

**Table 14.10-- COST OF LIVING ANALYSES FOR HONOLULU  
AND THE UNITED STATES AVERAGE: JANUARY 1, 2008**

[The U.S. National Average assumed consumption patterns vary according to income level. The Reference profiles for cost-of-living model rental (approximates the rental equivalent of owner-occupied housing) situations only. The Institute model may be considered as an evolution of the U.S. Department of Labor's "Urban Family of Four" model which the Bureau of Labor Statistics discontinued in 1981]

<b>Category</b>	<b>Income level 1 1/</b>	<b>Income level 2 2/</b>	<b>Income level 3 3/</b>	<b>Income level 4 4/</b>
Honolulu total	22,508	42,262	79,173	113,394
Rent, utilities	12,058	22,825	38,489	50,422
Taxes: federal, state, payroll	2,008	5,076	10,291	16,934
Consumables	6,801	10,816	20,320	27,875
Transportation	813	2,164	5,176	8,819
Health services	828	1,322	2,196	2,565
Miscellaneous	-	59	2,701	6,779
U.S. national average	12,168	24,000	48,000	72,000
Rent, utilities	4,928	9,547	16,692	22,157
Taxes: federal, state, payroll	1,727	4,401	9,216	15,264
Consumables	4,062	6,859	12,798	17,588
Transportation	730	1,959	4,654	7,943
Health services	721	1,175	1,939	2,269
Miscellaneous	-	59	2,701	6,779
Honolulu indexed to U.S. average	185.0	176.1	164.9	157.5
Rent, utilities	244.7	239.1	230.6	227.6
Taxes: federal, state, payroll	116.3	115.3	111.7	110.9
Consumables	167.4	157.7	158.8	158.5
Transportation	111.4	110.5	111.2	111.0
Health services	114.8	112.5	113.3	113.0
Miscellaneous	-	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Income level \$12,168 assumes a single, minimum wage earner living with friends or parents, contributing partial rent and no automobile.

2/ Income level \$24,000 assumes a single parent of one child in a rented apartment (900 square foot), holding one or more jobs, and one automobile.

3/ Income level \$48,000 assumes two adults (filing as married), ages 32, two jobs, one child, two automobiles, and renting a three-bedroom home (1,560 square foot).

4/ Income level \$72,000 assumes two adults (filing as married), age 37, two jobs, two children, two automobiles, and renting a three-bedroom residence (2,200 square foot) with two-car garage.

Source: ERI Economic Research Institute, *Geographic Reference Report 2008*, pp. 119 and 300 and calculations by Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.