

cost of living comparison

The fourth quarter 2007 inter-city cost of living comparison has been released by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA). This is the only regular and relatively affordable look at cost-of-living comparison among cities in the United States. The ACCRA Cost of Living Index, which measures differences between areas in the costs of consumer goods and services excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, is based on 57 items, for which prices are collected quarterly. 303 cities participated in the study, which was conducted by Chamber staff in October. The chart below shows the index comparing four Wisconsin cities and three urban areas in the Midwest.

If you would like more information on cities not listed, call the Advance office at (920) 496-9010.

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	Composite	Groceries	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Healthcare	Misc.
Eau Claire	94.6	93.2	93.8	78.9	103.3	104.1	96.8
Green Bay	93.3	91.5	84.2	106.7	102.2	97.0	94.6
Stevens Point	95.5	104.3	90.4	85.2	95.0	97.7	99.2
Wausau	94.8	87.8	87.7	111.1	99.3	99.5	96.7
Grand Rapids, MI	102.5	105.5	100.4	120.9	99.1	90.9	100.0
Cedar Rapids, IA	91.1	87.4	77.9	95.5	99.1	108.8	97.3
St. Cloud, MN	99.4	95.2	89.6	105.6	102.7	98.2	106.3
Index Weighting	100%	13%	28%	10%	10%	4%	35%

Source: ACCRA Quarterly Cost of Living Survey. Fourth Quarter 2007.

ALL ITEMS COMPARISON

