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Kansas City



Boston

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as I buy in Kansas City with \$32,000?

Using the CPl: Comparing values across Cities

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Kansas' CPI:

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\$32,0000 Multiply \$32,000 times 2 → \$64,000



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In **Boston** I need **\$64,000** in order to be able to buy as much as I buy in Kansas with \$32,000

How do I check that in fact \$64,000 in Boston has the same buying power as \$32,000 in Kansas?