

**Table 14.23-- COST OF LIVING GLOBAL RANK FOR SELECTED MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES: 2008 TO 2018**

[The survey, conducted in March, covers 209 to 375 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]

City and state	Global rank										
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 1/	2014 1/	2015	2016	2017	2018
Atlanta, GA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	147	103	78	83	95
Boston, MA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	123	109	64	47	51	70
Chicago, IL	84	50	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	85	42	34	31	51
Cleveland, OH	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	167	133	110	100	125
Dallas, TX	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	125	77	62	62	85
Detroit, MI	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	160	122	103	95	116
<b>Honolulu, HI</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>(NA)</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</b>
Houston, TX	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	143	92	75	74	86
Los Angeles, CA	55	23	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62	36	27	23	35
Miami, FL	75	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	114	98	56	45	41	60
Minneapolis, MN	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	156	115	91	86	102
Morristown, NJ	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	132	88	71	81	97
New York City, NY	22	8	27	32	33	24	16	16	11	9	13
Pittsburgh, PA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	162	130	112	107	125
Portland, OR	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	166	135	117	115	130
San Francisco, CA	78	34	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	92	74	37	26	21	28
Seattle, WA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	153	106	83	76	90
St. Louis, MO	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	161	130	108	100	122
Washington, DC	(NA)	(NA)	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	92	50	38	39	56
White Plains, NY	89	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81	71	61	64	79
Winston Salem, NC	(NA)	(NA)	197	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	182	157	147	140	161

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1/ Originally not available in the News Release, the rankings were derived from data in the following year's release.

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