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The Rising Cost of Water.

Over the last decade, the price of potable water has risen faster than the cost of food — but cost burdens differ significantly by state.

As Americans grapple with a widespread affordability crisis, it seems even water is not immune to economic pressures — in fact, it's getting more expensive more quickly than other basic needs. A [new report](#) finds that over the past 10 years, the cost of household drinking water increased faster than the cost of groceries, faster than inflation and faster than household income.

The report was produced by Food and Water Watch, an advocacy organization that campaigns for clean water, increased food access and other environmental causes.

On average, the cost of drinking water increased 62 percent — but this number blurs enormous state-by-state variations. It went down 2 percent in Shreveport, La., between 2015 and 2025 and increased more than 300 percent for customers of Oregon's Tualatin Valley Water District.

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