

Table 12.15—COST OF LIVING IN SELECTED MAJOR CITIES IN THE U.S. AND RANK WORLDWIDE: MARCH 2001 TO 2003

(The survey, which covers 144 cities worldwide, measures the comparative cost of over 200 items in each location, including housing, food, clothing, utilities, transportation, and entertainment costs. Listed in order of rank in 2003. Rank of 1 indicates most expensive city. New York City = 100.0)

City	Index			Rank		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
New York City, NY	100.0	100.0	100.0	8	7	10
White Plains, NY	85.5	86.3	86.2	17	16	20
Los Angeles, CA	83.4	84.7	85.6	24	19	22
Chicago, IL	84.3	83.7	83.9	20	20	25
Miami, FL	83.0	81.8	83.7	25	25	27
San Francisco, CA	84.4	83.6	83.0	19	21	30
Honolulu, HI	81.3	82.4	82.8	29	23	32
San Juan, Puerto Rico	81.3	79.4	78.4	29	35	43
Houston, TX	77.2	78.5	78.3	41	36	46
Washington, DC	77.0	77.0	76.9	42	41	46
Morristown, NJ	77.8	76.7	76.7	38	42	53
Boston, MA	77.3	76.7	76.3	39	42	54
Atlanta, GA	73.9	74.0	74.7	47	48	61
Denver, CO	72.6	73.8	73.0	51	49	69
Detroit, MI	71.4	72.3	71.5	55	53	79
Seattle, WA	72.7	70.6	71.3	50	57	80
St. Louis, MO	72.9	73.6	71.0	49	50	82
Cleveland, OH	68.8	68.6	69.0	65	67	87
Pittsburgh, PA	69.0	69.6	67.8	64	59	88
Portland, OR	67.2	67.7	67.8	68	69	92
Winston Salem, NC	69.1	67.7	67.7	63	69	93
Minneapolis, MN	72.1	71.9	NA	52	56	NA

NA = Not available.

Source: State Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism, Website: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dbedt/>; and William M. Mercer Companies, LLC, Mercer USA Center: Corporate Resource Group, "World-wide cost of living survey – 2003 – city rankings", Website: <http://www.mercerhr.com/pressrelease/details.jhtml/dynamic/idContent/1096495>