

Landscaping Costs in the U.S. (2026): Data from 800+ Contractors Reveals Rising Prices and a \$200B Industry Boom

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- A [new Techo-Bloc report](#), based on insights from more than 800 landscape contractors across the U.S. and Canada, reveals a landscaping market that remains resilient despite rising costs and labor shortages. The U.S. landscaping market is projected to approach \$200 billion in revenue in 2026, fueled by strong consumer demand and growing investment in more intentional, lifestyle-driven outdoor spaces.

A Snapshot of Landscaping Costs in 2026

- Landscaping industry size: ~\$200 billion
- Construction labor rates: \$50–\$120 per hour
- Design services: \$75–\$150+ per hour
- Average hardscape project: ~\$55,000
- Mid-range patio cost: \$8,500–\$27,000 (avg. \$17,750)
- Outdoor kitchen: \$13,000–\$36,000
- Fire feature: \$4,000–\$14,000

How Much Does Landscaping Cost in 2026?

Landscaping costs in the United States in 2026 typically range from \$50 to \$120 per hour for construction crews, depending on project complexity, geographic location, and specialization. Basic landscaping services such as lawn installation can cost as little as:

- \$0.04–\$0.18 per sq ft (seeding)
- \$1.00–\$2.60 per sq ft (sod installation)

More complex projects, especially hardscaping, significantly increase total costs:

Why Are Landscaping Prices Increasing?

Landscaping prices in 2026 are rising due to a combination of economic and industry-specific factors:

1. Labor shortages are driving up costs as contractors struggle to find and retain skilled crews.



Patio using Techo-Bloc's Aquastor with Westmount pavers in Merlot.

- 2. Material costs continue to rise, making hardscape products and installations more expensive across the board.
- 3. Supply chain disruptions and potential tariffs are adding even more pressure to material pricing.
- 4. Consumer demand remains strong, as homeowners continue to invest in outdoor spaces despite higher costs.

What Are Homeowners Spending On?

As outdoor living continues to grow, homeowners are investing in spaces that blend function and lifestyle, from outdoor kitchens and fire features to integrated poolscapes and wellness-focused retreats.

Example project costs:

- Outdoor kitchen: \$13,000 to \$36,000
- Fire feature: \$4,000 to \$14,000
- Pool with paver deck: \$58,500 to \$133,000

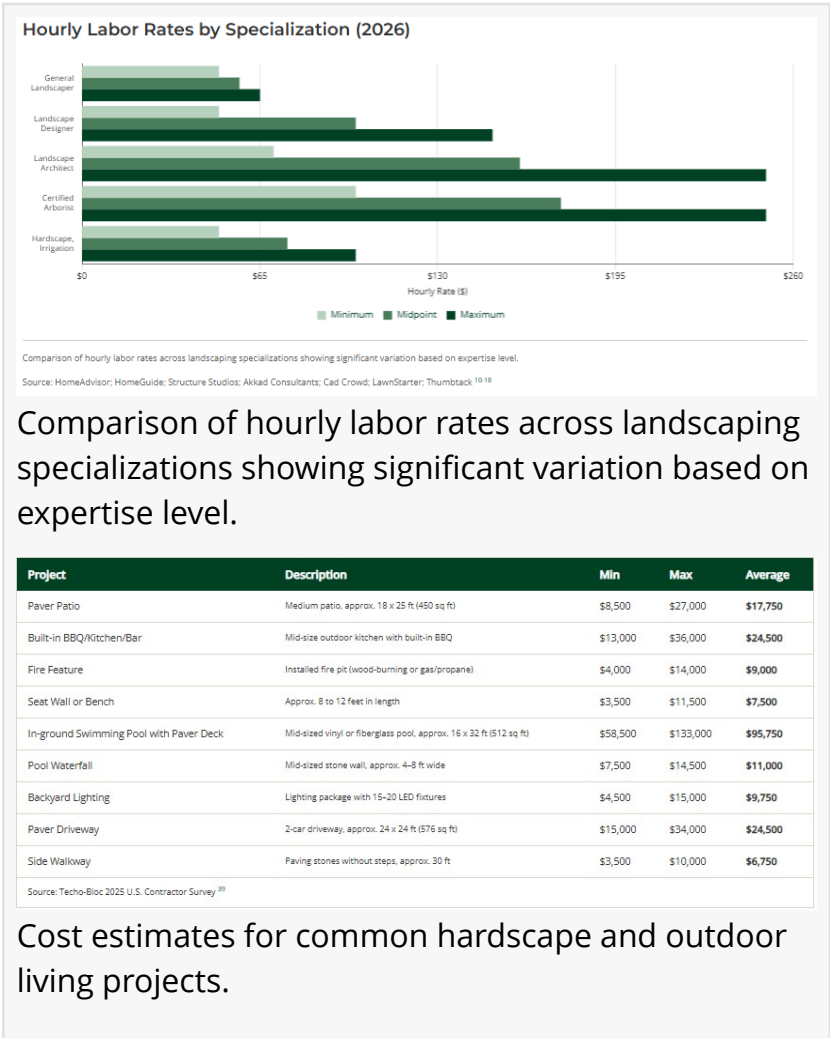
“Homeowners are prioritizing essential improvements that protect property value while higher-income segments continue to invest in lifestyle-driven outdoor spaces,” said Jessica Ciccarello, Director of Marketing at Techo-Bloc.

Typical Projects Cost?

- Patio installation: \$8,500 to \$27,000
- Driveway: \$15,000 to \$34,000
- Backyard lighting: \$4,500 to \$15,000
- Irrigation system: \$2,500 to \$6,500

What Trends Are Shaping Landscaping in 2026?

- Sustainability is shaping more outdoor projects, with homeowners choosing eco-conscious solutions like native plants, permeable surfaces, and smart irrigation.
- Outdoor spaces are becoming more polarized, split between basic functional projects and high-end, lifestyle-driven investments.
- Technology is playing a bigger role in outdoor design, from smart systems to software that increases project precision and complexity.



Labor Rates by Landscaping Specialization

- General landscaping crew: \$50–\$65/hr
- Hardscape installation: \$50–\$120/hr
- Landscape designers: \$50–\$150/hr
- Landscape architects: \$70–\$250/hr
- Certified arborists: \$100–\$250/hr

Outlook

In 2026, landscaping costs are expected to continue climbing as labor expenses increase, material prices remain under pressure, and regional markets such as the Northeast and West Coast face higher overall project costs. Even so, demand for landscaping services is expected to stay strong, particularly in premium hardscaping, sustainable design, and outdoor living projects.

About the Report

[Landscaping Costs in the United States: 2026 Overview](#) is based on industry data, pricing benchmarks, and contractor insights, including findings from a U.S. contractor survey and market analysis of labor, materials, and project costs.

[About Techo-Bloc](#)

Techo-Bloc designs and manufactures premium hardscape products, including pavers, slabs, walls, and outdoor living solutions for residential and commercial spaces across North America. With a focus on design, durability, and innovation, the company helps shape outdoor environments ranging from private backyards to public spaces.

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