

Table 14.17-- COST OF LIVING FOR THE MOST EXPENSIVE METROPOLITAN AREA IN EACH OF THE 10 MOST EXPENSIVE STATES: 2011

[The CNBC survey includes the average cost of a single-family home, the best-selling cholesterol drug Lipitor, a movie theatre-ticket, a doctor's visit and a gallon of gasoline using data from the ACCRA Cost of Living Index. However, the items and prices in the CNBC 'basket' are not the same as those in the ACCRA index. ACCRA's numbers reflect the average prices from through Q1 2011. Rank of 1 indicates most expensive state]

| Rank | State | Metropolitan area | House | Movie ticket | Lipitor | Doctor visit | Gasoline |
|------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|---------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Hawaii | Honolulu | 689,781 | 10.08 | 160.96 | 130.15 | 3.437 |
| 2 | Alaska | Fairbanks | 438,225 | 10.69 | 156.99 | 150.05 | 3.478 |
| 3 | California | San Francisco | 808,481 | 10.58 | 145.98 | 120.83 | 3.116 |
| 4 | Connecticut | Stamford | 606,742 | 10.33 | 154.61 | 102.26 | 3.075 |
| 5 | New Jersey | Bergen-Passaic | 511,212 | 10.58 | 159.67 | 83.52 | 2.758 |
| 6 | New York | New York (Manhattan) | 1,140,461 | 12.28 | 160.05 | 125.89 | 3.148 |
| 7 | Maryland | Bethesda-Gaithersburg | 535,409 | 10.69 | 158.10 | 87.29 | 2.950 |
| 8 | Rhode Island | Providence | 361,195 | 10.75 | 142.00 | 149.00 | 2.903 |
| 9 | Vermont | Burlington-Chittenden | 405,825 | 8.80 | 150.55 | 105.00 | 2.892 |
| 10 | Massachusetts | Framingham-Natick | 529,300 | 10.51 | 162.56 | 112.24 | 2.807 |

Source: CNBC "The Most Expensive States To Live In 2011" (posted June 28, 2011)
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