

Living Cost Comparisons

Low housing costs are the key reason for Houston's low living costs.

COST OF LIVING COMPARISONS							
Second Quarter 2006							
Average for 311 Urban Areas = 100							
Metropolitan Statistical Area	Composite	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Goods & Svcs
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana CA	154.7	127.9	257.0	106.2	119.5	114.7	111.4
New York-Newark-Edison NY-NJ-PA	148.0	125.1	217.7	121.4	109.8	115.5	123.0
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy MA-NH	134.2	117.2	168.1	128.6	108.5	119.8	123.8
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria DC-VA-MD-WV	133.6	106.8	193.1	123.3	110.1	110.9	108.0
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Miami Beach FL	116.0	105.8	144.4	92.6	109.1	115.9	105.7
Denver-Aurora CO	104.7	105.6	110.4	111.8	96.6	102.8	100.3
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale AZ	100.4	98.8	101.2	92.1	103.1	100.8	102.0
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta GA	97.0	96.8	92.1	93.3	106.0	104.4	98.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington TX	93.8	97.5	78.4	101.8	103.3	99.6	98.9
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown TX	87.2	82.4	72.1	101.3	99.9	98.4	92.0

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Second Quarter 2006 (published August 25, 2006)
 Note: Data are unweighted averages for all reporting places in each metropolitan area.