

Table 12.15-- COST OF LIVING INDEX FOR SELECTED MAJOR CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND RANK WORLDWIDE: 2006 AND 2008 TO 2009

(The survey, conducted in March, covers more than 140 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 and rankings below 50th are not readily available)

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

NA = Not available.

Source: State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Website:

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