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AREA COST OF LIVING INDEX AVERAGES FOR 2022

The St. Cloud area experienced a slight below average cost of living for 2022, according to the Cost of Living Index of 265 urban areas. The ACCRA Cost of Living Index is compiled and published quarterly by C2ER - The Council for Community and Economic Research.

The index measures regional differences in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, for professional and managerial households in the top income quintile. It is based on more than 90,000 prices covering almost 60 different items for which prices are collected three times a year by the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce. Small differences should not be interpreted as showing any measurable difference, according to ACCRA.

The composite index is based on six components – housing, utilities, grocery items, transportation, health care and miscellaneous goods and services.

The "all items" index for St. Cloud was 99.3 just below the national average (100.0) for 2022.

The six component indexes for 2022 for St. Cloud were 109.7 for grocery items, 77.0 for housing, 98.0 for utilities, 97.4 for transportation, 130.0 for health care and 109.5 for miscellaneous goods and services.

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**ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX COMPILATION FOR 2022 FOR MINNESOTA AND
OTHER UPPER MIDWEST CITIES OF COMPARABLE SIZE TO ST. CLOUD**

	All Items	Grocery Items	Housing	Utilities	Transport ation	Health Care	Misc. Goods/ Services
St. Cloud MN	99.3	109.7	77.0	98.0	97.4	130.0	109.5
Minneapolis, MN	99.0	95.2	91.4	99.2	104.5	102.8	105.0
St. Paul, MN	97.6	92.8	89.9	97.1	102.7	105.0	104.1
Mankato, MN	93.9	105.1	80.4	94.9	92.9	111.4	97.3
Cedar Rapids, IA	89.0	96.9	71.0	91.3	100.4	101.9	95.0
Eau Claire, WI	99.7	99.8	86.3	103.8	96.9	113.0	108.5
Pierre, SD	98.9	106.5	103.0	94.8	90.8	95.4	95.6

Among the 265 urban areas participating in 2022, the after-tax cost for professional/managerial standard of living ranged from more than twice the national average in New York (Manhattan), NY to more than 20 percent below the national average in Harlingen, Texas.

Most Expensive Cities to live in the United States

CITY	ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX
New York (Manhattan) NY	227.7
Honolulu HI	184.0
San Francisco CA	178.6
New York (Brooklyn) NY	168.6
Washington DC	152.2

Least Expensive Cities to live in the United States

CITY	ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX
Harlingen TX	77.1
Kalamazoo MI	77.5
Muskogee, OK	78.3
McAllen TX	79.4
Decatur IL	80.1