

Table 14.24-- TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE AND 10 CHEAPEST STATES TO LIVE: 2021

[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 2020 Cost of Living Index. See also <<http://coli.org/About/>>]

Rank	State	Metro area 1/	2021 COL Score 2/	Average home price	Half gallon of milk	Monthly energy bill	CPI (percent chg.) 3/
Most expensive							
1	Hawaii	Honolulu	2	1,386,483	4.31	470.38	5.1
2	New York	Manhattan	3	2,227,806	3.11	157.70	4.1
3	California	San Francisco	5	1,362,163	2.83	267.84	4.0
4	Oregon	Portland	6	623,494	2.12	143.85	5.1
5	Massachusetts	Boston	8	744,522	2.27	233.86	4.0
6	Alaska	Juneau	9	581,906	2.64	273.38	6.2
7	Maryland	Bethesda	11	854,529	2.49	193.98	4.5
8	Connecticut	Stamford	12	615,372	2.65	261.22	4.6
10	Rhode Island	Providence	14	430,197	2.52	240.57	4.6
10	New Jersey	Bergen County	15	615,738	2.43	186.37	4.1
Cheapest							
1	Mississippi	Hattiesburg	75	247,812	2.37	153.76	5.8
2	Kansas	Dodge City	74	299,018	2.48	159.30	5.8
3	Oklahoma	Norman	72	316,455	2.14	152.87	5.8
4	Arkansas	Little Rock	71	371,333	1.78	143.00	5.8
5	Missouri	Kansas City Metro	69	299,164	1.87	157.13	6.1
6	Alabama	Auburn	68	309,875	1.80	179.77	5.8
7	New Mexico	Albuquerque	66	329,645	2.10	155.29	5.1
8	Georgia	Metro Atlanta	65	380,418	1.99	120.82	6.7
8	Tennessee	Johnson City	65	395,467	1.92	141.46	5.8
10	Indiana	Bloomington	62	339,513	1.39	147.72	5.8

1/ Average home price applies to indicated Metro area.

2/ COL = Cost of Living. Score is of the 75 points maximum. See "America's Top States for Business - Methodology" <<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/06/17/how-we-chose-americas-top-states-for-business-in-2021.html>> accessed July 15, 2021.

3/ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) for June 2021. If not exact CPI Metro match, most appropriate area CPI used. See source for details.

Source: CNBC, "America's Top States for Business - America's 10 most expensive states to live in 2021" (July 15, 2021) <<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/15/these-are-americas-most-expensive-states-to-live-in.html>> accessed July 15, 2021; and "These states are the cheapest places to live in America in 2021" (July 15, 2021) <<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/07/15/americas-10-cheapest-states-to-live-2021.html>> accessed July 15, 2021.