

Table 14.08-- COST-OF-LIVING INDEXES AND RANKINGS IN THE MOST AND LEAST EXPENSIVE LOCATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES: 2000

[Standard City, an average cost hypothetical location=100. Based on a survey of 150 items in 300 cities. Data include 10 categories: food-at-home, food-away-from-home, tobacco, alcohol, household furnishings and operations, clothing, domestic service, medical care, personal care, and recreation. Unlike previous surveys, data no longer exclude housing, transportation, and taxes. The market basket of goods and services are those typical of middle-income family of four residing in a 2,200 sq. ft. 8-room, 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath home. They own a late-model car and a 4-year old vehicle]

Expensive Locations	Index	Rank	Least Expensive Loc.	Index	Rank
San Jose, CA	166.5	1	Lubbock, TX	85.1	1
San Francisco, CA	149.2	2	Augusta, GA	85.5	2
New York, NY (Manhattan)	123.8	3	Chattanooga, TN	87.0	3
Boston, MA	122.8	4	Huntsville, Al.	88.6	4
Honolulu, HI	122.5	5	Pensacola, FL	88.7	5
Washington, D.C.	117.7	6	Springfield, MO	89.4	6
Los Angeles, CA	116.8	7	Columbia, SC	89.8	7
San Diego, CA	113.5	8	New Orleans, LA	90.1	8
Philadelphia, PA	112.9	9	Ft. Wayne, IN	90.4	9
Chicago, IL	111.9	10	Jackson, MS	90.5	10

Source: Runzheimer International, <<http://www.runzheimer.com/corpc/news/scripts/080100.asp>>.