

Cost Comparisons with other Cities FY18

Cost Components		Tallahassee	Orlando	Gainesville	Lakeland	Pompano Beach	Pensacola	Largo	Fort Lauderdale	Daytona Beach	Clearwater	West Palm Beach	Hollywood
Operating Millage		4.10	6.65	4.7474	5.5644	5.4865	4.2895	5.5705	4.1193	6.3333	5.1550	8.3465	7.4479
City Property Tax Bill	[a] \$	487.90	\$ 811.30	\$ 541.20	\$ 517.49	\$ 768.11	\$ 368.90	\$ 674.03	\$ 992.75	\$ 475.00	\$ 824.80	\$ 1,452.29	\$ 1,474.68
Water Bill	[b]	211.74	151.56	321	165.48	332.448	318.96	435.24	435.24	455.16	555.84	508.08	399.24
Sewer Bill	[c]	548.28	495.96	487.2	461.04	318.24	429.84	363.6	474.24	619.08	576	467.76	678.36
Electric Bill w/ Franchise Fee	[d]	1251.48	1254.36	1282.2	1434.48	1472.22	1891.08	1603.48	1473.61	1473.61	1603.48	1473.61	1529.22
Solid Waste Bill	[e]	215.28	231.36	402	228.6	241.56	273.6	211.8	368.28	270.48	366.84	400.2	372
Stormwater Bill	[f]	98.16	84	108	96	50.52	72.24	79.8	120	120.84	179.28	162.84	38.64
Fire Services Fee	[g]	201.00	General Fund	78.00	General Fund	\$163	General Fund	General Fund	256.00	General Fund	General Fund	25.00	209
Total Costs	\$	3,013.84	\$ 3,028.54	\$ 3,219.60	\$ 2,903.09	\$ 3,346.10	\$ 3,354.62	\$ 3,367.95	\$ 4,120.12	\$ 3,414.17	\$ 4,106.24	\$ 4,489.78	\$ 4,701.14
Other Factors													
Median Home Value	[h] \$	169,000	\$ 172,000	\$ 164,000	\$ 143,000	\$ 190,000	\$ 136,000	\$ 171,000	\$ 291,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 210,000	\$ 224,000	\$ 248,000
Percent of Taxable Property		55%	62%	42%	66%	80%	61%	72%	74%	71%	71%	76%	72%
Population		185,395	250,224	126,465	99,942	103,234	52,505	79,737	176,747	61,913	109,210	102,283	145,128
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]	99	96	97	90	100	95	88	111	90	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 2017.
 - [c] Yearly residential sewer cost based on 5/8" line using 5,000 gallons each month. Rates as of November 2017.
 - [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, 2016. Rates as of November 2017 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 2017.
 - [f] Yearly stormwater cost for single residential housing unit. Rates as of November 2017.
 - [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-October 2017 median home value
 - [i] Florida has a cost of living index of 99 in comparison to the national cost of living index of 100. Derived from www.areavibes.com