

**Table 14.21-- PAY DIFFERENTIALS AND COST OF LIVING INDEXES FOR  
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN HAWAII RELATIVE TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,  
BY COUNTY: 1997 TO 2000**

Effective or Survey Date	Allowance category	Honolulu	Hawaii	Maui	Kauai
	ALLOWANCE RATES				
March 25, 1997	All employees 1/	22.50	15.00	22.50	22.50
December 2, 1997	All employees 1/	22.50	15.00	22.50	22.50
October 21, 1998	All employees 2/	25.00	15.00	22.50	22.50
	INDEXES				
1996 Survey	Cost of Living Index 3/	121.95	111.89	121.36	121.36
1998 Survey	Cost Comparison Index 4/	124.51	110.89	120.32	117.19

1/ Interim Rule issued on March 25 and Final Rule issued on December 2, 1997.

2/ As Interim Rule on October 21 and as corrected on November 13, 1998. Final Rule published July 17, 2000, effective August 16, 2000. Current law prohibits reduction in COLA rates through December 31, 2000. As part of the COLA Research in the litigation Carabello et al vs United States and as requested by Congress, an Interim Rates and Survey Schedule was announced but not yet enacted. The rates, as of October 1, 2000, are raised for Hawaii and Maui to 16.50 and 23.75 percent respectively. The Interim Rates as well as those for Kauai may increase further depending upon the results of the 1998 price surveys and the surveys conducted under the New Regulations. For further discussion see OMP, Non-Foreign Area Cost-of-Living Allowances, Special COLA Research Announcement, July 17, 2000 and <http://www.opm.gov/oca/cola/html/cola-n.htm>.

3/ Washington, D.C. living costs=100. Based on a survey of comparative costs for Federal employees in February 1996. The Survey was conducted and indexes calculated by Runzheimer International. The detailed methodology is described in the *Federal Register*: March 25, 1997.

4/ Similar explanation to footnote 4/ except the survey period was 1998 and publication in the *Federal Register* was July 17, 2000.

Source: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Register Online via GPO Access <<http://www.wais.access.gpo.gov>>, Vol. 62, No. 57, March 25, 1997 (pp. 14187-14189); Vol. 62, No. 231, December 2, 1997 (pp. 63630-63631); Vol. 63, No. 203, October 21, 1998 (pp. 56430-56431); Vol. 63, No. 219, November 13, 1998 (p. 63385) and <<http://www.omp.gov/oca/cola/html/c-rates.html>> accessed May 15, 2000.

OMP-announced Federal COLA Retro Settlement, 06-23-00 and further developments <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2000/2000-10.htm>

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