

# How much to live in

# RVA?

2018 Average

# 94.9

Overall Cost Index vs. 262 Metros

The Cost of Living 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

60 different items for which prices are collected quarterly by chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, and university applied economic centers in each participating urban area. The National Average = 100



**2L Coke**  
\$1.71 in RVA  
\$1.73 in U.S.



**Wine**  
\$7.51 in RVA  
\$8.83 in U.S.



**Eggs**  
\$0.97 in RVA  
\$1.80 in U.S.



**Bread**  
\$3.26 in RVA  
\$3.32 in U.S.



**Home Price**  
\$300,306 in RVA  
\$347,825 in U.S.



**Apartment Rent**  
\$1,010 in RVA  
\$1,094 in U.S.



**Doctor Visit**  
\$127.68 in RVA  
\$110.28 in U.S.



**Bananas**  
\$0.43 in RVA  
\$0.56 in U.S.



**Men's Shirt**  
\$32.58 in RVA  
\$32.02 in U.S.



**Half Gal. Milk**  
\$1.42 in RVA  
\$1.93 in U.S.



**Gasoline**  
\$2.43 in RVA  
\$2.61 in U.S.



**Haircut**  
\$19.71 in RVA  
\$16.90 in U.S.

## Competing Communities & their Cost of Living Indexes

Community	Overall	Grocery	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Goods Services
<b>Richmond, Va.</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>88.2</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>115.6</b>	<b>101.2</b>
Atlanta, Ga.	101.8	99.6	106.2	87.0	100.1	109.1	102.4
Philadelphia, Penn.	113.4	116.7	124.3	107.4	113.9	103.5	105.5
Chicago, Ill.	123.2	102.7	156.9	93.0	125.6	101.8	112.4
Boston, Mass.	150.0	108.5	213.6	121.8	116.6	134.2	130.3
L.A.-Long Beach, Calif.	148.2	112.1	237.2	109.6	118.9	107.5	109.8
New York (Brooklyn), N.Y.	181.7	124.2	323.7	120.6	110.5	110.3	127.4

Small differences should not be interpreted as showing a measurable difference. The composite index is based on six component categories – housing, utilities, grocery items, transportation, health care, and miscellaneous goods and services. The Greater Richmond Partnership collects data for use in the ACCRA Cost of Living Index for the Richmond Metropolitan Area.

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# Accolades

Nationally recognized publications consistently rank the Richmond Region and Commonwealth of Virginia as top locations to do business and to live, work and play. Below is a collection of recent accolades organized by location:

## **RICHMOND REGION**

- Third “Best City (Outside Silicon Valley) For Your Next Startup,” by BroadbandNow, Feb. 2019
- Richmond ranked 35th on the “50 Top Places to start a Business,” by Inc.com, Dec. 2018
- One of 13 “Major U.S. Cities Where You Can Live Well on Less Than \$50,000 a Year,” by Inc.com, Dec. 2018
- Named the “New Craft Beer Mecca of the American South,” by Fortune.com, Dec. 2018
- One of the “7 Rising U.S. Cities That Should Be On Your 2019 Travel Bucket List,” by TripAdvisor, Oct. 2018
- Ranked 34th on Bicycle.com’s Best Bicycle Cities in America, Oct. 2018
- Ranked 15th on “America’s 30 Best Cities for Stunning Art, Architecture,” by Travel Pulse, Sept. 2018
- Ranked #4 for Economic Growth Potential (Large), and #7 for Logistics and Connectivity, by Business Facilities magazine, July 2018
- The 2nd “Best Craft Beer Vacation Destination in America,” by CheatSheet.com, April 2018.
- Ranked the 16th “Most Millennial City” by Politico, April 2018
- The Third “Best Beer Scene 2018” by USA Today’s readers’ choice vote, March 2018
- Named one of the “Top 10 Best U.S. Destinations to Visit in 2018,” by Lonely Planet, Feb. 2018
- Listed as one of the “18 Cities That Must be Seen in 2018” by Expedia, Jan. 2018
- Ranked #1 in “The World’s Top 10 Beer Destinations for 2018” by VinePair, Jan. 2018
- Named one of the “7 Great Cities for Working Remotely” by Liveability, Nov. 2017
- Best overall mid-sized U.S. “City of the Future 2017/18” by fDi Intelligence magazine, Oct. 2017
- Named a “Top Foodie City” by WalletHub, Oct. 2017

## **VIRGINIA**

- #1 “State in Atlantic region for Workforce Development,” by Site Selection magazine, Jan. 2019
- “2018 State of the Year”, by Business Facilities magazine, Jan. 2019
- Ranked as the 4th “Best State for Business” by Forbes, Nov. 2018
- Ranked as the 4th “Best State for Business” by CNBC, July 2018
- #1 in SmartAsset’s “Best States for Higher Education in 2017,” March, 2017
- Ranked as the 6th “Best State to Retire In” by Bankrate.com, March 2017