

# COST OF LIVING IN THE US

COST OF LIVING CALCULATIONS REFLECT  
AVERAGE ESTIMATED COSTS CURRENT AS  
OF THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. COSTS  
MAY VARY AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS CHICAGO, IL

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST*
Accommodation	<b>\$400/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$415/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,600</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$50/week</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Public Transportation**	<b>\$7/day</b>	<b>\$75</b> <b>\$5 one time new card fee</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$100/week</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,275</b>

*\*Monthly costs reflect lowest price options.*

*\*\*For students who prefer to drive a car, the cost of gas per gallon is \$3.35.*

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS CINCINNATI, OH

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST*
Accommodation	<b>\$405/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$370/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,480</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$50-\$60/week</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Public Transportation*	<b>\$0.60/trip</b>	<b>\$45</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$87.50/week</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,075</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS CLEVELAND, OH

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$325/week</b> (private apartment)	<b>\$1,300</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$50/week</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Public Transportation*	<b>\$5/day</b>	<b>\$95</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$87.50/week</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,945</b>

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## ELS HOUSTON, TX

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST*
Accommodation	<b>\$300/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$405/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,200</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$60/week</b>	<b>\$240</b>
Public Transportation**	<b>\$1.25/trip</b>	<b>\$30/session with Qcard</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$80/week</b>	<b>\$320</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,790</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$475/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$395/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,580*</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$70/week</b>	<b>\$280</b>
Public Transportation**	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$45/monthly pass</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$100/week</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,305</b>

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## ELS MELBOURNE, FL

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST*
Accommodation	<b>\$425/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$375/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,500</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$45-\$65/week</b>	<b>\$180</b>
Public Transportation**	<b>\$1.50/trip</b>	<b>\$45</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$100/week</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,125</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS NASHVILLE, TN

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$315/week</b> (private apartment)	<b>\$1,260</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$50/week</b>	<b>\$250</b>
Public Transportation*	<b>\$1/trip</b>	<b>\$30</b>
Groceries (bread, milk, etc.)	<b>\$87.50/week</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,890</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS PHILADELPHIA, PA

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$400/week</b> (shared apartment)	<b>\$1,600</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$50/week</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Public Transportation*	<b>\$2.50/trip</b>	<b>\$96</b>
Groceries (bread, milk, etc.)	<b>\$100/week</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,296</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS SAN FRANCISCO, NORTH BAY, CA

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$345/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$440/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,380*</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$50/week</b>	<b>\$200</b>
Public Transportation**	<b>\$1.80/trip</b>	<b>\$40</b>
Groceries (bread, milk, etc.)	<b>\$112.50/week</b>	<b>\$450</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,070</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Date: 03/13/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$295/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$370/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,180*</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$60/week</b>	<b>\$240</b>
Public Transportation**	<b>\$3/trip</b>	<b>\$30</b>
Groceries (bread, milk, etc.)	<b>\$100/week</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,850</b>

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# COST OF LIVING

## ELS ST. PETERSBURG, FL

Date: 03/05/2025

### MONTHLY COST OF LIVING

DESCRIPTION	SAMPLE UNIT PRICES	MONTHLY COST
Accommodation	<b>\$625/week</b> (shared apartment) <b>\$400/week</b> (homestay)	<b>\$1,600*</b>
Food (lunch-cafeteria)	<b>\$55/week</b>	<b>\$220</b>
Public Transportation*	<b>\$2.25/trip</b>	<b>\$85</b>
Groceries (bread,milk,etc.)	<b>\$100/week</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,305</b>

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