

**Table 14.23-- COST OF LIVING GLOBAL RANK FOR SELECTED MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES: 2009 TO 2020**

[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 1/											
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Atlanta, GA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	147	103	78	83	95	69	60
Boston, MA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	123	109	64	47	51	70	49	41
Chicago, IL	50	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	85	42	34	31	51	37	30
Cleveland, OH	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	167	133	110	100	125	106	93
Dallas, TX	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	125	77	62	62	85	62	52
Detroit, MI	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	160	122	103	95	116	90	80
<b>Honolulu, HI</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>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>
Houston, TX	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	143	92	75	74	86	59	51
Los Angeles, CA	23	55	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	62	36	27	23	35	18	17
Miami, FL	45	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	114	98	56	45	41	60	44	37
Minneapolis, MN	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	156	115	91	86	102	78	69
Morristown, NJ	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	132	88	71	81	97	70	62
New York City, NY	8	27	32	33	24	16	16	11	9	13	9	6
Pittsburgh, PA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	162	130	112	107	125	97	91
Portland, OR	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	166	135	117	115	130	107	92
San Francisco, CA	34	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	92	74	37	26	21	28	16	16
Seattle, WA	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	153	106	83	76	90	64	55
St. Louis, MO	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	161	130	108	100	122	94	83
Washington, DC	(NA)	111	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	92	50	38	39	56	42	32
White Plains, NY	31	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	81	71	61	64	79	56	48
Winston Salem, NC	(NA)	197	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	182	157	147	140	161	138	132

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1/ 2013 and 2014 were not originally available in the News Release, the rankings were derived from data in the following year's release.

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