



COMPARISON OF COST ACROSS CITIES

We realize that students have lots of choices of schools to attend. To help inform these choices, we highlight Lexington’s rankings by niche.com across a number of dimensions including best places to raise a family, best places to live, cities with the best public schools, and cities with the lowest cost of living. As you can see from the rankings below, Lexington has strong rankings across these dimensions.

The screenshot shows the 'Lexington Rankings' section on the Niche website. It features a green header with a '2025 Niche Best Places' seal. Below the seal is the title 'Lexington Rankings' and a link to 'Read more about how we calculate our rankings'. There are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. The main content is titled 'National' and consists of six ranking cards arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each card has an illustration, a title, and a ranking number out of 228.

Ranking Category	Ranking
Best Cities to Buy a House in America	#10 of 228
Best Cities to Raise a Family in America	#28 of 228
Best Cities to Live in America	#35 of 228
Cities with the Best Public Schools in America	#41 of 228
Cities with the Lowest Cost of Living in America	#73 of 228
Best Cities to Retire in America	#84 of 228

Source: <https://www.niche.com/places-to-live/lexington-fayette-ky/rankings/>

To further inform these decisions, we have enclosed the cost comparisons across various locations including Newark, New Jersey, San Diego, California, Denver, Colorado, Lansing, Michigan, and Columbia, Missouri.

In each case, we assume a family income of \$100,000 and estimate what level of income would be necessary to have a similar cost of living to these other cities. We also include comparison of housing and utility costs across the locations.

Relative to Lexington, Kentucky, Newark, New Jersey, San Diego, California, and Denver, Colorado, the cost of living is 28%, 53%, 17%, and 1% higher, respectively. Lansing, Michigan is 3% lower.

To make these comparisons, we used the following website:

<https://www.bankrate.com/real-estate/cost-of-living-calculator/>

Newark, NJ

Data source: [ACCRA](#)

City you are moving from

Lexington, KY ▼

City you are moving to

Newark-Elizabeth, NJ ▼

Your current income

\$100,000

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Your results

To maintain your current standard of living in
Newark-Elizabeth, NJ, you need to earn:

\$128,328

The cost of living is **28.33%** higher in Newark-Elizabeth, NJ.

Housing cost

	Lexington, KY	Newark-Elizabeth, NJ	Change
Apartment Rent	\$982.00	\$2,021.00	↑ 106%
Home Price	\$351,975.00	\$684,958.00	↑ 95%

Utilities cost

	Lexington, KY	Newark-Elizabeth, NJ	Change
Total Energy	\$200.60	\$216.96	↑ 8%

San Diego, CA

Data source: [ACCRA](#)

City you are moving from Lexington, KY	Your results To maintain your current standard of living in San Diego, CA , you need to earn: \$153,142 The cost of living is 53.14% higher in San Diego, CA.
City you are moving to San Diego, CA	
Your current income \$100,000	
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Housing cost

	Lexington, KY	San Diego, CA	Change
Apartment Rent	\$982.00	\$3,057.00	↑ 211%
Home Price	\$351,975.00	\$1,001,748.00	↑ 185%

Utilities cost

	Lexington, KY	San Diego, CA	Change
Total Energy	\$200.60	\$220.21	↑ 10%

Denver, CO

Data source: [ACCRA](#)

City you are moving from <input type="text" value="Lexington, KY"/>	Your results To maintain your current standard of living in Denver, CO , you need to earn: \$117,678 The cost of living is 17.68% higher in Denver, CO.
City you are moving to <input type="text" value="Denver, CO"/>	
Your current income <input type="text" value="\$100,000"/>	
<input type="button" value="REFRESH LISTING"/>	

Housing cost

	Lexington, KY	Denver, CO	Change
Apartment Rent	\$982.00	\$1,841.00	↑ 87%
Home Price	\$351,975.00	\$639,886.00	↑ 82%

Utilities cost

	Lexington, KY	Denver, CO	Change
Total Energy	\$200.60	\$137.08	↓ 32%

Lansing, MI

Data source: [ACCRA](#)

City you are moving from

Lexington, KY

City you are moving to

Lansing, MI

Your current income

\$100,000

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Your results

To maintain your current standard of living in
Lansing, MI, you need to earn:

\$96,805

The cost of living is **3.19%** lower in Lansing, MI.

Housing cost

	Lexington, KY	Lansing, MI	Change
Apartment Rent	\$982.00	\$1,131.00	↑ 15%
Home Price	\$351,975.00	\$358,794.00	↑ 2%

Utilities cost

	Lexington, KY	Lansing, MI	Change
Total Energy	\$200.60	\$218.76	↑ 9%

Columbia, MO

Data source: [ACCRA](#)

<p>City you are moving from</p> <input type="text" value="Lexington, KY"/>	<p>Your results</p> <p>To maintain your current standard of living in Columbia, MO, you need to earn:</p> <h1>\$101,171</h1> <p>The cost of living is 1.17% higher in Columbia, MO.</p>
<p>City you are moving to</p> <input type="text" value="Columbia, MO"/>	
<p>Your current income</p> <input type="text" value="\$100,000"/>	
<p>REFRESH LISTING</p>	

Housing cost

	Lexington, KY	Columbia, MO	Change
Apartment Rent	\$982.00	\$861.00	↓ 12%
Home Price	\$351,975.00	\$442,644.00	↑ 26%

Utilities cost

	Lexington, KY	Columbia, MO	Change
Total Energy	\$200.60	\$161.78	↓ 19%

PROXIMITY TO OTHER MAJOR CITIES

We also highlight the distance and estimated driving time to major cities from Lexington, Kentucky. As you can see, many major cities are within easy driving distance.

- **Atlanta, Georgia**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 383 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 6 hours and 55 minutes
- **Chicago, Illinois**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 372 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 6 hours
- **Cincinnati, OH**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 73 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 1 hour and 15 minutes
- **Indianapolis, Indiana**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 189 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 3 hours
- **Nashville, Tennessee**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 214 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 3 hours and 30 minutes
- **New York, New York**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 704 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 11 hours and 10 minutes
- **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 371 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 6 hours and 5 minutes
- **St. Louis, Missouri**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 336 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 5 hours and 15 minutes
- **Washington, DC**
Approximate Driving Mileage: 535 miles
Estimated Driving Time: 8 hours and 25 minutes