

Cost of Living

In comparison to surrounding states, Arizona's communities' (Phoenix, Tucson, Flagstaff, & Prescott) remained very competitive in the ACCRA Composite Index for 2005-2006. Due to the intense growth in the southwest and California's sizzling real estate market, Yuma's housing index has increased to 93.9, several points higher than in previous years. Yuma County is a stable community in food, utilities, transportation, health, and miscellaneous costs. Yuma's utility and transportation index is at a high level in part to our close proximity to California which affects our overall economic environment and cost of living.

The overall economic environment, cost of living, and natural amenities continue to set Arizona apart from its' competitor states.

ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX					
2005-2006		100%	100%	100%	100%
		COMPOSITE	TRANS-		
STATE	METRO/MICRO	INDEX	HOUSING	PORTATION	HEALTH CARE
AZ	Flagstaff AZ	110.2	132.2	106.1	106.3
AZ	Lake Havasu City AZ	107.9	117.2	103.4	104.6
AZ	Phoenix AZ	98.5	95.1	103.2	101.2
AZ	Prescott-Prescott Valley AZ	110.7	126.5	103.5	103.9
AZ	Sierra Vista AZ	99.0	96.3	101.8	97.2
AZ	Tucson AZ	97.1	89.1	105.2	101.0
AZ	Yuma AZ	98.6	93.9	108.1	105.1
CA	Los Angeles-Long Beach CA	156.1	262.3	111.9	117.5
CA	Palm Springs CA	124.0	160.5	115.1	104.5
CA	San Diego CA	149.7	240.2	115.2	122.9
CA	San Francisco CA	175.9	301.7	116.9	124.7
CA	Orange County CA	154.1	254.6	113.5	118.0
NM	Albuquerque NM	105.1	113.5	115.7	100.8
NM	Las Cruces NM MSA	99.4	100.2	99.4	97.3
NV	Carson City NV	115.0	138.1	104.7	113.7
NV	Las Vegas NV	112.6	135.6	107.6	108.1
NV	Reno-Sparks NV	111.9	121.4	107.9	113.2
UT	Logan UT	90.5	78.6	98.7	87.9

Source: www.accra.org