

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

HOW FAR WILL MY STIPEND GO?

The Graduate School at Northwestern University offers an exceptionally competitive base stipend of \$20,520 to the majority of its doctoral students. The number one question we receive regarding the stipend is, "How far will that go in Chicago?" To help answer that question, we are providing you with information regarding the cost of living in Chicago measured against other US metropolitan areas.

To live a comparable lifestyle in:

Berkeley , would require a stipend of: \$30,435. Cost of Living Indexes*			Boston , would require a stipend of: \$22,426. Cost of Living Indexes*		
	San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL		Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL
Overall	171	113	Overall	126	113
Food	121	104	Food	109	104
Housing	255	123	Housing	148	123
Utilities	138	111	Utilities	134	111
Transportation	126	114	Transportation	111	114
Health	161	110	Health	123	110
Miscellaneous	110	103	Miscellaneous	109	103
Overall, the Berkeley area is 51.3% more expensive			Overall, the Boston area is 11.5% more expensive		
Los Angeles , would require a stipend of: \$26,875. Cost of Living Indexes*			Madison , would require a stipend of: \$16,730. Cost of Living Indexes*		
	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL		Madison, WI	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL
Overall	151	113	Overall	94	113
Food	112	104	Food	100	104
Housing	223	123	Housing	82	123
Utilities	114	111	Utilities	114	111
Transportation	110	114	Transportation	101	114
Health	119	110	Health	104	110
Miscellaneous	107	103	Miscellaneous	95	103
Overall, the Los Angeles area is 33.6% more expensive			Overall, the Madison area is 16.8% cheaper		
New Haven , would require a stipend of: \$19,400. Cost of Living Indexes*			New York , would require a stipend of: \$25,985. Cost of Living Indexes*		
	New Haven-Milford, CT	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL		New York-North Jersey-Long Island, NY	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL
Overall	109	113	Overall	146	113
Food	112	104	Food	121	104
Housing	102	123	Housing	183	123
Utilities	128	111	Utilities	137	111
Transportation	105	114	Transportation	118	114
Health	107	110	Health	142	110
Miscellaneous	111	103	Miscellaneous	121	103
Overall, the New Haven area is 3.5% cheaper			Overall, the New York area is 29.2% more expensive		
Raleigh , would require a stipend of: \$17,976. Cost of Living Indexes*			Seattle , would require a stipend of: \$21,714. Cost of Living Indexes*		
	Raleigh-Cary, NC	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL		Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL
Overall	101	113	Overall	122	113
Food	101	104	Food	109	104
Housing	101	123	Housing	153	123
Utilities	97	111	Utilities	75	111
Transportation	99	114	Transportation	107	114
Health	103	110	Health	128	110
Miscellaneous	105	103	Miscellaneous	102	103
Overall, the Raleigh area is 10.6% cheaper			Overall, the Seattle area is 8% more expensive		

* Index for United States equals 100