

AN AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY WAY OF LIFE

It's not often a place strikes the right balance between vibrancy, affordability, accessibility and distinctiveness. In larger cities, it's common to overpay for smaller living spaces with little left to enjoy all the city has to offer. People who move to the greater Wichita region say it's the best of all worlds — an affordable location, plenty to see and do, and more money to travel everywhere.

"With its new downtown living spaces, arts, sports, recreation, affordability and quality of life, Wichita is a Midwestern gem."

— Livability

TOP 3
MOST AFFORDABLE U.S. CITIES FOR WORKING ADULTS

11%
BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR COST OF LIVING

$225K
AVERAGE EXISTING HOME PRICE

$1007
AVERAGE TWO-BEDROOM MONTHLY RENTAL RATE



Living in Greater Wichita Means Living Well

With a cost of living nearly thirteen percent below the national average, living in Wichita means living well. Existing home prices average around $225,400 and rental costs for two-bedroom apartments average $1,007/month. For people looking to grow their career, greater Wichita offers all the amenities with incredible affordability. For businesses ready to grow, the greater Wichita region's competitive affordability factor is key to attracting and retaining talent to your business or organization.

- Kansas Ranks #5 for Lowest Housing Cost in the U.S. [WalletHub 2026]
- #1 Lowest Rent Among Large U.S. Cities [SmartAsset 2025]
- Kansas is #1 for Rental Affordability [ConsumerAffairs 2025]
- Top 50 Best Metros to Live [RentCafe 2025]
- #3 Most Affordable Cities to Live In [CNBC 2024]
- #4 Best City to Move to [Forbes 2024]

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Overall Cost of Living Index

Urban Area	Index
Oklahoma City, OK	82.3
Tulsa, OK	84.7
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	85.8
Wichita, KS	88.8
St. Louis, MO-IL	89.1
Kansas City, MO-KS	91.1
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	91.9
Albuquerque, NM	95.0
National	100.0
Dallas-Ft. Worth-Arlington, TX	101.7
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	108.6
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA	149.4

Source: C2ER Cost-of-Living-Survey 2024
National = Average of 268 participating urban areas

Calculate your cost of living

- Learn about the wide range of Industries and specific Careers.
- Take a mini-tour of the area's affordable and diverse Housing options and catch a view of our Communities.
- Greater Wichita's high-quality Education and Healthcare offerings are key parts of our high Quality of Life.
- See why visitors often mention the area's unexpectedly exciting Entertainment options.
- Explore and download our region's points of pride and data insights at Why Greater Wichita.
- Discover the relentlessly original low cost of living the Wichita region has to offer at ChooseWichita.com.