

**Table 14.15-- COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR SELECTED MAJOR CITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES AND RANK WORLDWIDE: 2006 TO 2009**

[The survey, conducted in March, covers more than 140 cities worldwide and measures the comparative cost of over 200 items in each location, including housing, food, clothing, utilities, transportation, and entertainment costs. The higher the index, the lower the rank where a rank of 1 indicates the most expensive city. New York City = 100.0. Honolulu was not among the top 50 in the 2007 Mercer study released June 17, 2007 and rankings below 50th are not readily available]

City and state	Index			Global rank		
	2006	2008	2009	2006	2008	2009
Atlanta, GA	76.3	(NA)	(NA)	86	(NA)	(NA)
Boston, MA	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	84	(NA)	(NA)
Chicago, IL	84.1	80.3	80.7	38	84	50
Cleveland, OH	69.8	(NA)	(NA)	110	(NA)	(NA)
Denver, CO	73.6	(NA)	(NA)	97	(NA)	(NA)
Detroit, MI	68.3	(NA)	(NA)	122	(NA)	(NA)
Honolulu, HI	80.0	81.4	81.6	67	77	41
Houston, TX	78.5	(NA)	(NA)	76	(NA)	(NA)
Los Angeles, CA	86.7	87.5	87.6	29	55	23
Miami, FL	83.9	82.0	81.4	39	75	45
Morristown, NJ	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	84	(NA)	(NA)
New York City, NY	100.0	100.0	100.0	10	22	8
Pittsburgh, PA	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	113	(NA)	(NA)
Portland, OR	69.7	(NA)	(NA)	111	(NA)	(NA)
San Francisco, CA	85.0	81.0	82.5	34	78	34
Seattle, WA	71.9	(NA)	(NA)	102	(NA)	(NA)
St. Louis, MO	71.6	(NA)	(NA)	103	(NA)	(NA)
Washington, DC	77.0	(NA)	(NA)	83	(NA)	(NA)
White Plains, NY	83.2	79.3	84.7	34	89	31
Winston Salem, NC	66.7	(NA)	(NA)	124	(NA)	(NA)

Source: Mercer Human Resource Consulting, "Worldwide Cost of Living Survey 2006 – city rankings" <<http://www.mercerhr.com/pressrelease/details.jhtml/dynamic/idContent/1142150>> accessed June 26, 2006; Mercer, "Worldwide Cost of Living survey 2009 – City ranking" (July 7, 2009) <<http://www.mercer.com/summary.htm?idContent=1311145>> accessed July 17, 2009; and FinFacts "Global/World Cost of Living Rankings - 2006-2007" <<http://www.finfacts.com/costofliving3.htm>> accessed July 14, 2006.