

**Table 14.26-- TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE AND 10 CHEAPEST STATES TO LIVE: 2024**

[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 2023 Cost of Living Index. See also <<http://coli.org/About/>>]

Rank	State	Metro area 1/	2024 COL Score 2/	Average home price 1/	Home-owners insurance (statewide)	Half gallon of almond milk	Monthly energy bill	CPI (percent chg.) 3/
<b>Most expensive</b>								
1	California	San Jose	3	1,707,840	2,124	5.05	294.74	3.0
3	Massachusetts	Boston	5	960,671	2,226	4.76	302.72	3.8
3	Hawaii	Honolulu	5	1,674,195	1,883	5.38	359.53	3.0
5	Montana	Bozeman	10	792,008	1,775	4.91	177.13	2.3
5	Colorado	Denver	10	650,770	2,650	4.74	145.02	2.3
9	Washington	Seattle	12	1,014,801	1,506	5.10	193.41	3.0
9	Rhode Island	Providence	12	495,603	1,646	4.74	230.62	3.8
9	New York	Manhattan	12	2,683,148	1,498	4.78	193.78	3.8
9	Florida	Fort Lauderdale	12	741,832	2,474	4.58	200.94	2.9
10	Utah	Salt Lake City	16	642,170	1,394	4.71	173.85	2.3
<b>Cheapest</b>								
1	West Virginia	Morgantown	46	367,599	920	4.56	178.61	2.9
2	Iowa	Ames	45	403,253	926	4.72	182.60	3.0
3	Michigan	Detroit	44	519,288	905	4.84	180.47	2.2
4	Ohio	Lima	42	459,420	845	4.62	200.81	2.2
5	Illinois	Chicago	40	540,091	997	4.87	206.98	2.2
5	Indiana	Bloomington	40	489,491	1,007	4.78	206.98	2.2
7	Pennsylvania	Allentown	39	496,134	807	4.54	210.10	3.8
8	Missouri	Kansas City	38	440,210	1,257	4.62	217.10	3.0
9	Kansas	Manhattan	36	395,394	1,523	4.60	217.21	3.0
10	Wisconsin	Madison	35	520,565	750	4.79	226.90	2.2

1/ Average home price applies to indicated Metro area.

2/ COL = Cost of Living. Score is of the 50 points maximum. See also "Methodology How we are choosing America's Top States for Business in 2024" <<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/07/12/how-we-are-choosing-americas-top-states-for-business-in-2024.html>> accessed July 12, 2024.

3/ U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index (CPI) for June 2024. If not exact CPI Metro match, m 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 2024" (July 12, 2024) <<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/07/12/these-are-americas-10-most-expensive-states-to-live-in.html>> accessed July 12, 2024; and "These states are the cheapest places to live in America in 2024 (July 12, 2024) <<https://www.cnbc.com/2024/07/12/these-are-americas-10-cheapest-states-to-live-in.html>> accessed July 12, 2024.