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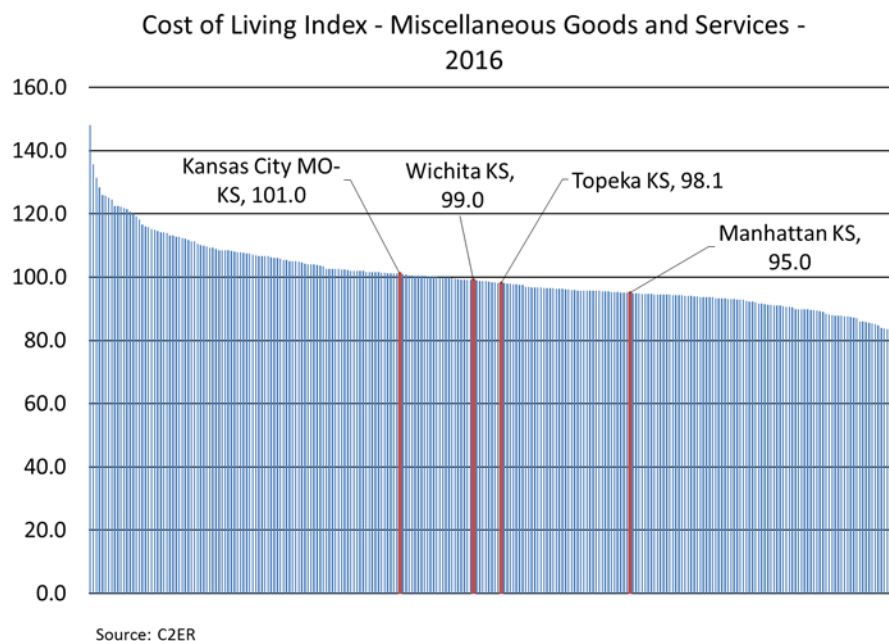
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## Cost of Living Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

2016 Annual Average

The Cost of Living Index, from The Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), 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. This index includes more than 90,000 prices covering 60 different items collected each quarter. The index measures the relative price levels in participating areas. The average for all participating places equals 100, and each area's index is a percentage of the average for all areas.

One of the index components measures the relative price of goods and services between areas. The majority of the areas included in the index, 56 percent, had goods and services prices below the national average in 2016. However, the 44 percent of places with goods and services prices above the national average were well above the national average. The three Kansas metropolitan areas included in the index, averaged 1.6 percent below the national average when weighted by population.



The top ten most expensive urban areas for groceries in 2016 were on average 28.9 percent above the national average. The ten least expensive urban areas in 2016 for goods and services were on average 17.3 percent below the national average.

Ten Most Expensive Urban Areas - 2016

Ranking	Urban Areas	COLI
1	New York (Manhattan) NY	148.0
2	Seattle WA	135.6
3	Boston MA	131.3
4	Hilo HI	128.2
5	Anchorage AK	125.8
6	New York (Brooklyn) NY	125.7
7	Honolulu HI	125.0
8	Framingham-Natick MA	124.4
9	Manchester NH	122.4
10	Stamford CT	122.3

Source: C2ER

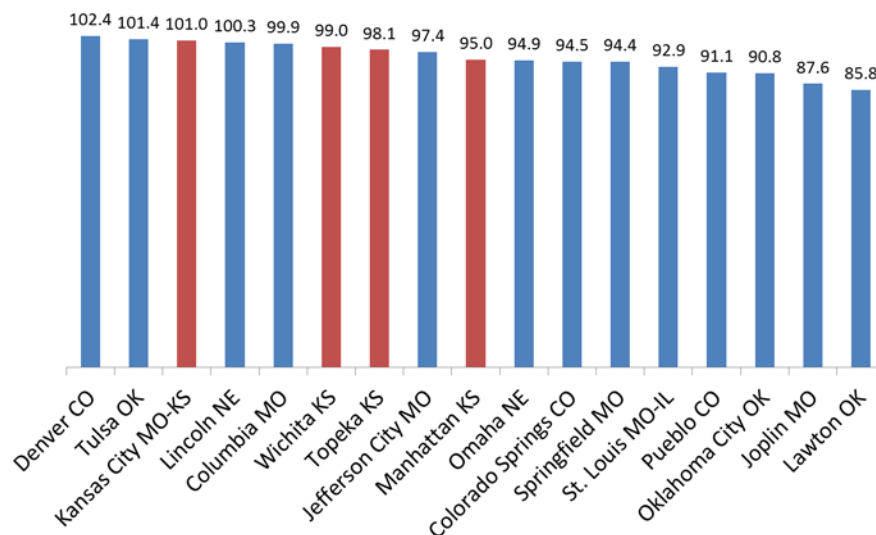
Ten Least Expensive Urban Areas - 2016

Ranking	Urban Areas	COLI
1	McAllen TX	76.1
2	Harlingen TX	77.4
3	Richmond IN	82.4
4	Martinsville-Henry County VA	83.5
5	Hattiesburg MS	83.6
6	Sherman-Denison TX	83.9
7	Brownsville TX	84.6
8	Kalamazoo MI	85.0
9	Allen TX	85.2
10	Indianapolis-Morgan County IN	85.4

Source: C2ER

Goods and services costs within the five state region surrounding Kansas were generally below the national average. Across the three metropolitan areas in Colorado, the cost of goods and services was the highest in the region, 0.4 percent above the national average, when weighted by population. The cost of goods and services in the three Kansas metropolitan areas was 1.6 percent below the national average, followed by the two Nebraska metropolitan areas at 3.7 percent below the national average. The six Missouri metropolitan areas had a weighted average cost of goods and services 3.9 percent below the national average. The three Oklahoma metropolitan areas had the lowest weighted average cost of goods and services at 5.3 percent below the national average.

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