

Cost of Living Comparison

The annual average 2008 inter-city cost of living comparison has been released by the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER). This is the only regular and relatively affordable look at cost-of-living comparison between cities in the United States. The ACCRA Cost of Living Index, which measures differences between areas in the costs of consumer goods and services excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, is based on 62 items, for which prices are collected three times per year. The chart below shows the index comparing 4 Wisconsin cities and 3 urban areas in the Midwest.

If you would like more information on cities not listed, call the Advance office at (920) 496-9010.

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	Composite	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Healthcare	Misc.
Appleton	96.9	94.0	82.0	106.0	105.2	108.8	104.3
Eau Claire	94.4	95.0	91.5	86.8	101.0	99.3	96.1
Green Bay	92.2	90.3	83.9	106.8	99.1	97.8	93.5
Wausau	94.8	90.9	87.3	110.5	98.8	99.9	96.1
Grand Rapids, MI	95.2	100.1	96.6	107.2	95.2	86.8	89.5
Cedar Rapids, IA	91.1	87.4	77.9	95.5	99.1	108.8	97.3
St. Cloud, MN	100.0	104.2	86.7	114.2	100.0	100.6	105.6
Index Weighting	100%	13%	28%	10%	10%	4%	35%

Source: ACCRA Quarterly Cost of Living Survey, 2008 Annual Average Data

ALL ITEMS COMPARISON

