



CHARLOTTE  
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ALLIANCE

# COST OF LIVING

Charlotte consistently ranks as one of the most affordable big cities in the nation. It costs about 2 percent less than the national average to live in Charlotte, according to the most recent C2ER Cost of Living Index. Inside, you'll find the details behind that quarterly report, including detailed prices for a variety of goods and services as well as comparisons to other large metro areas throughout the country.

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Our cost of living index is calculated by using prices of goods in six categories – **Housing, Groceries, Utilities, Health Care, Transportation, and Miscellaneous Goods & Services**. Cities scoring less than 100 have lower cost of living than the national average.

## SELECTED SOUTHERN CITIES INDEX, CITY

89.7 - TAMPA, FL

93.0 - RICHMOND, VA

94.5 - RALEIGH, NC

★ 98.2 - CHARLOTTE, NC

101.3 - NASHVILLE, TN

102.3 - ATLANTA, GA

106.7 - DALLAS, TX



## COST OF LIVING 2018 ANNUAL AVERAGES

CITY	GROCERY INDEX	HOUSING INDEX	UTILITIES INDEX	TRANSP. INDEX	HEALTH CARE INDEX	MISC. GOODS & SERVICES INDEX
TAMPA, FL	105	78	85.7	94.1	94.5	93
RICHMOND, VA	88.1	85.2	96.4	83.9	109	101.1
RALEIGH, NC	90.8	85	96.3	97.7	101.3	101.7
★ CHARLOTTE, NC	98.9	89.6	95.4	91.1	109.9	106.2
NASHVILLE, TN	100.8	99.8	97.8	103.3	91.8	104.2
ATLANTA, GA	101.8	104.2	85.7	100.6	107	105.1
DALLAS, TX	101.9	112.8	107.9	93.5	105.2	106.7

## HOUSING



**APARTMENT  
MONTHLY RENT**  
\$1,179

Two bedroom, unfurnished, excluding all utilities except water, 1½ - 2 bath, 950 square feet



**HOUSE  
PURCHASE PRICE**  
\$303,292

2,400-square-foot living area, new house, 8,000-square-foot lot, urban area with all utilities

## GROCERIES



**MILK  
HALF-GALLON**  
\$2.17



**STEAK  
RIB-EYE, PER POUND**  
\$9.92



**EGGS  
GRADE A, 1 DOZEN**  
\$1.24

## UTILITIES\*



### ENERGY COST

Total monthly cost, at current rates, for average monthly consumption of all types of energy

\$157.48



### TELEPHONE

Private residential line; Price includes basic monthly rate and additional local use charges, for family of four

\$175.07

\* Monthly costs for housing and energy are not community-wide averages.

## TRANSPORTATION



### AUTO MAINTENANCE

Average price to spin balance all four wheels

\$43.18



### GASOLINE

One gallon, regular unleaded, national brand, including all taxes, cash price at self-service pump

\$2.01

## HEALTH CARE



### DOCTOR VISIT

General practitioner's routine examination

\$115.40



### DENTIST VISIT

Adult teeth cleaning and periodic oral examination

\$125.00

## MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES



### HAMBURGER

McDonald's Quarter-Pounder with cheese

\$4.19



### DRY CLEANING

Men's two-piece suit

\$11.19



### HAIRCUT

Men's barbershop haircut, no styling

\$16.75



### WINE

White Wine, 1.5-liter bottle

\$9.87



### PIZZA

11" - 12" Pizza Hut

\$10.24



### MOVIE

First-run, indoor, evening, no discount

\$10.99



### BEAUTY SALON

Women's shampoo, trim and blow-dry

\$36.80



### BEER

Heineken 6-pack, 12-ounce containers

\$9.62

1	ST LOUIS, MO	85.9	87.2	SAN ANTONIO, TX	2
3	TAMPA, FL	89.7	90.9	JACKSONVILLE, FL	4
5	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	91.7	92.6	COLUMBUS, OH	6
7	CINCINNATI, OH	93.7	94.5	KANSAS CITY, MO	7
9	RALEIGH, NC	94.5	95.4	HOUSTON, TX	10
11	CLEVELAND, OH	95.7	97.4	PHOENIX, AZ	12
13	CHARLOTTE, NC	98.2	98.5	DETROIT, MI	14
15	AUSTIN, TX	99.5	101.3	NASHVILLE, TN	16
17	PITTSBURGH, PA	102.2	102.3	ATLANTA, GA	18
19	NEW ORLEANS, LA	103.4	104.7	LAS VEGAS, NV	19
21	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	105.2	106.3	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	22
23	DALLAS, TX	106.7	111.1	DENVER, CO	24
25	PHILADELPHIA, PA	111.1	113.2	BALTIMORE, MD	26
27	MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FL	115.7	119.4	PROVIDENCE, RI	28
29	CHICAGO, IL	120.0	125.3	NEWARK, NJ	29
31	PORTLAND, OR	134.2	143.8	SAN DIEGO, CA	32
33	LOS ANGELES, CA	148.3	153.5	BOSTON MA	34
35	WASHINGTON, DC	158.4	159.4	SEATTLE, WA	36
37	NEW YORK (BROOKLYN)	186.4	192.9	HONOLULU, HI	38
39	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	200.1	238.4	NEW YORK (MANHATTAN)	40

SOURCE: C2ER Cost of Living Index, 2018 Annual Averages