

# COST OF LIVING

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The following is a selection of cities where many graduating students accept offers. The cost of living index is based on the composite price of groceries, housing, utilities, transportation, health care, clothing and entertainment in each city listed. Use the calculation to compare salaries in different cities. For further information about the data below, refer to [www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost-of-living).

To compare information from other sources, refer to these websites:

- [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)
- [www.homefair.com/real-estate/salary-calculator.asp](http://www.homefair.com/real-estate/salary-calculator.asp)

### SALARY COMPARISON EQUATION

$$\frac{\text{City \#1}}{\text{City \#2}} \times \text{Salary} = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

What is the New York City equivalent of a \$50,000 salary in Washington, D.C.?

$$\frac{\text{New York City } 168}{\text{Washington D.C. } 154} \times \$50,000 = \$54,545$$

<b>Average City, USA</b>	100	<b>Idaho</b>		<b>Montana</b>		<b>Pennsylvania</b>	
<b>Alabama</b>		Boise	107	Billings	107	Philadelphia	96
Birmingham	78	<b>Illinois</b>		Missoula	110	Pittsburgh	84
Montgomery	89	Chicago	103	<b>Nebraska</b>		<b>South Carolina</b>	
<b>Alaska</b>		Springfield	87	Lincoln	91	Charleston	109
Anchorage	143	<b>Indiana</b>		Omaha	88	Columbia	99
<b>Arizona</b>		Bloomington	98	<b>Nevada</b>		<b>South Dakota</b>	
Flagstaff	119	Indianapolis	89	Las Vegas	99	Sioux Falls	95
Phoenix	99	South Bend	83	<b>New Jersey</b>		<b>Tennessee</b>	
Tucson	92	<b>Iowa</b>		Atlantic City	100	Chattanooga	88
<b>Arkansas</b>		Des Moines	82	Princeton	162	Memphis	73
Little Rock	88	Iowa City	105	Newark	122	Nashville	99
<b>California</b>		<b>Kansas</b>		<b>New Mexico</b>		<b>Texas</b>	
Fresno	105	Kansas City	85	Albuquerque	101	Austin	107
Irvine	215	<b>Kentucky</b>		Santa Fe	120	Dallas	106
Los Angeles	164	Lexington	95	<b>New York</b>		Houston	98
Sacramento	113	Louisville	87	Albany	102	San Antonio	92
San Diego	164	<b>Louisiana</b>		Buffalo	74	<b>Utah</b>	
San Francisco	243	Baton Rouge	90	New York City	168	Salt Lake City	115
San José	197	New Orleans	99	Syracuse	89	<b>Vermont</b>	
<b>Colorado</b>		<b>Maine</b>		<b>North Carolina</b>		Burlington	124
Boulder	155	Portland	118	Chapel Hill	128	<b>Virginia</b>	
Colorado Springs	101	<b>Maryland</b>		Charlotte	94	Richmond	95
Denver	115	Baltimore	88	Raleigh	101	Virginia Beach	110
<b>Connecticut</b>		<b>Massachusetts</b>		<b>North Dakota</b>		<b>Washington</b>	
Hartford	109	Boston	161	Fargo	98	Seattle	154
New Haven	113	<b>Michigan</b>		<b>Ohio</b>		<b>Washington, DC</b>	154
Stamford	167	Ann Arbor	111	Cincinnati	83	<b>West Virginia</b>	
<b>Delaware</b>		Detroit	73	Cleveland	79	Charleston	91
Wilmington	98	Lansing	82	Columbus	82	<b>Wisconsin</b>	
<b>Florida</b>		<b>Minnesota</b>		Dayton	76	Madison	116
Miami	119	Minneapolis	108	<b>Oklahoma</b>		Milwaukee	85
Orlando	92	St. Paul	102	Oklahoma City	89	<b>Wyoming</b>	
<b>Georgia</b>		<b>Missouri</b>		Tulsa	85	Cheyenne	103
Atlanta	97	Kansas City	94	<b>Oregon</b>			
<b>Hawaii</b>		St. Louis	84	Portland	126		
Honolulu	199						