

# Carpeting



Photo: Tandus

## Snapshot

<b>Highest price square yard:</b>	\$30
<b>Average price square yard:</b>	\$21
<b>Lowest price square yard:</b>	\$14

### Pricing Trends

2008-2009: +15%  
2009-2010: +5% to +10%  
2010-2011: +5% to +6%

**Typical delivery time:** 3 to 6 weeks

**Typical delivery charges:** Varies

**Average life span of product:** Depends on traffic, but generally 10 to 15 years

**Standard warranty:** 10 years

**Average maintenance cost per year:** Cleaning and replacement costs can vary widely.

*(Figures cited are averages of all respondents' answers. Actual pricing will vary due to volume, bundling and other factors of a purchase.)*

*Source: Lexmark, Mohawk Group, Milliken Carpet, Tandus*

### FROM THE FRONT LINES:

“Water and other liquids do not go beyond the first layer of an anti-microbial carpet. In addition, the floor covering can be steam-cleaned or vacuumed because we are trying to move away from chemicals to clean. We also went with carpet squares instead of rolled carpeting because if there is a stain or other problems, we won't have to replace the entire rug, just that one spot. Finally, we also set up a mock room with the carpeting that we decided on to make sure it was wheelchair and walker friendly and to see how it performed in reality.”

Dorothy Hellman, director of Design and Construction at LifeBridge Health, Baltimore

## Buyer Notes

- Acoustics are increasingly being recognized as a factor. Carpets that can keep an area quieter, whether it's a hallway or lobby, are more likely to create a calmer and relaxed atmosphere for residents and staff.
- Anti-microbial carpets don't allow water and liquids to go beyond the first layer, making it easier to clean and also preventing smells.
- There's a move toward environmentally friendly, sustainable carpets. Many providers are looking for carpets with fewer volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions.

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