

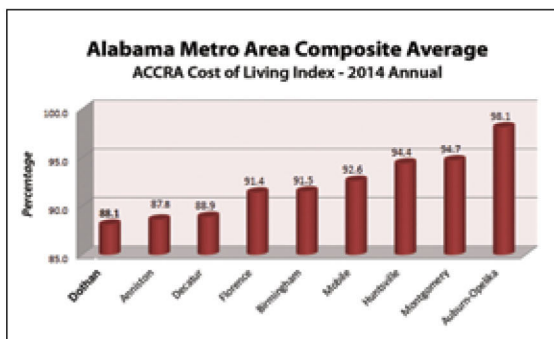
# Dothan COLI Lowest In State For 2014

## ACCRA 2014 Annual Cost-Of-Living Index

ACCRA recently released its' *Cost-Of-Living Index* report that provided the average annual data for the year 2014.

In the annual report, nine metropolitan statistical areas were included in the Alabama data, with Dothan reporting the lowest composite index in the state at 87.1 percent.

The composite index is based on six components – Grocery Items, Housing, Utilities, Transportation, Health Care and Miscellaneous Goods and Services. Out of the six, the Dothan MSA also had the lowest index in three categories: Utilities 87.0, Health Care 83.1 and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 87.8 percent.



### What Does A Half Gallon of Milk Cost In Alabama? ACCRA Cost of Living Index (COLI)

Annual 2014

Ranking	Urban Areas	Index
1	Huntsville, Ala.	\$2.37
2	Decatur-Hartselle, Ala.	\$2.44
3	Florence, Ala.	\$2.53
4	Birmingham, Ala.	\$2.58
5	Anniston, Ala.	\$2.64
6	Mobile, Ala.	\$2.69
<b>7</b>	<b>Dothan, Ala.</b>	<b>\$2.70</b>
8	Auburn-Opelika, Ala.	\$2.71
9	Montgomery, Ala.	\$2.76

The *ACCRA Cost of Living Index* is published quarterly by C2ER – The Council for Community and Economic Research. The Index measures regional differences in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures, for professional and managerial households in the top income quintile. It is based on more than 50,000 prices covering almost 60 different items for which prices are collected quarterly by chambers of commerce, economic development organizations or university applied economic centers in each participating urban area. Small differences should not be interpreted as showing a measurable difference.