

# City of Wausau Community & Economic Development

## Wausau, Wisconsin

### Cost of Living

The ACCRA Cost of Living Index 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. It is based on more than 50,000 prices covering 60 different items for which prices are collected quarterly by chambers of commerce, economic development organizations or university applied economic centers in each participating urban area.

The average for all participating places equals 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the averages for all places.

First Quarter 2005				
	Wausau, WI	Chicago, IL	Cedar Rapids, IA	Rochester, MN
<b>Composite Index</b>	94.2	128.6	93.2	97.3
<b>Grocery Items</b>	82.0	116.3	92.0	88.6
<b>Housing</b>	87.4	165.3	77.9	90.7
<b>Utilities</b>	117.7	105.1	107.2	113.5
<b>Transportation</b>	100.0	111.9	100.7	102.1
<b>Health Care</b>	94.7	120.3	97.1	101.9
<b>Misc. Goods &amp; Services</b>	96.1	114.8	99.9	99.6
<b>Composite High</b>	203.9			
<b>Composite Low</b>	85.3			

Source: American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA)

