

Cost of Living

Brownsville’s cost of living is consistently ranked below the national average. Residents find it easier to enjoy and partake in various opportunities that in other places may not be considered affordable.

The following table provides comparisons for the cost of living index between Brownsville and other U.S. cities. The cost of living index is used to compare the relative cost of living in different locations.

Using the U.S. national average value of zero, one can see whether a specific place falls in the higher more expensive end or in the lower more affordable side.

Brownsville’s cost of living index composite falls at 90.2, meaning the cost of living in Brownsville is 90.2% of the U.S. average.

A place with a cost of living index of 125 means that it is 25% more expensive to live in that particular place.

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	Category (Percent Weight)						
	Composite	Grocery	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health	Miscellaneous
	(100%)	(13.56%)	(27.02%)	(10.30%)	(12.35%)	(4.64%)	(32.17%)
U.S. Average	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Brownsville, TX	90.2	90.3	75.5	97.4	94.8	98.4	97.3
Las Vegas, NV	99.9	96.9	99.2	79.7	102.9	103.3	106.4
San Diego, CA	131.2	97.4	204.9	97.1	114.4	110.9	104
Seattle, WA	117.8	100.3	137.7	96.6	116	120.3	115.6
Phoenix, AZ	96.5	97.6	97.4	96.3	99	99	94
St. Louis, MO	84.4	99.2	73.8	114.8	105.7	102.1	97.6
Denver, CO	105.2	92.8	115.2	102.5	101.9	107.9	103.7
San Francisco, CA	159.5	126.2	285.6	92.4	111.6	116.6	113.6

Dallas, TX	96.4	94.2	73.9	109.5	102.6	96.5	109.6
New York, NY	172.9	120.8	321.9	123.1	110.6	108	119
Miami, FL	107.2	100.8	117.8	94.5	111.8	105.4	103.5
Atlanta, GA	95.5	97.5	85.7	93.1	100.8	102.2	100.8
Boston, MA	138	126.6	170.7	147.1	101.1	118.3	129.4
Charlotte, NC	95	99.4	83.7	107.3	100.7	97.2	96.3
Detroit, MI	94.8	83.8	91.1	103.9	102.3	100.3	96
McAllen, TX	88.5	83	80.6	100.1	91.8	93	91.8

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living 2013