

Best Gas Ranges for \$1,000 or Less

Top options from CR's exhaustive cooking tests

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Gas ranges are not the best performers in Consumer Reports' tests of ranges. So why is it that most CR members surveyed say they prefer cooking with gas? It's visceral.

"Even if gas ranges aren't always as fast as smoothtops to boil water, they offer a level of sensory feedback that you won't find on electric models," says Tara Casaregola, who oversees range testing for Consumer Reports.

Twist a knob and you get a flame. That taps into a vein of satisfaction that goes back millennia.

If you're replacing a gas range or upgrading your appliances, you don't have to spend a lot to get a great range. Some of the very best models in our ratings cost less than \$1,000.

Our cooking performance tests determine how quickly a range boils, how evenly it bakes and broils, and how steadily it holds a stovetop simmer. We also size up self-cleaning features, the ease of using controls, and the real usable capacity of every single—and double—oven. Data for brand reliability and owner satisfaction, from our exclusive member surveys, also factors into a model's Overall Score.

If you're just beginning the shopping process, start with our range buying guide.

And, read on for ratings and reviews of five of the best gas ranges for \$1,000 or less from our ratings. (For even more options, at various price points, see our comprehensive ratings of gas, electric, induction, and pro-style ranges.)

1 BEST BUY OVERALL SCORE

Samsung NX58H5600SS

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

76

CR's take: Simply put, if you like its looks and can survive without a second oven, this Samsung range delivers. It ranks near the top of our ratings and costs \$1,000 less than ranges that don't cook as well. It has five burners and continuous cooking grates, which make it easy to slide pans from one burner to another. On the (slight) downside, it earns a rating of only Good for its high-power burner, meaning it takes longer to heat water than some other models.

3 RECOMMENDED OVERALL SCORE

GE JGB700SEJSS

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

70

CR's take: This five-burner gas range from GE has continuous grates plus a central griddle burner for making a batch of pancakes or grilled cheese sandwiches. It delivers a strong performance, earning a rating of Excellent for low-heat cooktop testing. That means it can hold a perfectly steady simmer, so you won't have to adjust the flame constantly. It's also decent at baking and broiling, which may be less important depending on how often you use the oven.

2 BEST BUY OVERALL SCORE

Samsung NX58K3310SS

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

75

CR's take: This model performs about the same as less expensive Samsung ranges but brings extra beauty, with more stainless steel accents and trim. It earns good marks for its oven, which bakes and broils evenly, and for maintaining a steady simmer on the stove. As for staying power, there may be something to look forward to: Our member survey of range owners gave Samsungs a predicted reliability rating of Very Good, and an owner satisfaction rating of Excellent.

4 RECOMMENDED OVERALL SCORE

GE Adora JGB720SEJSS

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

70

CR's take: This GE Adora is a step up from a typical entry-level gas range. It offers convection, continuous grates, and an integrated griddle burner, as well as solid performance on the cooktop and in the oven. Perhaps most noteworthy are the gas burners, capable of simmering steadily—earning a rating of Excellent in our cooktop tests for low heat.

5 RECOMMENDED OVERALL SCORE

LG LRG3061ST

- COOKTOP HIGH
- BAKING
- BROILING

70

CR's take: This handsome LG range offers a lot for the money. It has five burners, a built-in griddle, continuous cooking grates, and a warming drawer. It's solid at baking and—for a gas range—exceptional at broiling, earning a rating of Very Good in CR's broil test. That's a plus if you want to char a steak or salmon in the broiler instead of firing up the grill.