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Mr. Chairman, Keith

Attached is a workbook with what is called price parity indexes for the states, metro areas and nonmetro areas of the states for 2007 through 2011. The definition is on the first sheet. It's essentially cost of living based on a national index of 100. As you can see Idaho is typically low, except for nonmetro, but not as low as the wage rankings. Also there are only 49 nonmetro areas because the census bureau has determined that New Jersey and Rhode Island are entirely metro.

This was an experimental project by the Bureau of Economic Analysis and it is unclear whether it will continue.

If you need more or different let me know

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Personal Consumption Expenditure Index (1=Highest)

	2007	Rank	2008	Rank	2009	Rank	2010	Rank	2011	Rank
United States.....	100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0	
Alabama.....	89.9	42	90.2	42	90.5	40	90.6	40	90.4	41
Alaska.....	106.0	10	105.3	10	105.9	9	104.8	10	105.5	9
Arizona.....	100.2	17	100.0	17	99.4	19	98.8	19	98.6	20
Arkansas.....	88.7	46	89.2	46	88.9	47	89.4	46	89.2	47
California.....	110.2	7	110.3	7	110.3	7	110.4	6	110.3	6
Colorado.....	99.4	20	100.0	18	100.0	18	99.6	16	99.8	17
Connecticut.....	110.4	5	110.4	6	110.6	6	110.2	7	110.1	7
Delaware.....	104.6	11	103.7	11	104.2	11	103.9	11	103.9	11
District of Columbia.....	111.7	4	112.5	4	112.1	4	113.7	3	114.2	3
Florida.....	100.0	18	99.7	20	99.4	20	98.8	20	98.7	18
Georgia.....	94.4	29	93.9	31	93.9	30	94.1	30	94.0	30
Hawaii.....	116.4	1	116.1	1	115.5	1	115.8	1	116.0	1
Idaho.....	92.9	31	93.7	32	93.6	32	92.6	33	92.8	32
Illinois.....	100.2	16	100.2	16	100.4	15	100.4	14	100.5	14
Indiana.....	92.1	36	92.0	36	92.1	37	91.8	37	91.9	37
Iowa.....	89.1	44	89.2	44	89.1	46	89.1	47	89.4	46
Kansas.....	90.3	41	90.5	39	90.4	41	90.6	41	90.7	40
Kentucky.....	89.0	45	89.2	45	89.6	44	89.6	44	89.6	45
Louisiana.....	92.2	35	92.4	34	92.4	34	92.8	32	92.7	33
Maine.....	97.2	23	97.5	22	97.7	22	96.7	24	97.4	23
Maryland.....	110.2	6	110.7	5	111.2	5	111.0	5	111.1	5
Massachusetts.....	107.1	8	107.4	8	107.1	8	107.2	8	107.3	8
Michigan.....	95.9	26	95.6	27	95.3	28	95.3	28	95.2	28
Minnesota.....	96.4	25	96.2	26	96.7	25	96.3	25	96.4	25
Mississippi.....	88.1	49	89.0	47	88.5	49	88.4	49	88.7	49
Missouri.....	88.7	48	88.7	49	88.6	48	88.7	48	89.0	48
Montana.....	92.2	34	94.1	30	93.8	31	93.6	31	93.8	31
Nebraska.....	89.9	43	89.7	43	89.7	43	90.0	43	89.8	44
Nevada.....	100.8	14	100.7	14	100.1	16	98.9	18	98.6	19
New Hampshire.....	106.3	9	106.0	9	105.5	10	106.0	9	105.2	10
New Jersey.....	111.9	3	112.7	3	113.0	3	112.9	4	112.9	4
New Mexico.....	93.7	30	94.2	29	93.9	29	94.2	29	94.5	29
New York.....	113.5	2	114.0	2	113.9	2	114.1	2	114.3	2
North Carolina.....	92.3	33	92.2	35	92.4	35	92.5	34	92.4	35
North Dakota.....	86.9	50	87.9	50	87.7	50	88.2	50	88.7	50
Ohio.....	90.8	39	90.4	40	90.1	42	90.4	42	90.2	42
Oklahoma.....	90.4	40	90.4	41	90.7	39	90.9	39	91.1	39
Oregon.....	97.4	22	97.1	23	97.6	23	97.4	22	97.7	22
Pennsylvania.....	98.1	21	98.2	21	98.1	21	98.4	21	98.6	21
Rhode Island.....	100.8	15	100.3	15	100.4	14	100.1	15	100.5	15
South Carolina.....	91.5	37	91.4	37	92.3	36	92.2	36	92.4	36
South Dakota.....	86.8	51	87.5	51	86.3	51	87.2	51	87.0	51
Tennessee.....	91.0	38	90.9	38	91.2	38	91.3	38	91.5	38
Texas.....	97.0	24	96.9	24	97.0	24	97.1	23	97.0	24
Utah.....	95.7	27	96.3	25	96.5	26	95.6	26	95.7	27
Vermont.....	99.8	19	99.8	19	100.1	17	99.4	17	100.0	16
Virginia.....	101.7	12	101.8	13	102.5	12	102.6	12	102.6	12
Washington.....	101.5	13	101.9	12	102.4	13	101.7	13	101.9	13
West Virginia.....	88.7	47	88.7	48	89.3	45	89.5	45	89.9	43
Wisconsin.....	92.6	32	92.6	33	92.4	33	92.2	35	92.5	34
Wyoming.....	94.4	28	94.7	28	95.4	27	95.4	27	96.2	26

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Regional price parities (RPPs) are regional price levels expressed as a percentage of the overall national price level for a given year. The price level is determined by the average prices paid by consumers for the mix of goods and services consumed in each region. The RPPs are calculated using data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Consumer Price Index (CPI) program and the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS).

Table 3. State Metropolitan Portion Regional Price Parities, 2007-2011

	Regional price parity (1=Highest)									
	2007	Rank	2008	Rank	2009	Rank	2010	Rank	2011	Rank
United States.....	100.0		100.0		100		100.0		100.0	
Alabama metro.....	91.3	46	91.5	46	91.8	44	91.8	44	91.6	46
Alaska metro.....	109.1	8	108.4	9	109.0	8	107.9	9	109.2	8
Arizona metro.....	100.9	18	100.5	17	99.9	21	99.2	21	99.0	21
Arkansas metro.....	91.0	49	91.1	48	90.6	49	91.1	50	90.9	50
California metro.....	110.6	7	110.8	7	110.8	7	110.9	7	110.8	7
Colorado metro.....	99.8	21	100.4	18	100.6	16	100.4	16	100.6	16
Connecticut metro.....	111.2	6	111.2	6	111.4	6	111.0	6	110.9	6
Delaware metro.....	107.1	11	106.2	11	106.3	11	106.2	11	106.1	11
Dist. of Columbia metro.....	112.0	4	112.8	3	112.4	5	114.0	3	114.5	3
Florida metro.....	100.6	19	100.3	20	99.9	20	99.3	20	99.3	20
Georgia metro.....	96.3	27	95.8	28	95.7	28	95.7	28	95.4	29
Hawaii metro.....	121.5	1	121.1	1	121.1	1	121.6	1	122.4	1
Idaho metro.....	93.6	34	93.9	34	93.9	34	93.0	40	92.7	41
Illinois metro.....	102.7	13	102.6	14	102.7	14	102.7	13	102.8	14
Indiana metro.....	93.6	35	93.3	37	93.6	36	93.2	37	93.4	36
Iowa metro.....	92.6	42	92.3	42	92.2	43	92.3	43	92.5	42
Kansas metro.....	93.0	39	93.0	39	92.8	40	93.0	38	93.0	39
Kentucky metro.....	91.2	48	91.0	49	91.6	45	91.5	47	91.5	47
Louisiana metro.....	94.4	31	94.6	31	94.5	31	94.6	31	94.7	31
Maine metro.....	97.8	25	98.1	24	99.0	22	97.6	25	98.3	25
Maryland metro.....	111.5	5	112.0	5	112.5	4	112.3	5	112.5	5
Massachusetts metro.....	107.3	10	107.5	10	107.2	10	107.4	10	107.5	10
Michigan metro.....	97.6	26	97.1	26	96.9	27	96.8	26	96.7	27
Minnesota metro.....	100.0	20	99.7	21	100.1	19	99.6	18	99.8	18
Mississippi metro.....	93.1	37	93.5	35	92.4	42	92.3	42	91.8	44
Missouri metro.....	90.4	51	90.2	50	90.0	51	90.1	51	90.4	51
Montana metro.....	93.0	38	94.6	30	94.1	33	94.3	32	94.4	33
Nebraska metro.....	93.8	33	93.2	38	93.2	38	93.5	35	93.3	37
Nevada metro.....	101.0	16	100.9	16	100.3	18	99.0	22	98.6	22
New Hampshire metro.....	109.1	9	108.7	8	107.9	9	109.0	8	108.3	9
New Jersey metro.....	112.2	3	112.8	4	113.2	3	113.1	4	113.1	4
New Mexico metro.....	95.4	29	95.7	29	94.9	29	95.3	29	95.4	30
New York metro.....	115.6	2	116.1	2	116.0	2	116.3	2	116.5	2
North Carolina metro.....	93.8	32	93.4	36	93.7	35	93.8	34	93.7	34
North Dakota metro.....	91.3	47	92.0	44	91.5	46	91.6	46	92.2	43
Ohio metro.....	91.8	44	91.5	47	91.0	47	91.5	48	91.2	48
Oklahoma metro.....	92.4	43	92.2	43	92.5	41	92.9	41	92.9	40
Oregon metro.....	98.3	24	97.9	25	98.5	24	98.1	24	98.5	23
Pennsylvania metro.....	99.0	22	98.9	22	98.9	23	99.4	19	99.5	19
Rhode Island metro.....	100.9	17	100.4	19	100.5	17	100.2	17	100.6	17
South Carolina metro.....	92.8	40	92.4	41	93.5	37	93.3	36	93.5	35
South Dakota metro.....	91.6	45	91.6	45	90.4	50	91.6	45	91.0	49
Tennessee metro.....	92.8	41	92.6	40	93.0	39	93.0	39	93.2	38
Texas metro.....	98.4	23	98.3	23	98.4	25	98.4	23	98.3	24
Utah metro.....	96.3	28	96.8	27	97.1	26	96.1	27	96.3	28
Vermont metro.....	101.5	15	102.2	15	102.6	15	100.8	15	102.5	15
Virginia metro.....	104.0	12	104.1	12	104.7	12	105.0	12	105.1	12
Washington metro.....	102.5	14	102.8	13	103.2	13	102.6	14	102.8	13
West Virginia metro.....	90.7	50	89.9	51	90.9	48	91.3	49	91.7	45
Wisconsin metro.....	94.5	30	94.4	32	94.2	32	94.2	33	94.4	32
Wyoming metro.....	93.4	36	94.3	33	94.6	30	94.9	30	96.8	26

Table 3. State Non-metropolitan Portion Regional Price Parities, 2007-2011

	Regional price parity (Rank 1=Highest)									
	2007	Rank	2008	Rank	2009	Rank	2010	Rank	2011	Rank
United States.....	100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0		100.0	
Alabama metro.....	91.3	17	91.5	20	91.8	20	91.8	20	91.6	20
Alabama non-metro.....	83.7	41	84.8	38	85.3	36	85.9	34	85.7	34
Alaska non-metro.....	99.3	5	98.5	5	99.1	5	98.4	5	98.2	5
Arizona non-metro.....	89.3	22	90.9	21	90.6	23	91.8	19	89.6	23
Arkansas non-metro.....	83.8	39	85.3	33	85.2	37	85.6	36	85.5	37
California non-metro.....	97.5	7	97.1	7	97.4	7	97.8	6	97.4	7
Colorado non-metro.....	96.3	8	96.6	8	95.9	8	95.5	8	96.0	8
Connecticut non-metro.....	101.4	3	101.1	2	102.3	2	101.4	3	101.2	2
Delaware non-metro.....	89.1	23	88.9	25	91.9	19	90.4	23	92.3	18
Florida non-metro.....	89.7	21	89.6	23	89.7	25	90.3	24	89.2	25
Georgia non-metro.....	84.8	32	85.8	31	86.4	29	86.9	28	87.1	28
Hawaii non-metro.....	104.1	1	104.4	1	102.4	1	102.8	1	102.2	1
Idaho non-metro.....	90.5	20	92.4	18	92.1	18	90.8	21	92.0	19
Illinois non-metro.....	83.3	42	83.5	45	84.2	43	84.3	41	84.2	43
Indiana non-metro.....	84.7	33	84.9	37	84.7	39	84.2	42	84.3	41
Iowa non-metro.....	83.2	44	84.2	43	84.0	44	83.8	44	84.2	42
Kansas non-metro.....	83.8	40	84.5	41	84.0	45	83.5	47	83.8	45
Kentucky non-metro.....	84.3	36	85.2	36	85.7	33	85.6	35	85.8	33
Louisiana non-metro.....	84.8	31	85.3	34	85.8	31	86.4	31	85.6	35
Maine non-metro.....	95.0	11	94.9	10	94.8	13	94.3	13	95.1	11
Maryland non-metro.....	92.2	15	92.8	15	92.2	17	93.3	15	92.6	16
Massachusetts non-metro.....	102.1	2	100.8	3	101.6	3	101.9	2	100.6	3
Michigan non-metro.....	85.5	29	86.3	29	86.1	30	86.1	32	85.9	32
Minnesota non-metro.....	84.2	37	84.6	40	84.9	38	84.5	39	84.4	40
Mississippi non-metro.....	82.8	46	84.7	39	84.6	41	84.4	40	85.3	38
Missouri non-metro.....	81.7	47	82.7	48	82.6	48	82.9	48	82.9	48
Montana non-metro.....	90.7	18	92.5	17	92.6	15	92.1	17	92.4	17
Nebraska non-metro.....	83.0	45	83.4	46	83.6	46	83.5	46	83.5	47
Nevada non-metro.....	95.9	9	95.5	9	95.2	10	94.5	11	94.9	12
New Hampshire non-metro.....	100.0	4	99.9	4	99.6	4	100.1	4	99.0	4
New Mexico non-metro.....	88.1	25	89.8	22	90.8	22	90.6	22	91.4	21
New York non-metro.....	95.5	10	94.8	11	95.4	9	95.0	9	95.4	9
North Carolina non-metro.....	85.7	28	87.0	27	87.2	27	87.2	27	87.4	27
North Dakota non-metro.....	81.5	48	82.8	47	83.1	47	83.8	45	84.1	44
Ohio non-metro.....	84.4	34	83.6	44	84.4	42	84.0	43	83.8	46
Oklahoma non-metro.....	85.8	27	86.6	28	87.0	28	86.7	30	87.1	29
Oregon non-metro.....	92.2	16	93.2	14	93.2	14	93.4	14	92.9	14
Pennsylvania non-metro.....	92.4	14	92.7	16	92.2	16	92.6	16	92.8	15
South Carolina non-metro.....	84.1	38	85.7	32	85.7	34	86.7	29	86.9	30
South Dakota non-metro.....	81.3	49	82.6	49	81.8	49	81.8	49	82.2	49
Tennessee non-metro.....	83.3	43	84.2	42	84.6	40	84.6	38	85.0	39
Texas non-metro.....	87.3	26	87.9	26	87.9	26	88.3	26	88.0	26
Utah non-metro.....	90.5	19	92.3	19	91.6	21	92.1	18	90.9	22
Vermont non-metro.....	97.8	6	97.5	6	97.7	6	97.5	7	97.8	6
Virginia non-metro.....	88.7	24	89.4	24	90.4	24	89.8	25	89.6	24
Washington non-metro.....	93.4	13	93.9	13	95.0	11	94.4	12	94.3	13
West Virginia non-metro.....	84.3	35	85.2	35	85.7	32	85.9	33	86.3	31
Wisconsin non-metro.....	85.5	30	86.1	30	85.6	35	85.0	37	85.6	36
Wyoming non-metro.....	94.1	12	94.2	12	95.0	12	95.0	10	95.1	10