

Table 14.22-- TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE AND 10 LEAST EXPENSIVE STATES TO LIVE: 2014

[CNBC considered basic items in the most and least expensive areas of the state. Average price data based on Council for Community and Economic Research C2ER Cost of Living Index, 2013]

Rank	State	Metro area 1/	Average home price	Half gallon of milk	Beef 2/	Monthly energy bill	Doctor visit
Most expensive							
1	New York	Manhattan	1,358,917	2.23	4.39	246.55	103.25
2	Hawaii	Honolulu	742,651	3.56	3.80	364.83	109.87
3	Connecticut	Stamford	597,977	2.50	3.95	232.74	116.54
4	California	San Francisco- Redwood City- South San Francisco	820,479	2.66	3.57	165.30	130.96
5	Alaska	Fairbanks	395,133	2.43	4.35	509.29	168.67
6	Massachusetts	Boston	482,267	2.79	4.36	243.36	149.00
7	New Jersey	Bergen- Passaic	551,284	3.30	3.40	234.41	106.20
8	New Hampshire	Manchester- Nashua	389,899	2.22	3.67	191.47	149.00
9	Rhode Island	Providence	386,097	2.94	4.00	220.53	149.00
10	Maryland	Bethesda- Gaithers- burg- Frederick	583,838	2.57	3.46	210.11	84.89
Least expensive							
1	Kentucky	Bowling Green	265,154	2.33	10.22	149.78	78.33
2	Arkansas	Little Rock- North Little Rock	291,639	2.08	10.64	143.94	102.61
3	Oklahoma	Lawton	277,847	2.37	9.82	141.24	101.96
4	Louisiana	New Orleans	277,938	2.86	10.81	152.28	77.67
5	West Virginia	Morgantown	341,342	2.24	9.31	142.09	90.33
6	Mississippi	Hattiesburg	233,065	2.53	9.65	165.74	81.78
7	Alabama	Tuscaloosa	214,509	2.63	9.71	178.23	74.56
7	Indiana	Evansville	252,195	2.14	10.61	183.13	91.06
9	Tennessee	Jackson- Madison County	217,168	2.31	8.88	148.18	95.00
10	South Carolina	Hilton Head Island	323,466	2.69	10.38	171.39	114.17

1/ Average home price applies to indicated Metro area.

2/ One pound of ground beef in "Most expensive" and T-bone steak in "Least expensive" areas.

Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business - Most Expensive State to Live" (June 24, 2014)

<<http://www.cnbc.com/id/101716160>> accessed July 7, 2014; and "Least Expensive State to Live"

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