

Location Cost Comparison



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1. Hold the Job Offer Constant

Fictional Jordan has the same **\$70,000 annual before-tax offer** in every location. The household scenario also stays the same: one adult/no children. MIT Living Wage Calculator data was updated February 15, 2026.

Use the **supplied official annual before-tax targets**. Do not rebuild them from the displayed hourly rates; the hourly display is rounded and will produce a slightly different result. Your calculation job is \$70,000 minus the supplied annual target.

LOCATION	HOURLY TARGET	ANNUAL BEFORE-TAX TARGET	\$70,000 - TARGET	RESULT
Tulsa County, Oklahoma	\$21.23	\$44,165	\$	above / below
Dallas County, Texas	\$23.31	\$48,489	\$	above / below
Los Angeles County, California	\$28.92	\$60,161	\$	above / below
New York County, New York	\$38.21	\$79,469	\$	above / below

Choose Dallas and two other locations. Complete all three table cells, then show one subtraction:

Word bank: fixed offer/oferta fija · annual target/meta anual · gap/diferencia · above/por encima · below/por debajo.

Calculation frame: \$70,000 - [supplied annual target] = [gap].

2. Recommend a Location for Fictional Jordan

Rank the three locations you compared:

RANK	LOCATION	ONE NUMBER THAT SUPPORTS THE RANK
1		
2		
3		

Two nonfinancial factors Jordan should investigate:

1. _____ 2. _____

Jordan's strongest current choice and why:

One question the table cannot answer: _____

One limitation of the fixed \$70,000 offer: _____

Word bank: recommend/recomendar · nonfinancial/no financiero · investigate/investigar · limitation/limitación.

Sentence frame: I recommend [location] for Jordan because the gap is [number] and [nonfinancial reason]. Jordan still needs to investigate [question].