

8/3/10 still hoping for clarification from Mercer as to Honolulu 2010 index and/or rank. Will update as feasible.

Table 14.15-- COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR SELECTED MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND RANK WORLDWIDE: 2006 TO 2010

[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 nor the 2010 study released June 29, 2010 and the complete list is not readily available]

City and state	Index				Global rank			
	2006	2008	2009	2010	2006	2008	2009	2010
Atlanta, GA	76.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	86	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Boston, MA	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Chicago, IL	84.1	80.3	80.7	(NA)	38	84	50	(NA)
Cleveland, OH	69.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Denver, CO	73.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	97	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Detroit, MI	68.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	122	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Honolulu, HI	80.0	81.4	81.6	(NA)	67	77	41	(NA)
Houston, TX	78.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	76	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Los Angeles, CA	86.7	87.5	87.6	(NA)	29	55	23	55
Miami, FL	83.9	82.0	81.4	(NA)	39	75	45	(NA)
Morristown, NJ	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	84	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New York City, NY	100.0	100.0	100.0	(NA)	10	22	8	27
Pittsburgh, PA	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Portland, OR	69.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
San Francisco, CA	85.0	81.0	82.5	(NA)	34	78	34	(NA)
Seattle, WA	71.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St. Louis, MO	71.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	103	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Washington, DC	77.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	83	(NA)	(NA)	111
White Plains, NY	83.2	79.3	84.7	(NA)	34	89	31	(NA)
Winston Salem, NC	66.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	124	(NA)	(NA)	197

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; Ibid. "Worldwide Cost of Living survey 2010 - City rankings" (June 29, 2010) <http://www.mercer.com/costoflivingpr#City_rankings> accessed July 8, 2010; and FinFacts "Global/World Cost of Living Rankings - 2006-2007" <<http://www.finfacts.com/costofliving3.htm>> accessed July 14, 2006.