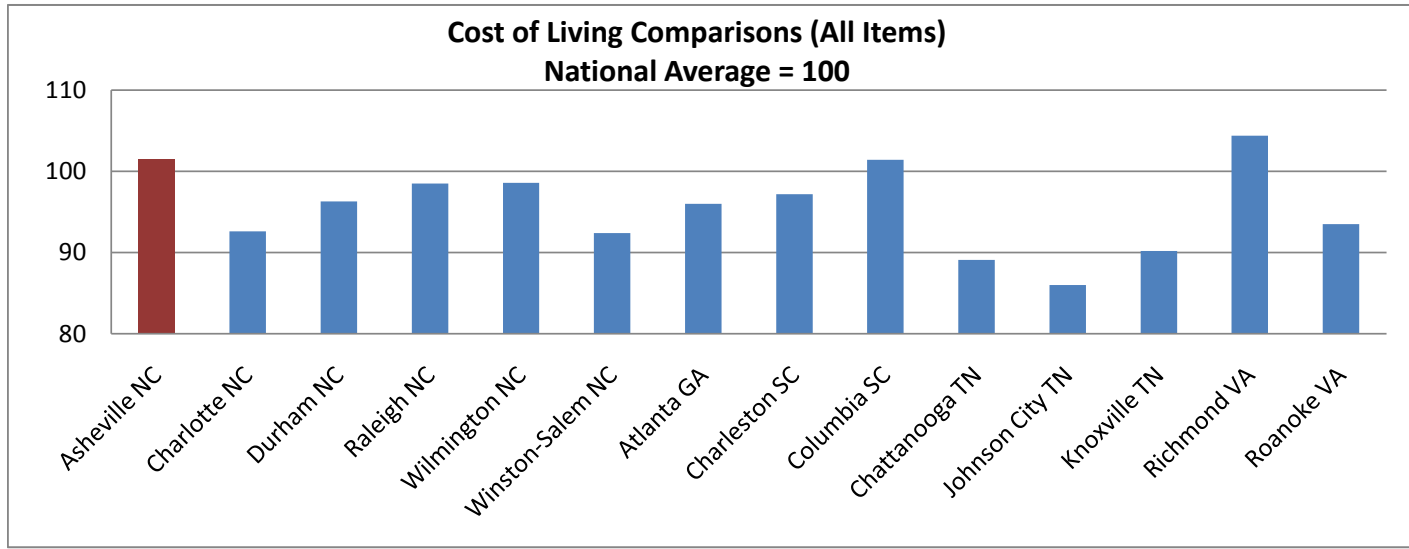


Cost of Living

Compiled by the *Asheville Metro Business Research Center*

Cost of Living Index - Second Quarter 2010



Area Metros	All Items	Food	Housing	Utilities	Trans.	Health Care	Misc.
Asheville NC	101.5	106.1	98	113.1	94.9	104.4	101.2
Charlotte NC	92.6	95.4	79.7	88.8	95.7	110	100.9
Durham NC	96.3	101.6	86.4	97.6	101.1	108.9	99.5
Raleigh NC	98.5	104.4	88.3	106.1	98	100.7	102.8
Wilmington NC	98.6	107.1	91	113.3	96.8	100.8	97.9
Winston-Salem NC	92.4	98.5	83.1	88.7	86.8	97.1	101.1
Atlanta GA	96	96.3	89.9	84.8	97.4	104	103.4
Charleston SC	97.2	103.5	92.6	95.9	94.8	107	98.8
Columbia SC	101.4	103.3	83.1	108.2	101.6	106.7	114.4
Chattanooga TN	89.1	99.3	83.8	58.9	95.2	93	96.5
Johnson City TN	86	91.9	73.2	85	90.1	91.1	93.3
Knoxville TN	90.2	91.8	80.5	95.7	86.1	88.6	98.5
Richmond VA	104.4	102.4	105.3	114.3	100.1	113.4	101.7
Roanoke VA	93.5	89.5	92.8	106.1	91	96.9	92.4

Average Housing Costs: Existing Home Sales

	2008	2009
Units Sold	2,403	2,199
Average Cost	\$278,428	\$258,045

Source: North Carolina Association of Realtors, Inc.

Apartment Rental Rates (Asheville)

Average rental for a 2 bedroom, 1-2 bath, unfurnished, 950-sq.ft. apartment **\$817**

Source: ACCRA COLI

Average Medical Costs

	Optometrist Visit	Doctor Visit	Dentist Visit	
Asheville	\$85.50	\$93.33	\$81.22	* Average/ median for participating areas nationwide.
Survey Median*	\$85.93	\$87.50	\$77.09	Optometrist, doctor, and dentist visits are established patient charges.
Survey Average*	\$88.02	\$89.63	\$79.46	

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, Second Quarter 2010: 314 Urban Areas participated in the survey.

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