

**Table 14.21-- COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR SELECTED MAJOR CITIES
IN THE UNITED STATES AND RANK WORLDWIDE: 2006 TO 2014**

[The survey, conducted in March, covers 214 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 2008 on July 13, 2008, nor the 2009 on July 7, 2009, the 2010 on June 29, 2010, the 2011 on July 12, 2011, nor the 2012 on June 12, 2012. There were no United States locations in the 2013 'Top 10' released on July 23, 2013, but there were in the 2014 on July 10, 2014. The complete lists are not readily available]

City and state	Index 1/			Global rank							
	2006	2008	2009	2006	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 2/	2014
Atlanta, GA	76.3	(NA)	(NA)	86	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Boston, MA	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	84	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	123	109
Chicago, IL	84.1	80.3	80.7	38	84	50	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Cleveland, OH	69.8	(NA)	(NA)	110	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	167
Denver, CO	73.6	(NA)	(NA)	97	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Detroit, MI	68.3	(NA)	(NA)	122	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Honolulu, HI	80.0	81.4	81.6	67	77	41	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	117	97
Houston, TX	78.5	(NA)	(NA)	76	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Los Angeles, CA	86.7	87.5	87.6	29	55	23	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62
Miami, FL	83.9	82.0	81.4	39	75	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	114	98
Morristown, NJ	76.8	(NA)	(NA)	84	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
New York City, NY	100.0	100.0	100.0	10	22	8	27	32	33	24	16
Pittsburgh, PA	69.4	(NA)	(NA)	113	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Portland, OR	69.7	(NA)	(NA)	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
San Francisco, CA	85.0	81.0	82.5	34	78	34	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	92	74
Seattle, WA	71.9	(NA)	(NA)	102	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
St. Louis, MO	71.6	(NA)	(NA)	103	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Washington, DC	77.0	(NA)	(NA)	83	(NA)	(NA)	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
White Plains, NY	83.2	79.3	84.7	34	89	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Winston Salem, NC	66.7	(NA)	(NA)	124	(NA)	(NA)	197	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	182

1/ "Index" not available in the News Release beyond 2009.

2/ Originally not available in the 2013 News Release, the rankings were derived from data in the 2014 release.

Source: Mercer Human Resource Consulting, "Worldwide Cost of Living Survey 2006 – city rankings"

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