

Martinsburg-Berkeley County Chamber of Commerce Cost of Living Index

	Berkeley County WV	Clarksburg, WV	Winchester VA	Frederick MD	Washington DC
Composite Index (100%)	87.2%	95.2%	101.6%	131.7%	137.4%
Grocery Items	90.8%	98.0%	102.1%	106.1%	107.5%
Ground Beef	\$2.20	\$3.53	\$2.91	\$3.54	\$3.47
1/2 Gallon Milk	\$2.49	\$2.59	\$2.30	\$2.03	\$2.43
Bread	\$1.31	\$1.37	\$1.59	\$1.47	\$1.42
Housing	87.8%	89.7%	100.3%	192.1%	216.8%
Apartment Rent	\$673	\$698	\$816	\$1,485	\$1,809
Home Price	\$262,035	\$273,700	\$305,121	\$586,678	\$652,116
Utilities	72.2%	102.7%	88.2%	106.5%	88.9%
Electric	\$117.76	\$188.77	\$162.55	\$195.60	\$178.39
Phone	\$23.92	\$29.01	\$24.76	\$30.07	\$21.53
Transportation	100.7%	103.8%	97.8%	110.4%	108.1%
Gasoline	\$4.089	\$4.032	\$3.942	\$4.183	\$4.173
Tire Balance	\$9.55	\$11.17	\$9.50	\$12.60	\$11.80
Health Care	95.3%	95.3%	99.5%	105.2%	104.8%
Doctor	\$80.00	\$80.60	\$83.00	\$88.20	\$90.00
Dentist	\$68.20	\$60.47	\$71.25	\$84.00	\$81.60
Optometrist	\$55.00	\$92.09	\$72.33	\$73.40	\$73.00
Misc. Goods	84.3%	94.0%	108.3%	104.7%	105.0%
Dry Cleaning	\$9.36	\$12.45	\$8.95	\$10.10	\$8.69
Men's Shirt	\$15.79	\$20.60	\$28.99	\$28.19	\$27.59
Newspaper	\$11.05	\$13.43	\$21.67	\$15.60	\$15.60
Movie	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$8.25	\$9.75	\$10.21
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* Comparison on other areas throughout the U.S. are available by calling the Chamber at 304-267-4841 or chamber@berkeleycounty.org.