

Economic Factors

C2ER Annual Cost of Living Index

Trend: In 2025, the Tallahassee urban area captured an overall composite index of 94.3, or 5.7% 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. Starting in 2023, C2ER has partnered with Datasembly, provider of the broadest set of standard metrics for tracking and understanding pricing, promotion, and assortment trends in the grocery industry. The C2ER grocery index is drawing data from over 320 million grocery prices derived from 1.5 trillion historical data points collected across the country to generate the most accurate data possible. This research tool allows OEV to make accurate cost of living comparisons between Tallahassee-Leon County and any of the 283 other participating urban areas across the United States.

Urban Area	All Items	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Healthcare	Misc. Goods & Services
Baton Rouge, LA	89.7	97.0	78.2	72.0	90.1	87.7	101.2
Columbia, SC	89.8	98.7	70.2	100.5	91.2	100.5	98.5
Greenville, SC	90.6	98.6	73.2	88.9	97.3	108.2	98.5
Jackson, MS	91.0	97.2	82.3	82.3	85.7	99.0	98.2
Montgomery, AL	91.2	100.5	82.5	111.0	89.2	81.7	91.5
Columbus, OH	93.0	100.9	93.1	100.2	92.4	80.8	89.6
Lincoln, NE	93.7	97.7	77.0	94.1	97.3	103.3	104.1
Tallahassee, FL	94.3	99.9	85.9	82.6	98.6	104.1	99.5
Little Rock, AR	94.8	96.8	81.4	89.7	92.1	90.5	108.4
Raleigh, NC	94.8	100.5	87.5	89.6	88.9	116.4	98.4
Richmond, VA	95.1	99.0	85.3	96.3	98.9	89.3	101.4
Austin, TX	95.7	94.9	96.8	99.4	95.4	90.5	95.0
Pensacola, FL	98.2	100.9	89.5	93.8	98.0	100.0	105.5
Nashville, TN	98.5	99.9	102.1	97.2	90.5	91.4	98.0
Boise, ID	103.2	102.5	105.4	73.0	107.2	105.0	108.0
Madison, WI	103.9	99.9	108.5	96.3	98.8	107.5	104.4
Albany, NY	107.7	101.1	113.6	97.0	105.0	102.7	109.5
Sacramento, CA	123.8	104.9	137.5	164.1	134.5	106.3	109.8

Note: Gainesville, Lansing, and Trenton did not have annual composite scores for 2025.

Source: Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER)

Cost of Living Index: Comparative Communities



Cost of Living Index: Other Capital Communities

