

	Wall-to-wall carpet	Ceramic tile	Vinyl or linoleum	Wood or wood laminate	Natural stone (such as slate or marble)	Polished concrete
Available in a wide spectrum of design options	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unlimited
Longevity and performance	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent
Ease of maintenance	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Good	Excellent
Can radiate heat and store solar energy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Vulnerable to humidity and moisture damage	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Can harbor mold, mildew, dust mites and other allergens	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Is a sustainable flooring alternative	No	Yes	Maybe	Maybe	Yes	Yes
Average cost per square foot installed	\$3.38 - 6.61	\$11 - 22	\$2.64 - 5.64	\$8 - 10	\$20 - 50+	\$3 - 7
Average lifecycle cost	High	Low	Intermediate	Intermediate	Low	Extremely Low