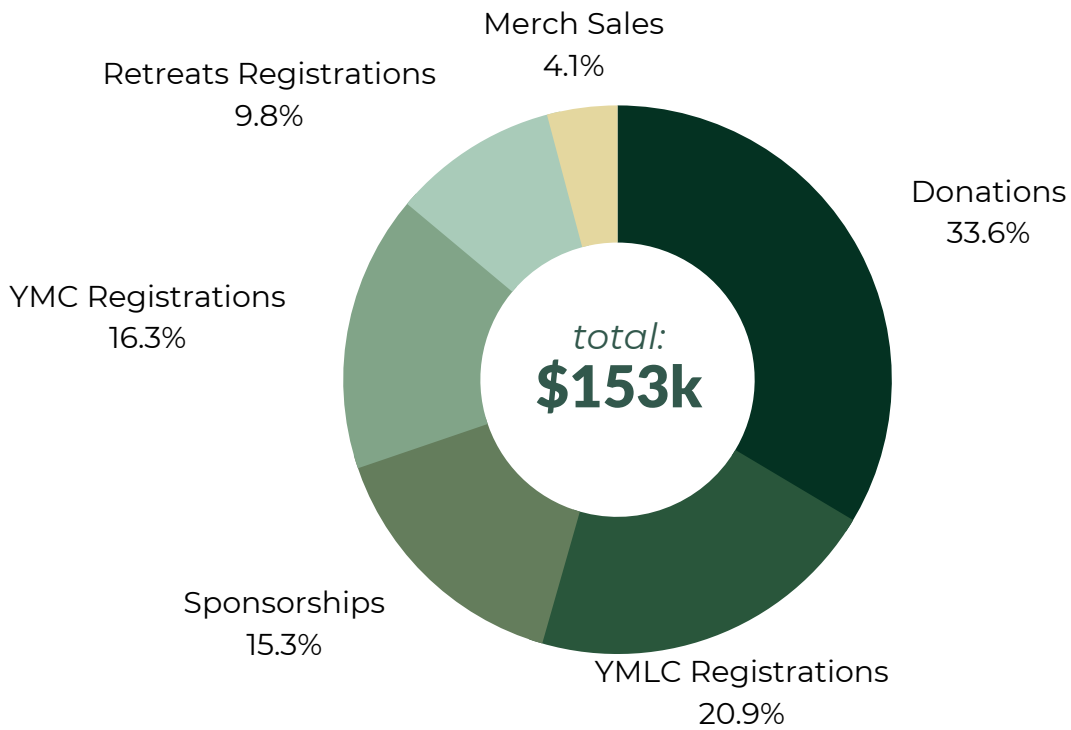
We are utilizing our wide reach to conduct research on the needs of the Muslim youth, unite Muslim youth organizations across the country, and create service opportunities for our membership through partnerships with relief and civic organizations.



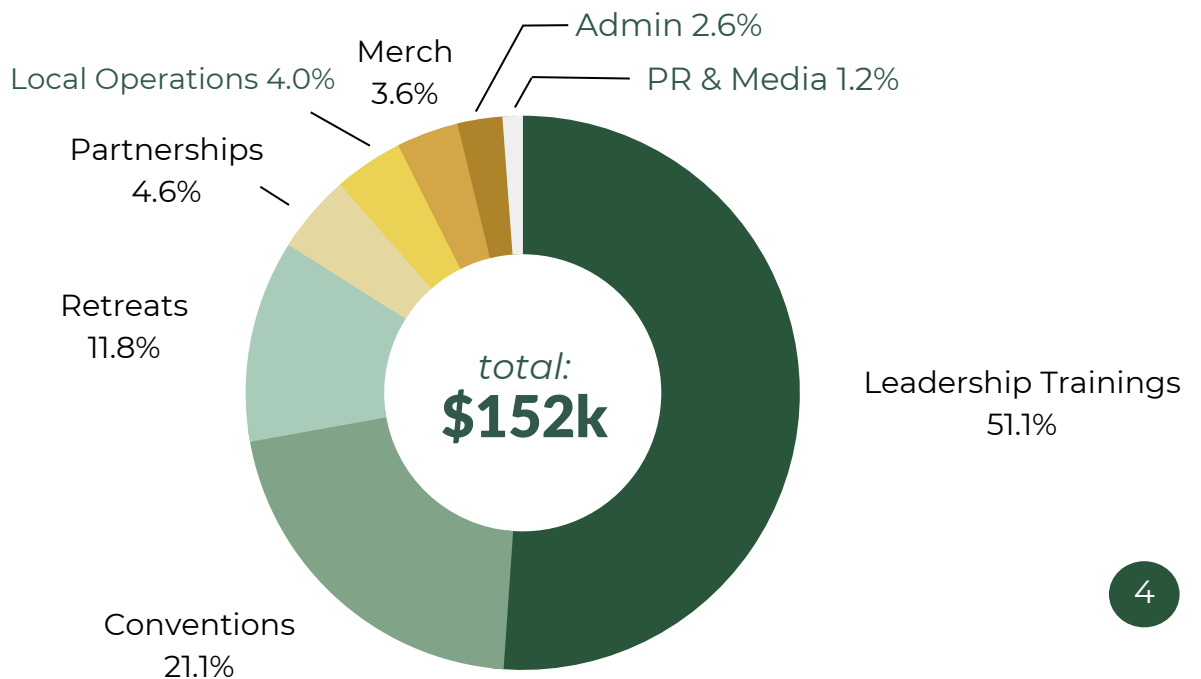
Financial Review

January – August 2023

Income



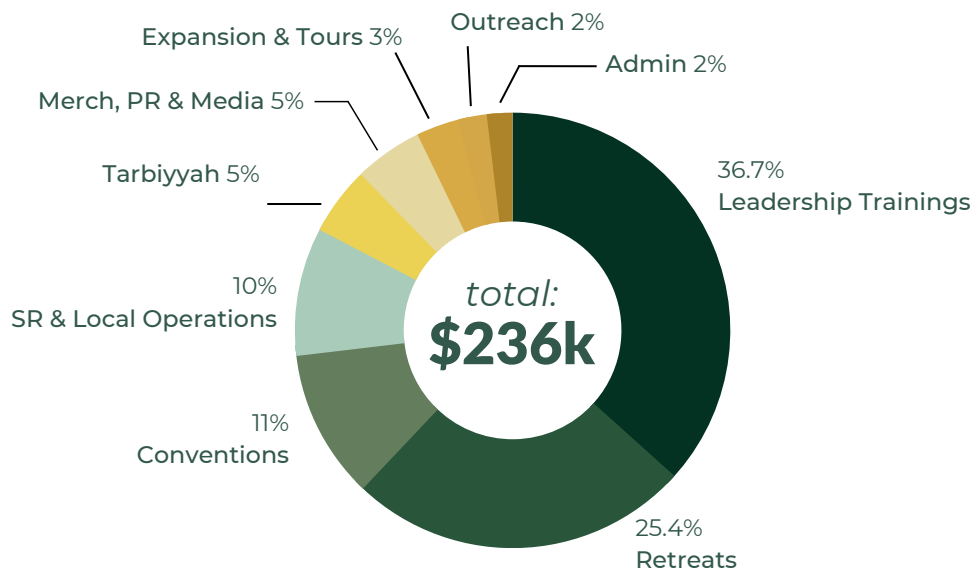
Expenses



Financial Projections

During the past several years, YM Sisters has seen **exponential growth** as an organization. With this comes the urgent need to **scale our operations** to ensure that the growth we've seen can be sustained for years to come. Trainings constitute the largest segment of our budget as we strive to make attendance **affordable and accessible** for our leadership. From 2022 to 2023, the YM Sisters operating budget has **doubled** in size:

2023 Budget



This year, we are raising 100k towards the YM Sisters Annual Fund to cover all of the planned expenses in our budget. The generous contributions of our donors and partner organizations makes it possible for YM to continue developing the next generation of young Muslim women in Islamic work.

Raised
51k

Goal
100k

Program Overviews

Young Muslims Leadership Conference (YMLC)

YMLC is our largest congregation of leadership annually. The conference inspires, connects, and trains leadership for the grassroots work we do throughout the year. In 2023, we welcomed over 200 sisters, including YM leadership, cloud, alumnae, and ICNA Sisters. The program covers key principles needed for the Islamic worker, from the vision of YM, to sessions on leadership, tarbiyyah, family, and professional development.

Retreats

The 2023 YM Northeast Retreat was the first sisters' retreat in close to a decade. Over 70 YM members, from Virginia to Connecticut, gathered in Pennsylvania for a weekend filled with nature, activities, and remembrance of the creation of Allah ﷻ. Retreats bring young women together to grow, reflect, and develop meaningful companionship that furthers our relationship with Allah ﷻ.

Young Muslims Conference (YMC)

The national YMC runs parallel to the annual ICNA-MAS Convention. Our teams worked for months to plan the program, marketing, and logistics for this year's conference, titled "**Anchored: Becoming Vessels of Faith**." This year's YMC was a massive success: nearly all sessions were at maximum capacity, with almost a thousand YM members traveling from across the country to Baltimore, MD to attend the conference. The remainder of 2023 will feature multiple regional YMCs across the country, aligned with ICNA Regional Conventions.



Tarbiyyah Projects

Halaqah ToolKits

World Hijab Day

Ramadan

LGBT Response

With the guidance of trusted scholars, the YM Tarbiyyah department developed toolkits to help leadership engage with relevant issues throughout the year such as World Hijab Day, Ramadan, and Pride month. From halaqah content on hijab and modesty, to guides for planning a Ramadan qiyam, to tips and resources for developing a community response to contemporary movements, tarbiyyah toolkits **contribute to the quality of YM's programming around the country.**

Study Circle

Study Circle is the foundation of all mentorship and education for YM leadership. The curriculum provides **basic knowledge for Islamic workers**, covering topics in Aqeedah, Seerah, Qur'an, Tazkiyah, and Islamic History. The structure creates an environment of **collective growth in knowledge and perspective** that complements the roles YM leadership take on in service of their communities.

Murabbi Development

In order to maximize the impact of our Study Circles, Murabbi development initiatives allow seasoned YM leaders to develop their Islamic knowledge and other skills required to be an effective Murabbi. To this extent, we hosted our second annual **Murabbi Training Conference** earlier this year. In the coming months, dozens of YM members will join AMAL: ICNA Dallas' pilot, two-year curriculum on **foundational Islamic sciences** and the **Islamic movement**. The program, led by Imam Asif Hirani, will strengthen our Murabbis' training.

National Projects

Muslim Youth Issues

The YM Muslim Youth Issues Team addresses timely issues related to Muslim youth on an **individual and community level** and developing resources for grassroots Islamic workers. MYI has covered mental health, judgement stigma, pornography use, and more. The team is currently working on a research study on hijab & modesty.

YM Travel

YM experience trips provide members, alumni, and their families with the opportunity to **explore the rich heritage of Islamic history and Islamic work** around the world. In November 2023, YM embarks to **Morocco**, in sha Allah.

Civic Engagement

The Civic Engagement initiative **expands the involvement of YM members** in the areas of public service, civic participation, and social and political activism, by providing trainings and professional development opportunities.

Tours & Expansion

Throughout the year, National Shura members travel to different regions around the country to meet with local leadership and NN members. These trips **provide visibility between YM's national and local work**, and provide an opportunity for dialogue between current leadership, Cloud (former YM leadership), membership, and the broader community.



National Projects cont.

Outreach

The outreach department focuses on increasing YM's recognition and reach through strategic partnerships with other Islamic organizations. YM works closely with ICNA, ICNA Sisters, and other entities within the ICNA umbrella. We've also established relationships with other organizations to develop leadership trainings, tarbiyyah opportunities, and participate in civic engagement efforts.



Admin & Software

Software subscriptions improve the efficiency and transparency of YM's work, from accounting to design and media and more. In 2023, YM Sisters adopted Bloomerang as our donation platform to simplify donor management and communications. Our leadership uses Breeze, an online human capital management platform, to manage events and membership.

Marketing Projects

Marketing Department

The Marketing Department develops YM's media and PR presence, overseeing various teams and projects with dozens of volunteers throughout the year.

Merchandise

Website

Social Media

Media

Video Production

YM Booth

Current Projects

- Brand Guidelines
- Media Bank
- Promo Video
- Merch
- Website Revamp

Resources

- LinkTree
- Design Request Form
- Brand Guidelines
- Media Bank
- Promotional Materials

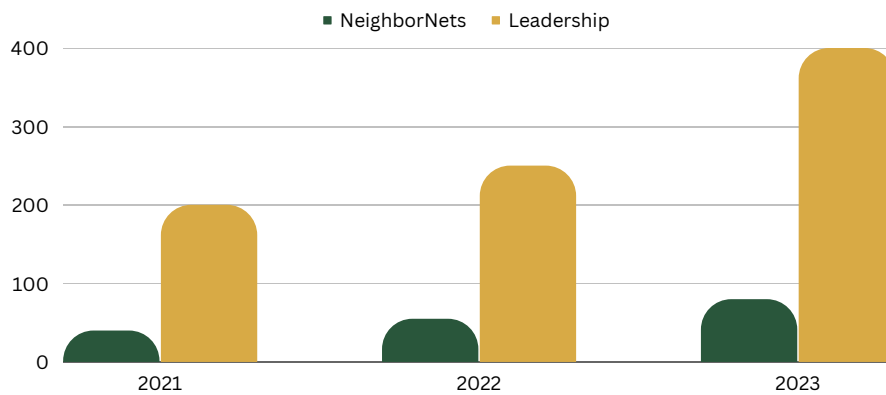
Merchandise, social media, and marketing materials contribute to developing a sense of pride and unity among young Muslim women. These teams and projects are executed from start to finish by YM volunteers across the country, providing realistic professional development opportunities with a purpose.



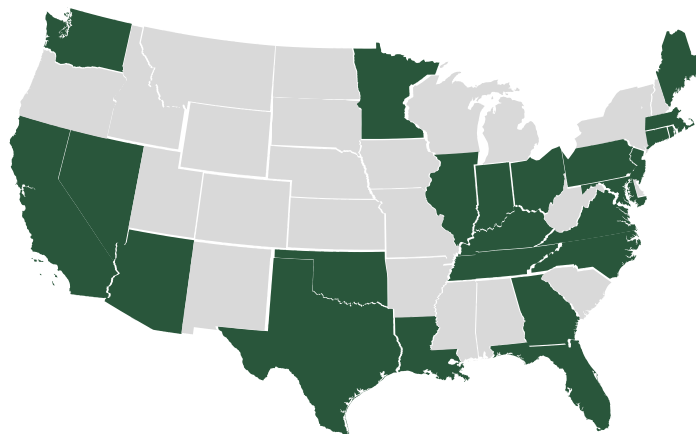
The Grassroots

With over 90 NeighborNets, and hundreds of young women in leadership, YM Sisters is growing every day. Our SubRegional Coordinators and their teams work to grow and develop their NeighborNets and leadership to be God-Conscious, active, and vision-oriented individuals.

Our expansion team works closely with new inquiries to provide guidance and **foster long-term, sustainable growth**. To find out more about starting a new chapter, contact expansion@ymsisters.com.



Where We Are



See the full map!

Our Impact

Young Muslims has been run by the youth, for the youth for over 25 years. From the early days of Islam, the Prophet ﷺ showed us that the youth are a generation to believe in, that they have so much potential to advance our ummah when given responsibility. The empowerment of Muslim youth across the country is where our true impact lies:

“ Every single YM member has always welcomed me with open arms and a smile, is always there for me when I need it, and makes me want to do good for the rest of the community. The admiration that I have for others has made me want to be a leader that the younger generation can look up to. ”

— YM Member from Alexandria, VA



“ I've developed a greater sense of belonging that I didn't realize I had been missing out on before. I now have sisters that I know I can rely on if I ever need help. ”

— YM Member from Lexington, KY

Meet Our Leadership

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Safiyya Patanam is an undergraduate student at Texas A&M University and is studying part-time at an alimiyyah institution. She has been a part of YM for the past seven years, serving in various responsibilities on the local, regional, and national levels. Passionate about inspiring young Muslim American girls to be confident and content with their identity, she has helped lead YM's marketing projects, grassroots efforts, and national leadership conferences.

Maryam Ahmed, Virginia
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Maryam Ahmed is a member of YM Alexandria, VA. She has been in YM for close to a decade, and has been involved with conference and convention planning, strategic planning, finance and fundraising, and research with the Muslim Youth Initiative. She holds a bachelor's from Georgetown University in Political Economy with a minor in Arabic.

Areej Abdulla, New Jersey-South
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Areej Abdulla is a member of YM Trenton. She has been a part of YM for the past nine years, and has served on local, regional, and national levels of leadership. Areej's recent work has focused on the development of tarbiyyah campaigns and toolkits to equip leadership with the resources they need to deliver quality halaqat. She has a bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Education and is currently working to serve the special needs population in New Jersey.

Hana Farooqi, New York
Civic Engagement, Retreat | hana@ymsisters.com

Hana Farooqi is a member of YM New Hyde Park. She has been a part of YM for close to a decade, and has held various leadership positions in YM. Hana is currently involved in retreat planning and civic engagement initiatives. She is a senior at Hunter College studying Sociology and Business and currently works for a district attorney in Long Island.

Hira Siddiqui, Houston
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Hira Siddiqui is an undergraduate student at the University of Texas at Austin where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Biology. Hira has been a part of YM for upwards of eight years, and her work is concerned with the gap in knowledge regarding essential Islamic topics among Muslim youth. Hira has served in her local chapter, and helped lead various retreats and conferences on both the subregional and national level.

Huda Ahmed, Atlanta
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Huda Ahmed is a student at Georgia State University where she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Administration on a pre-pharmacy track. She has been part of YM for eight years, serving as NN coordinator, regional coordinator and now as a member of National Shura.

Mariam Hasan, New Jersey-North
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Mariam Hasan is a member of YM Teaneck. She works as a development coordinator at an organization that serves individuals with autism in New Jersey. She has been part of YM for eight years, serving in various leadership positions. Mariam strives to make YM a nationally recognized name by connecting our work with various Muslim-run organizations.

Maryam Qureshi, Virginia
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Maryam Qureshi has been a dedicated member of YM for the past decade. During this time, she has actively contributed to YM as NeighborNet Coordinator and has assumed various other leadership roles within the organization. She holds a bachelor's degree in Conflict Resolution and Analysis and is currently pursuing a master's degree in Genocide and Mass Atrocities Prevention at George Mason University.

Nusaibah Shahid, Houston
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Nusaibah Shahid has been involved in YM for the past 8 years. She started off as an eager member in her local YM Houston NeighborNet, and then continued to serve in local, regional, and national leadership positions. She is passionate about spreading sisterhood and establishing confident Muslim youth throughout the nation. Nusaibah is currently an undergraduate student at the University of Houston and is studying part-time at an alimiyyah institute.

National Teams

National Team Leads oversee the execution of projects that support local and national operations, and contributed to YM's exponential growth over the last several years.

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SubRegional Coordinators

YM's six Sub-Regions are headed by SR Coordinators and their teams, who work together to **grow and develop the NeighborNets and leadership** within the sub-region to be God-Conscious, active, and vision-oriented individuals.

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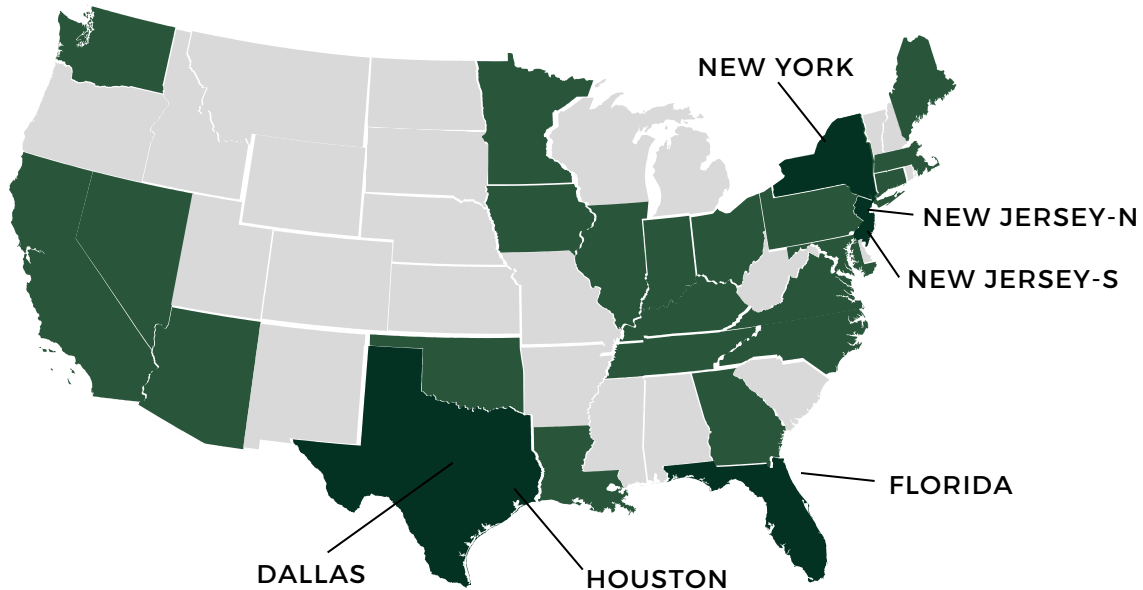
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Our Presence



ARIZONA

East Valley

CALIFORNIA

Santa Clara
Berkeley
Fremont
Los Angeles
Sacramento

CONNECTICUT

New Britain
Berlin
Windsor Locks
Waterbury

FLORIDA

Jacksonville
Orlando
Tampa
SoFlo
Pompano Beach

GEORGIA

Alpharetta
Duluth
Douglasville
Forsyth
Suwanee

ILLINOIS

AMPO
Lincolnwood
Westside
IFN
ICCD

INDIANA

North Indy
West Indy
Illiana

KENTUCKY

Lexington

LOUISIANA

New Orleans
Mandeville
Baton Rouge

MAINE

Portland

MARYLAND

White Marsh
Laurel

MASSACHUSETTS

Westborough
Methuen
Worcester
Acton-Boxborough

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis
Rochester
South Metro

NEVADA

Las Vegas

NEW JERSEY

NORTH

Edison
Teaneck
Jersey City
Morris County
Iselin
Paramus
Basking Ridge
Saddle River

SOUTH

Piscataway
571
Cherry Hill
Trenton
Sayreville
East Brunswick
Yardley, PA
Bridgewater

NEW YORK

New Hyde Park
Westbury
Flushing
Jamaica
Roslyn
Brighton Beach
Kensington

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

PENNSYLVANIA

Devon
DelCo
NE Philly

TENNESSEE

Franklin

TEXAS

AUSTIN

Central Austin
Round Rock

DALLAS

Irving
Frisco
Murphy
Richardson
Valley Ranch

HOUSTON

Bear Creek
Sugar Land
Clear Lake
College Satation
Cypress
Shadow Creek

SAN ANTONIO

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Woodbridge
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