

**Table 14.11-- COST OF LIVING ANALYSES FOR HONOLULU, SELECTED CITIES 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 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics discontinued in 1981]

Location	Income level 1 1/	Income level 2 2/	Income level 3 3/		Income level 4 4/
			Dollars	Rank	
United States average	12,168	24,000	48,000	(X)	72,000
New York, New York	31,230	58,363	107,729	1	152,080
San Francisco, California	28,165	52,539	95,904	2	135,472
<b>Honolulu, Hawaii</b>	<b>22,508</b>	<b>42,262</b>	<b>79,173</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>113,394</b>
Washington, D.C.	21,988	41,762	78,728	4	113,426
Los Angeles, California	21,747	41,019	76,995	5	110,996
Queens, New York	19,758	37,378	70,083	6	100,767
San Diego, California	19,929	37,795	69,908	7	100,415
Boston, Massachusetts	19,867	37,609	69,893	8	100,062
Anaheim, California	19,355	36,594	69,249	9	100,397
Juneau, Alaska	18,640	35,216	67,198	10	97,355
Oakland, California	18,954	35,657	67,031	11	97,054
Brookhaven, New York	18,153	34,608	66,941	12	97,652
Stamford, Connecticut	18,522	35,330	66,841	13	96,608
San Jose, California	18,865	35,470	65,985	14	95,119
Long Beach, California	18,639	35,319	65,524	15	94,584
Atlantic City, New Jersey	16,255	31,085	65,230	16	98,565
Santa Barbara, California	18,019	34,244	65,151	17	94,983
Santa Cruz, California	18,027	34,323	63,753	18	92,124
Boulder, Colorado	17,825	33,810	62,540	19	89,988
Chicago, Illinois	16,548	31,549	61,305	20	90,116
Anchorage, Alaska	16,802	31,567	61,199	21	89,372
Seattle, Washington	17,116	32,352	60,840	22	88,025
Monterey, California	16,448	31,462	60,790	23	89,477
Ventura, California	16,781	31,989	60,698	24	88,639
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	16,652	31,639	60,418	25	88,077

(X) Not applicable.

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*, and calculations by Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.