

Trend: In 2018, the Tallahassee urban area captured an overall composite index of 96.6%, or 3.4% below the average cost of living for all participating urban areas.

The Annual Cost of Living Index (COLI) is released by the Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) to measure regional differences in the cost of consumer goods and services (like grocery items, healthcare, and housing), excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, for professional and managerial households in the top 20% of income. The index is based on more than 90,000 prices covering 60 different items for which prices are collected three times a year. This research tool allows OEV to make accurate cost of living comparisons between Tallahassee-Leon County and any of the 270 other participating urban areas across the United States.

Urban Area	All Items	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Healthcare	Misc. Goods & Services
Birmingham, AL	90.0	91.8	83.3	106.6	92.2	81.9	91.2
Montgomery, AL	90.7	99.3	81.3	103.8	94.2	84.2	91.9
Jacksonville, FL	91.9	98.2	86.1	97.4	87.7	83.0	95.1
Greenville, SC	95.6	101.4	77.5	93.2	99.8	109.2	106.4
<i>Tallahassee, FL</i>	<i>96.6</i>	<i>110.3</i>	<i>91.4</i>	<i>86.9</i>	<i>96.2</i>	<i>99.1</i>	<i>98.0</i>
Pensacola, FL	97.0	105.8	80.3	116.4	93.6	85.7	105.0
Little Rock, AR	97.3	94.9	88.6	95.5	99.1	87.4	106.8
Nashville, TN	99.2	95.3	93.1	96.6	95.0	84.0	109.4
New Orleans, LA	100.7	104.3	116.6	81.5	109.7	103.4	88.1
Atlanta, GA	101.8	99.6	106.2	87.0	100.1	109.1	102.4

Note: Gainesville, FL did not participate in 2018 COLI.

Source: Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER)

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