

## Cost Of Living In California

California is one of the most expensive places to live in the nation and ranked almost dead last at 49th in overall cost of living last year. It is easy to see why this is the case when you look at California's median housing income vs California's average wage. Research I have done indicates that median housing income (the hourly wage a person must earn working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year to be able to afford housing) is around \$23.00 per hour while the average income is around \$14.00 per hour. Only Hawaii and Washington D.C rank higher in most expensive housing markets. This naturally makes Californian's mostly renters or Oregonians. Apartment rent ranges anywhere from \$1100 to \$3250 per month depending on where you decide to setup shop. You can forget about finding affordable rent in southern California. Anaheim is the least expensive at a little over \$1200 per month, while Santa Monica is the most expensive at \$3200.00 per month. California ranks number 3 in the cost of food which could add insult to injuring when you factor in a sale tax that ranges anywhere from 7.25% to 8.75 % but luckily for its citizen California doesn't tax on food. It does place a hefty toll on its smokers though. An 87 cent tax is placed on every pack of cigarettes bought. We don't even get a break at the pump, gas is taxed 40 cents a gallon. California does in fact help out its honored citizens a bit by not taxing its perscription drugs. I guess you have to take the good will the bad. I would say if you have the money California's positives outweigh its negatives. Click ahead for more information on the [cost of living in California](#)

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