

# Cost of Living

Rockford's low cost of living offers an attractive alternative to the Chicago suburbs and continuously ranks lower than most major U.S. cities

## ACCRA Cost-of-Living Index: First Quarter, 2002

City	Composite	Grocery Items	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Items
New York (Manhattan), NY	218.6	141.3	416.8	168.1	120.9	173.0	136.7
Boston PMSA	140.0	117.7	180.0	171.7	114.1	153.2	115.0
Washington DC-MD-VA-WV	132.3	128.6	157.7	114.4	125.6	125.5	120.0
New Haven, CT	119.0	108.1	138.6	142.0	105.5	150.5	101.5
Minneapolis, MN	108.2	105.5	106.6	93.5	117.8	113.1	110.9
Grand Rapids-Muskegon, MI	105.2	105.4	112.4	90.3	106.7	94.9	103.6
Cleveland-Lorain-Elyria, OH	104.8	110.9	99.7	126.7	108.9	109.0	99.1
Dallas, TX	100.6	96.4	94.9	109.2	101.7	97.5	105.6
St. Louis, MO-IL	99.9	92.9	96.0	106.2	105.5	105.9	102.5
Toledo, OH	97.0	104.6	83.6	116.8	94.9	99.6	100.0
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	95.3	95.9	88.8	107.8	92.4	88.4	99.6
Louisville, KY	92.5	89.5	85.3	94.0	105.8	83.5	97.1
<b>Illinois Communities</b>							
Chicago	148.0	118.8	235.0	109.5	120.9	133.6	108.0
Joliet/Will County	100.4	106.0	97.3	95.9	109.6	100.7	98.6
<b>Rockford MSA</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>78.8</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>106.0</b>
Quincy	97.9	86.9	98.7	102.3	99.5	89.8	102.3
Champaign-Urbana MSA	97.1	91.3	89.9	108.7	101.4	100.5	101.4
Danville	94.1	87.8	83.5	113.7	111.4	76.7	98.7
Decatur MSA	93.6	91.1	89.7	95.4	109.2	79.3	95.1
Springfield MSA	91.1	91.9	93.0	82.6	93.1	101.2	89.0
<b>Wisconsin Communities</b>							
Milwaukee-Waukesha WI	99.8	95.3	106.0	96.7	104.4	94.7	96.7
Eau Claire MSA	99.5	94.9	99.4	102.5	104.1	107.9	98.5
Green Bay MSA	98.7	90.0	97.1	98.4	104.0	105.9	101.8

\* The Rockford, Illinois Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) consists of Winnebago, Boone and Ogle counties in northern Illinois. U.S. cities average = 100.0

Source: American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association.

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