

COST OF DOING BUSINESS

Winnipeg continues to be one of the most cost competitive cities in terms of overall business cost competitiveness, according to the 2008 edition of KPMG's Competitive Alternatives study. The study compares business competitiveness for more than 100 cities in ten countries: Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Germany, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States. The study measures the combined impact of 27 cost components such as labour, land facilities, utilities and taxes. Winnipeg ranked eighth among mid and large-sized cities in Midwest North America. Winnipeg's overall cost index was 97.7, which relates to a 2.3% cost advantage over the US average index of 100.

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