



AN AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY WAY OF LIFE

It's not often a place strikes the right balance between vibrancy, affordability, accessibility and distinctiveness. In larger cities, it's common to overpay for smaller living spaces with little left to enjoy all the city has to offer. People who move to the Greater Wichita region say it's the best of all worlds — an affordable location, plenty to see and do, and more money to travel everywhere.

“With its new downtown living spaces, arts, sports, recreation, affordability and quality of life, Wichita is a Midwestern gem.”

— Livability

TOP 10

BEST PLACES TO MAKE A LIVING

9.8%

BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR COST OF LIVING

\$148K

AVERAGE EXISTING HOME PRICE

\$889

AVERAGE TWO-BEDROOM MONTHLY RENTAL RATE



Living in Greater Wichita Means Living Well

With a cost of living nearly thirteen percent below the national average, living in Wichita means living well. Existing home prices average around \$148,000 and rental costs for two-bedroom apartments average \$889/month. For people looking to grow their career, Greater Wichita offers all the amenities with incredible affordability. For businesses ready to grow, the Greater Wichita region’s competitive affordability factor is key to attracting and retaining talent to your business or organization.

- Top 10 City for First-Time Home Buyers [Smart Asset 2018]
- Wichita combines affordability, low cost of living and low unemployment rates. [Money Rates 2017]
- #4 Best Value City for Raising a Family [Cheapism 2022]
- Top 10 Best Places to Make a Living [Money Rates 2017]
- #1 City with Lowest Rent [Rent Café 2018]
- Top 10 City Where Your Dollar Stretches Farthest [Forbes 2017]

Overall Cost of Living Index

Urban Area	Index
Oklahoma City, OK	85.7
Tulsa, OK	85.7
St. Louis, MO-IL	87.6





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Albuquerque, NM	88.3
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	89.6
Wichita, KS	90.8
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	91.9
Kansas City, MO-KS	95.5
National	100.0
Colorado Springs, CO	100.8
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX	107.7
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	110.8
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA	145.9
Orange County, CA	147.8
Seattle, WA	156.7

Source: C2ER Cost-of-Living-Survey (3rd Quarter 2018)
National = Average of 268 participating urban areas

- Learn about the wide range of [Industries](#) and specific [Careers](#).
- Take a mini-tour of the area’s affordable and diverse [Housing](#) options and catch a view of our [Communities](#).
- Greater Wichita’s high-quality [Education](#) and [Healthcare](#) offerings are key parts of our high [Quality of Life](#).
- See why visitors often mention the area’s unexpectedly exciting [Entertainment](#) options.
- Explore and download our region’s points of pride and data insights at [Why Greater Wichita](#).
- Discover the relentlessly original low cost of living the Wichita region has to offer at [ChooseWichita.com](#).