

Cost of Living

* Where is the best place for your employees? Cost of living would be one of the best indicators for you to make that decision. ACCRA Cost of Living index consistently reports that overall Dallas's cost of living is much less than U.S average except for few items. Compared to the rest of the country, Dallas' total cost of living is 8.5% lower than the U.S. average

* Dallas provides a variety of urban and suburban housing options to newly coming residents. Particularly, since cost of housing is one of the least expensive metropolitan markets in the U.S., new residents from other regions can easily enjoy the high-quality and luxury housing for much lower costs.

* Compared with its peer cities, Dallas' total cost of living shows very low level of index. Thus, Dallas' professional salary based on living costs is relatively higher than other major cities' ones. There is no personal or corporate income tax in Texas. Texas was ranked 49th among 50 states in total state taxes per capita amount in 2005.

* Therefore, Dallas gives an excellent neighborhood opportunity to its residents. With low cost of living, affordable housing and low taxes, the offering is hard to beat.

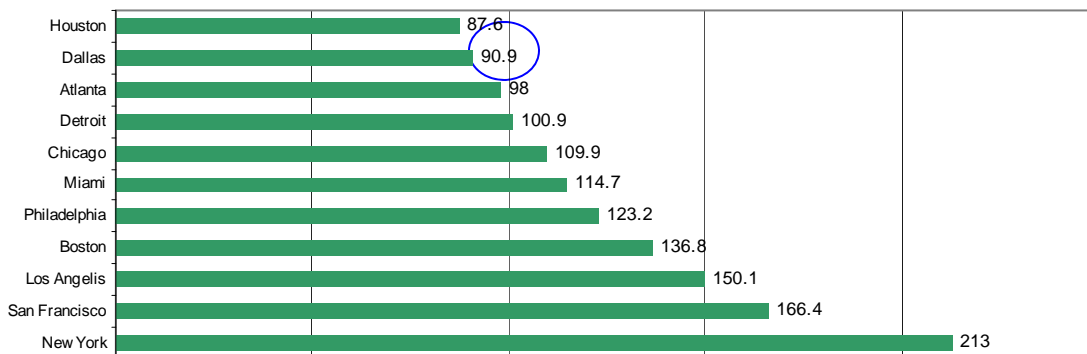
Item	U.S Average=100
Total	90.9
Grocery	100.2
Housing	69.0
Utilities	98.3
Transportation	102.6
Health	106.0
Miscellany	97.9
Average Rent	\$704
Median House Price	\$204,300

(Source: ACCRA 2007 3Q)

	Total tax per capita
U.S	\$ 2,189.84
Texas	\$ 1,434.16

Total State Tax Per Capita in 2005
(Source: U.S. Census Bureau)

Compared with 10 major metropolitan areas, Dallas' cost of living remains low!



Last updated December 2007. Source: Office of Economic Development.

