

Table 14.22-- TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE AND 10 CHEAPEST STATES TO LIVE: 2015

[CNBC considered basic items in the most expensive and cheapest areas of the state. Average price data based on Council for Community and Economic Research C2ER Cost of Living Index, 2015Q1]

Rank	State	Metro area 1/	Average home price	Half gallon of milk	Beef 2/	Monthly energy bill	Doctor visit
Most expensive							
1	Hawaii	Honolulu	868,317	3.67	4.97	530.15	125.67
2	Connecticut	Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk	618,800	2.26	3.99	262.56	123.75
3	New York	Manhattan	1,372,183	1.92	4.46	259.80	122.50
4	Alaska	Anchorage	528,673	2.37	5.27	3/ 591.16	169.40
5	California	San Francisco-Redwood City	946,066	2.77	3.97	213.39	127.57
6	New Jersey	Bergen- Passaic	521,274	2.62	4.32	156.79	101.25
7	Oregon	Portland	436,750	1.97	4.65	151.02	131.85
8	Massachusetts	Boston	525,300	2.29	4.49	292.18	151.00
9	Rhode Island	Providence	392,340	3.39	4.49	213.54	149.00
10	Vermont	Burlington-South Burlington	485,749	2.79	4.56	234.61	113.84
Cheapest							
1	Mississippi	Hattiesburg	228,746	2.69	(NA)	144.91	87.00
2	Tennessee	Nashville-Columbia-Maury County	274,100	2.14	8.91	124.86	82.19
3	Idaho	Twin Falls	276,000	1.36	8.26	144.23	97.00
4	Indiana	Evansville	269,949	2.01	11.38	182.62	93.00
5	Oklahoma	Lawton	302,933	2.36	8.03	150.07	116.33
6	Kentucky	Louisville-Jefferson County	241,661	2.01	10.25	126.60	88.50
7	Michigan	Detroit-Dearborn-Livonia	266,132	1.97	11.89	178.99	106.00
8	Alabama	Auburn-Opelika	237,896	2.17	11.65	161.13	81.67
8	Kansas	Manhattan	286,167	2.08	10.89	169.83	92.50
8	Nebraska	Hastings	320,320	2.34	9.92	104.21	102.00

1/ Average home price applies to indicated Metro area.

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

3/ Metro area for 'Monthly energy bill' is Fairbanks.

Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business - Most Expensive State to Live in 2015" (June 24, 2015)

<<http://www.cnbc.com/id/102749628>> accessed July 2, 2015; and "Cheapest State to Live in 2015"

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