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This index compares the relative cost of living in different locations. Using the United States as the base location (i.e. a value of 100), an index value of 120 means that the cost of living in that particular community is 20 percent higher than in the base location; a value of 94 indicates a more affordable location.

Location	Cost of Living Index
City of Benicia	150
City of Walnut Creek	171
City of San Ramon	200
City of Vacaville	130
City of Dublin	170
City of Martinez	150
City of Napa	159

Source: Sperling's Best Places www.bestplaces.net, (as of March 2012). The total of all cost of living categories is weighted as follows: 30% housing, 15% groceries, 10% transportation, 6% utilities, 7% health care, and 32% miscellaneous (clothing, services, entertainment); state and local taxes are not included.