

ACCRA Cost of Living Index – Cedar Rapids and Iowa City, Iowa

ABOUT THE INDEX: The Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER) produces the ACCRA Cost of Living Index to provide a useful and reasonably accurate measure of living cost differences among urban areas. Items on which the Index is based have been carefully chosen to reflect the different categories of consumer expenditures. Weights assigned to relative costs are based on government survey data on expenditure patterns for professional and executive households in the top income quintile. All items are priced in each place at a specified time and according to standardized specifications.

Living Index measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas. The average for all participating places, both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan, equals 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

3rd Quarter 2010	100% Composite Index	12.95% Grocery Items	28.99% Housing	10.02% Utilities	11.98% Transportation	4.07% Health Care	31.99% Miscellaneous Goods & Services
Cedar Rapids Metro	93.6	93.2	80.6	105.5	99.4	93.4	99.8
Iowa City Metro	97.9	96.5	101.0	82.3	100.9	95.4	99.8

2nd Quarter 2010	100% Composite Index	12.95% Grocery Items	28.99% Housing	10.02% Utilities	11.98% Transportation	4.07% Health Care	31.99% Miscellaneous Goods & Services
Cedar Rapids Metro	91.6	95.3	78.4	101.5	95.4	94.8	97.1
Iowa City Metro	94.9	90.7	95.1	82.3	100.9	94.9	98.1

1st Quarter 2010	100% Composite Index	12.95% Grocery Items	28.99% Housing	10.02% Utilities	11.98% Transportation	4.07% Health Care	31.99% Miscellaneous Goods & Services
Cedar Rapids Metro	91.6	95.7	79.4	99.9	98.2	94.4	95.7
Iowa City Metro	95.8	97.0	94.9	75.1	105.3	95.5	99.2