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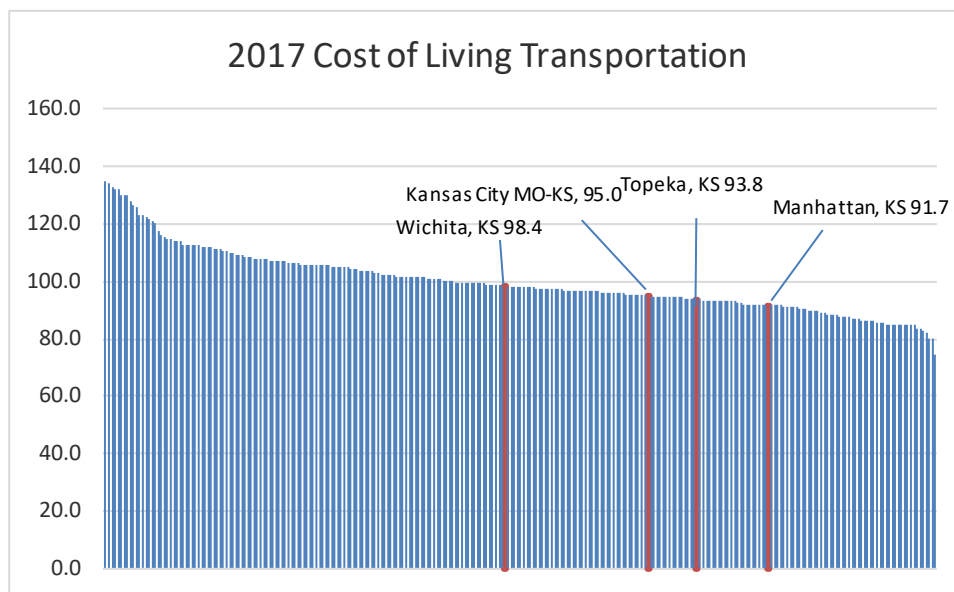
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Cost of Living Transportation Index

2017 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 transportation between areas. The majority of the areas included in the index, 58 percent, had transportation prices below the national average in 2017. The three Kansas metropolitan areas included in the index, averaged 7 percent below the national average when weighted by population.



The metropolitan areas of the country with the highest transportation prices were in the western part of the United States, with the exception of New York. The top ten most expensive urban areas for transportation in 2017 were on average 31.2 percent above the national average. The least expensive areas were primarily in the south. The ten least expensive urban areas in 2017 for transportation were on average 17.8 percent below the national average.

Ten Most Expensive Areas-2017

Ranking	Urban Area	COLI
1	Honolulu HI	134.9
2	San Francisco CA	134.4
3	Seattle WA	133.1
4	Orange County CA	132.4
5	Kodiak AK	132.1
6	Olympia WA	130.3
7	Oakland CA	130.3
8	New York (Manhattan) NY	130.0
9	Juneau AK	128.3
10	Chicago IL	126.6

Source: C2ER

Ten Least Expensive Urban Areas-2017

Ranking	Urban Area	COLI
1	Thomasville-Lexington NC	74.9
2	Augusta-Aiken GA-SC	79.8
3	Muskogee OK	80.2
4	Danville City VA	82.4
5	Martinsville-Henry County VA	82.8
6	Seguin TX	83.5
7	Knoxville TN	83.8
8	Wichita Falls TX	84.7
9	Hattiesburg MS	84.7
10	Statesboro-Bulloch County GA	84.8

Source: C2ER

Transportation costs within the five state region surrounding Kansas were generally below the national average. Missouri had the lowest cost of transportation at almost 10 percent below the national average. Colorado had the highest cost of transportation at 3.1 percent above the national average.

Ranking	State	Weighted Average
1	Colorado	103.1
2	Nebraska	100.7
3	Oklahoma	98.4
4	Kansas	93.0
5	Missouri	90.6

Source: C2ER *Based only on reported MSA's