

**Cost Comparisons with other Cities**

<b>Cost Components</b>		Tallahassee	Orlando	Gainesville	Lakeland	Pompano Beach	Pensacola	Largo	Fort Lauderdale	Daytona Beach	Clearwater	West Palm Beach	Hollywood
Operating Millage		4.10	6.65	4.5079	5.5644	5.3252	4.2895	5.3705	4.1193	6.6367	5.1550	8.3465	7.4479
City Property Tax Bill	[a] \$	459.20	\$ 711.55	\$ 477.84	\$ 478.54	\$ 665.65	\$ 308.84	\$ 537.05	\$ 947.44	\$ 431.39	\$ 706.24	\$ 1,293.71	\$ 1,340.62
Water Bill	[b]	193.92	151.56	321.00	255.24	315.84	309.72	435.24	325.32	503.40	545.04	495.24	399.24
Sewer Bill	[c]	535.56	459.96	487.20	451.92	309.12	425.76	348.48	451.56	549.60	554.40	450.12	678.36
Electric Bill w/ Franchise Fee	[d]	1,173.12	1,262.88	1,246.68	1,360.20	1,343.11	1,886.76	1,516.98	1,344.37	1,344.38	1,516.98	1,344.37	1395.10
Solid Waste Bill	[e]	199.68	231.36	402.00	228.60	239.52	273.60	211.80	347.40	262.08	352.32	396.20	372
Stormwater Bill	[f]	96.12	71.88	108.00	72.00	47.16	68.43	79.80	96.00	117.60	174.12	158.04	38.64
Fire Services Fee	[g]	201.00	General Fund	78.00	General Fund	134.00	General Fund	General Fund	225.00	General Fund	General Fund	25.00	222
<b>Total Costs</b>	\$	2,858.60	\$ 2,889.19	\$ 3,120.72	\$ 2,846.50	\$ 3,054.40	\$ 3,273.11	\$ 3,129.35	\$ 3,737.09	\$ 3,208.45	\$ 3,849.10	\$ 4,162.68	\$ 4,445.96
<b>Other Factors</b>													
Median Home Value	[h] \$	162,000	\$ 157,000	\$ 156,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 122,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 187,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 230,000
Percent of Taxable Property		55%	62%	41%	66%	80%	61%	72%	74%	71%	71%	76%	72%
Population		189,907	270,934	130,128	104,401	107,762	53,068	82,033	178,590	66,255	113,003	106,779	149,728
Square Miles		103.1	110.7	63.8	51.5	18.7	40.7	18.6	38.6	64.9	39.2	58.2	27.4
Cost of Living Index	[i]	96	98	95	90	100	94	88	111	93	96	102	102

**Notes:**

- [a] Tax Bill = Millage x Median Home Value less 50,000 Homestead Exemption
- [b] Yearly residential water cost based on 5/8" line using 6,000 gallons each month. Rates as of November 2016.
- [c] Yearly residential sewer cost based on 5/8" line using 5,000 gallons each month. Rates as of November 2016.
- [d] Yearly residential electric cost is based on actual average monthly residential kWh consumption for each of the utilities providing service, as reported in the Florida Public Service Commission's Comparative Rate Statistics for the year ended December 31, 2015. Rates as of November 2016 and include base rate plus any fuel/cost adjustments and applicable franchise fees.
- [e] Yearly residential solid waste pick up for single residential housing unit. Level of service may vary within each municipality, but equivalent container size, pick-up frequency and recycling rate was identified. Rates as of November 2016.
- [f] Yearly stormwater cost for single residential housing unit. Rates as of November 2016.
- [g] Fire fee for Gainesville funds approximately 43% of the Fire budget and 15% of the fire budget for West Palm Beach.
- [h] Zillow.com-April 2016 median home value
- [i] Florida has a cost of living index of 101 in comparison to the national cost of living index of 100. Derived from www.areavibes.com