



Cost of Living in France

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Summary of cost of living in France

Family of four estimated monthly costs: €4,185

Single person estimated monthly costs: €2,375

Cost of living in France is cheaper than in 76% of countries in Western Europe (13 out of 17)

Cost of living in France is more expensive than in 63% of countries in the World (27 out of 71)

Cost of Living Ranking in France

(top cities by data quality)

Ranking	City	Price Index *
1st	Paris	154
2nd	Lyon	122
3rd	Nice	118
4th	Bordeaux	115
5th	Marseille	115
6th	Grenoble	112
7th	Nantes	111
8th	Montpellier	110
9th	Lille	110
10th	Toulouse	107
11th	Strasbourg	107

Price Index:

To calculate each city's Price Index value, we start by assigning a value of 100 to a central reference city (that happens to be Prague). Once the reference point has been established, the Price Index value of every other city in the database is calculated by comparing their cost of living to the cost of living in Prague.

Therefore, if a city has a Price Index of 134, that means that living there is 34% more expensive than living in Prague.

Average Food Costs in France

Basic lunchtime menu (including a drink) in the business district €18

Combo meal in fast food restaurant (big mac meal or similar) €11

500 gr (1 lb.) of boneless chicken breast €6

1 liter (1 qt.) of whole fat milk €1.25

12 eggs, large €4.21

1 kg (2 lb.) of tomatoes €2.79

500 gr (16 oz.) of local cheese €9

1 kg (2 lb.) of apples €2.88

1 kg (2 lb.) of potatoes €1.82

0.5 l (16 oz) domestic beer in the supermarket €1.98

1 bottle of red table wine, good quality €9

2 liters of coca-cola €2.14

Bread for 2 people for 1 day €1.19

Average Housing Costs in France

Monthly rent for 85 m2 (900 sqft) furnished accommodation in expensive area €1,819

Monthly rent for 85 m2 (900 sqft) furnished accommodation in normal area €1,677

Utilities 1 month (heating, electricity, gas ...) for 2 people in 85m2 flat €141

Monthly rent for a 45 m2 (480 sqft) furnished studio in expensive area €1,025

Monthly rent for a 45 m2 (480 sqft) furnished studio in normal area €717

Utilities 1 month (heating, electricity, gas ...) for 1 person in 45 m2 (480 sqft) studio €99

Internet 8 mbps (1 month) €24

40" flat screen tv €312

Microwave 800/900 watt (bosch, panasonic, lg, sharp, or equivalent brands) €82

Laundry detergent (3 l. ~ 100 oz.) €5.97

Hourly rate for cleaning help €15

Average Clothes Costs in France

1 pair of jeans (levis 501 or similar) €94

1 summer dress in a high street store (zara, h&m or similar retailers) €34

1 pair of sport shoes (nike, adidas, or equivalent brands) €84

1 pair of men's leather business shoes €120

Average Transportation Costs in France

Volkswagen golf 1.4 tsi 150 cv (or equivalent), with no extras, new €22,045

1 liter (1/4 gallon) of gas €1.89

Monthly ticket public transport €59

Personal Care Costs in France

Cold medicine for 6 days (tylenol, frenadol, coldrex, or equivalent brands) €4.58

1 box of antibiotics (12 doses) €5.19

Short visit to private doctor (15 minutes) €27

1 box of 32 tampons (tampax, ob, ...) €4.20

Deodorant, roll-on (50ml ~ 1.5 oz.) €4.28

Hair shampoo 2-in-1 (400 ml ~ 12 oz.) €2.84

4 rolls of toilet paper €1.89

Tube of toothpaste €2.14

Standard men's haircut in expat area of the city €21

Entertainment Costs in France

Basic dinner out for two in neighborhood pub €42

2 tickets to the movies €22

2 tickets to the theater (best available seats) €83

Dinner for 2 at a restaurant in the expat area including appetizers, main course, wine and dessert €59

1 cocktail drink in downtown club €10

Cappuccino in expat area of the city €4.01

1 beer in neighbourhood pub (500ml or 1pt.) €5.58

Other Misc Costs in France

Ipad wi-fi 128gb €456

1 min. of prepaid mobile tariff (no discounts or plans) €0.10

1 month of gym membership in business district €32

1 package of marlboro cigarettes €10