

# Tampa's Leading Remodeler Offers Expert Guidance on Kitchen Remodel Costs in 2026

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Homeowners considering a kitchen remodel in 2026 are discovering that pricing can vary widely—from \$55,000 to over \$250,000. [Revive Design and Renovation](#), a full-service design/build firm in Central Florida, is helping homeowners understand why costs fluctuate and why investing in the right team can be more valuable than chasing the lowest price.

“Kitchen [remodel costs](#) are influenced by far more than just finishes,” said Nicole Rodriguez, Director of Cabinet Design at Revive Design and Renovation. “Labor availability, design complexity, project management, and pre-planning all play a major role. Investing in a thoughtful design from the start often saves time, money, and frustration later.”



Revive Design and Renovation Kitchen



Average Kitchen Remodel Costs in 2026:

Minor Updates (\$50,000–\$75,000): Cosmetic refreshes keeping the existing layout intact, including refinished cabinetry, new countertops, lighting, hardware, and selective appliance upgrades.

Mid-Range Remodels (\$75,000–\$125,000): Includes new cabinetry, upgraded countertops, flooring, lighting, and possibly updated layouts without moving major walls.

High-End/Luxury Remodels (\$125,000–\$300,000+): Typically involves custom cabinetry, major layout changes, structural or plumbing modifications, premium appliances, and elevated finishes throughout.

### Why Costs Vary

Rodriguez explains that two kitchens with similar square footage can differ drastically in cost. “A well-designed kitchen isn’t just about aesthetics,” she said. “Layout efficiency, storage planning, appliance placement, lighting, and proper clearances all affect how the space functions daily. Thoughtful planning upfront minimizes costly changes mid-project.”

Other factors driving cost include permits and inspections, material lead times, and trade coordination. Poor scheduling and mismanaged projects can quietly add thousands of dollars in unexpected expenses.

### The Value of a Full-Service Design/[Build Team](#)

Full-service firms like Revive Design and Renovation manage the entire process—from design to completion—under one roof. Rodriguez adds, “Our designers, project managers, and purchasing teams collaborate from day one. This coordination reduces surprises, keeps the project on schedule, and ensures the vision is executed exactly as intended. While it may cost more upfront, it often protects the homeowner’s investment better than piecing together separate contractors.”

### Where Kitchen Budgets Grow Fastest:

Layout changes: Moving plumbing, gas, or load-bearing walls adds labor, permits, and inspections.

Custom cabinetry: Premium storage and tailored fit come at a higher cost than stock options.

Appliances: Professional-grade appliances increase cost but deliver longevity and performance.

Electrical and lighting upgrades: Layered lighting, smart controls, and task lighting enhance functionality but can add to the budget.

“Price will always matter, but the difference between a stressful remodel and a successful one often comes down to the team behind the project,” Rodriguez concludes. “Homeowners who invest in design, planning, and coordination consistently enjoy smoother processes and better long-term results.”

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