

Rising Cost of Living in Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Eastern Oregon

In Spokane County, 36% are renters.

In the last five years, Spokane rent increased by almost 50%.

Spokane County

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,198

- Wage necessary to afford: \$23.04

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage: \$19.71

Whatcom County

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,355

- Wage necessary to afford: \$26.06

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage:

- Current: \$21.15, April 2025: \$22.15

Benton County:

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,187

- Wage necessary to afford: \$22.83

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage: \$17.83

Jefferson County:

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,123

- Wage necessary to afford: \$21.60

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage:

- Current: \$22.15, December 2024: \$24.15

Chelan County:

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,262

- Wage necessary to afford: \$24.27

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage: \$18.61

Clallam County:

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,202

- Wage necessary to afford: \$23.12

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage:

- Current: \$22.15, December 2024: \$24.15

Kittitas County:

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,280

- Wage necessary to afford: \$24.62

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage: \$18.61

Mason County:

2 Bedroom Fair Market Rent: \$1,181

- Wage necessary to afford: \$22.71

Safeway Journey Grocery Clerk wage:

- Current: \$22.15, May 2024: \$24.15

While rent may be lower in Northeastern Oregon as compared to Seattle or Portland, Oregon, the state found that over 25% of Pendleton, Oregon renters are severely rent-burdened, or paying more than 50% of their income on rent in 2022. This is nearly identical to the rate in Portland, Oregon.

According to Redfin, as of December 2023, Seattle median home sale price increased by 11% over the last five years. In Spokane, it increased by 77%.

In 2021, only 15% of Spokane's employed population could afford a median price home compared to 70% of its employed population in 2016.

In Ellensburg, WA median home sale price is currently higher than in Tacoma, Washington.

As of December 2023, Ellensburg home prices have increased by 56.5% over the last five years, versus 44.6% in Tacoma.

Meanwhile, Ellensburg Safeway workers are making \$18.61 versus \$24.15 in Tacoma (in May).

As of December 2023, Coeur D'Alene has a higher median home sale price than Lakewood, Washington: \$567,000 versus \$532,500.

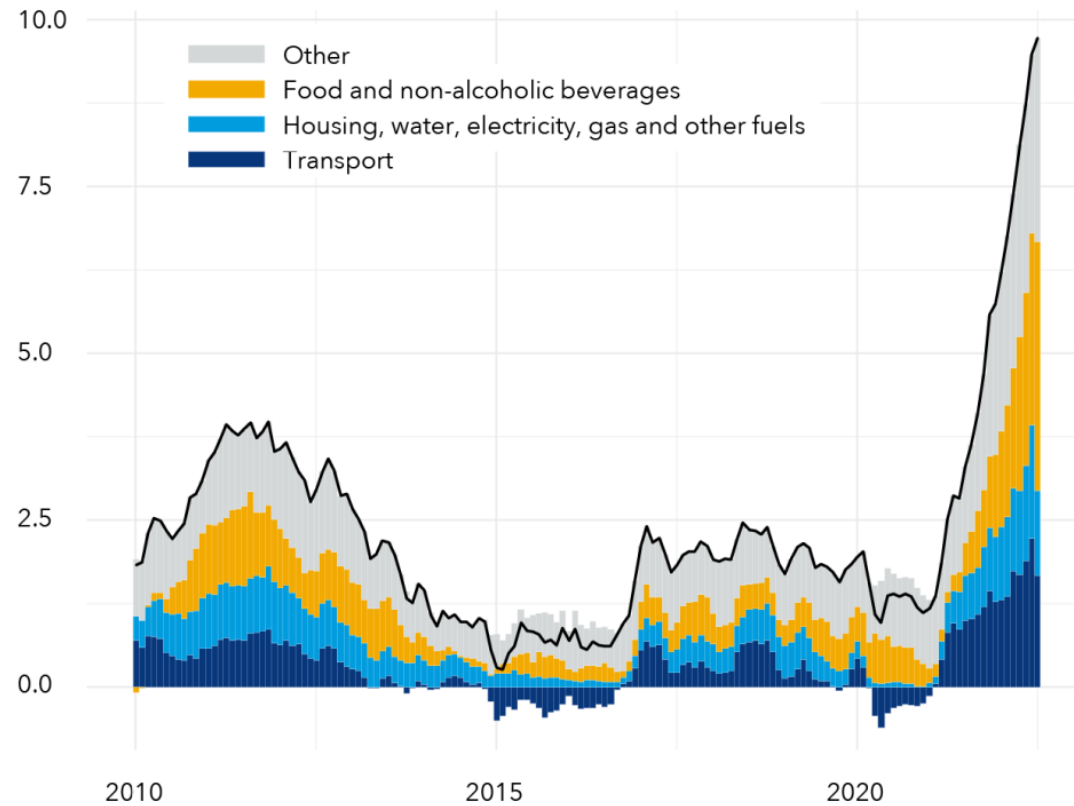
Meanwhile, a Coeur D'Alene Journey Grocery Clerk are making \$17.64 versus \$24.15 in Lakewood (in May).

In Pend Orielle County, according to Redfin, the median home sale price has increased by 56% over the last five years.

Food prices drive inflation

Inflation drivers

Food and energy prices continue to drive the global inflation surge.
(percent, median inflation rate)



Source: IMF CPI database and IMF staff calculations.

Note: Chart shows median total inflation and in select categories across 88 countries, including 28 advanced economies and 60 emerging and developing economies.

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GROCERY		Price	You Pay
1600016968	CHEERIOS	7.99	7.99 \$
2550030411	FOLGERS HOUSE	12.99	12.99 \$
2840031041	LAYS CLASSIC POT	5.99	5.99 \$
GROC NONEDIBLE			
3077208808	CHARMIN BATH TISSU	11.99	11.99 T
REFRIG/FROZEN			
2113003234	8UC EGGS LARGE A	2.99	2.99 \$
2113007069	LUCERNE MILK 2% RF	2.29	2.29 \$
7283000201	TILLAMOOK CHEDDAR	11.99	11.99 \$
GEN MERCHANDISE			
3600054639	HUGGIES LITL	32.99	32.99 T
7301000455	TAMPAX PEARL	10.79	10.79
BAKED GOODS			
7222000068	FRANZ BRD BIG WHITE	4.79	4.79 \$
MEAT			
20785900000	SIG CHICKEN LEG QU	11.40	11.40 \$
PRODUCE			
3082	BROCCOLI CROWNS	6.55	6.55 \$
WT	2.63 lb @ \$2.48 /lb		
64312604011	BANANAS GREEN	1.19	1.19 \$
WT	1.73 lb @ \$0.69 /lb		
LIQUOR			
85774400131	JOSH CAB SAUV	15.99	15.99 T
MISCELLANEOUS			
22147	3@ RCYCLE BAG CHARGE	0.24	0.24 T
TAX			6.51
**** BALANCE			145.68



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1600016968	CHEERIOS	7.99	7.99 \$
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MEAT			
20787300000	SIG CHICKEN THIGHS	9.91	9.91 \$
PRODUCE			
3082	BROCCOLI CROWNS	4.96	4.96 \$
WT	1.99 lb @ \$2.49 /lb		
64312604011	BANANAS GREEN	1.58	1.58 \$
WT	2.29 lb @ \$0.69 /lb		
LIQUOR			
85774400131	JOSH CAB SAUV	15.99	15.99 T
TAX			6.16
**** BALANCE			143.30