

**Table 1313. Indexes of Living Costs Abroad: 2008**

[As of January 2008. Washington, D.C. = 100. Indexes compare the costs in dollars of representative goods and services (excluding housing and education) purchased at the foreign location and the cost of comparable goods and services in the Washington, D.C. area. The indexes are computed for private American employees and exclude special advantages that may be available only to U.S. government employees. The indexes are place-to-place comparisons at specific times and currency exchange rates. They cannot be used for measuring cost changes over time at a foreign location. Since the indexes reflect only the expenditure pattern and living costs of American families, they should not be used to compare living costs of Americans in the United States with the living costs of foreign nationals living in their own country]

Country	City	Survey date	Relative living costs <sup>1</sup>	Country	City	Survey date	Relative living costs <sup>1</sup>
Algeria	Algiers	5/1/2007	109	Kenya	Nairobi	4/30/2007	138
Angola	Luanda	5/15/2005	141	Korea	Seoul	3/7/2006	139
Argentina	Buenos Aires	1/5/2005	84	Kuwait	Kuwait City	10/10/2005	116
Armenia	Yerevan	1/30/2007	136	Laos	Vientiane	12/30/2005	95
Australia	Canberra	6/27/2006	130	Latvia	Riga	5/30/2007	131
Austria	Vienna	1/20/2006	158	Lebanon	Beirut	6/19/2006	106
Azerbaijan	Baku	6/14/2007	140	Liberia	Monrovia	12/1/2007	128
Bahamas	Nassau	11/26/2005	148	Lithuania	Vilnius	4/27/2007	123
Bahrain	Bahrain	8/26/2007	113	Luxembourg		8/13/2004	154
Bangladesh	Dhaka	3/6/2006	84	Macedonia	Skopje	4/23/2007	130
Belarus	Minsk	3/15/2007	136	Madagascar	Antananarivo	1/17/2006	110
Belgium	Brussels	7/25/2005	160	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	1/20/2006	99
Belize	Belize City	6/5/2005	121	Mexico	Mexico City	3/7/2007	114
Bolivia	La Paz	3/5/2007	74	Moldova	Chisinau	3/9/2006	87
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Sarajevo	10/17/2006	109	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	5/12/2005	93
Botswana	Gaborone	5/1/2006	103	Morocco	Rabat	3/17/2005	138
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	11/20/2005	123	Mozambique	Maputo	8/22/2005	124
Bulgaria	Sofia	5/15/2006	107	Namibia	Windhoek	4/20/2006	117
Burma	Rangoon	3/4/2006	121	Nepal	Kathmandu	6/22/2007	100
Burundi	Bujumbura	1/6/2006	133	Netherlands	The Hague	3/31/2006	149
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	1/3/2005	116	New Zealand	Wellington	10/6/2005	145
Cameroon	Yaounde	3/27/2006	143	Nicaragua	Managua	5/2/2006	84
Canada	Montreal	1/12/2007	133	Niger	Niamey	7/28/2005	122
Central African Republic	Bangui	3/1/2001	139	Nigeria	Abuja	5/23/2006	145
Chad	Ndjamena	8/1/2006	144	Norway	Oslo	2/12/2007	185
Chile	Santiago	5/26/2006	113	Oman	Muscat	4/1/2006	119
China	Beijing	7/27/2007	124	Pakistan	Islamabad	12/10/2004	98
Colombia	Bogota	2/10/2006	86	Panama	Panama City	8/21/2006	99
Congo	Brazzaville	7/31/2007	177	Paraguay	Asuncion	2/27/2006	90
Costa Rica	San Jose	8/15/2006	103	Peru	Lima	12/7/2005	117
Cote d'Ivoire	Abidjan	12/10/2006	149	Philippines	Manila	4/16/2007	94
Croatia	Zagreb	3/22/2007	141	Poland	Warsaw	3/17/2006	129
Cuba	Havana	8/1/2005	143	Portugal	Lisbon	5/18/2006	124
Cyprus	Nicosia	5/23/2007	138	Qatar	Doha	8/15/2007	125
Czech Republic	Prague	9/15/2005	137	Romania	Bucharest	11/27/2006	114
Denmark	Copenhagen	6/28/2006	163	Russia	Moscow	12/20/2006	162
Djibouti	Djibouti City	4/10/2004	145	Rwanda	Kigali	2/25/2007	128
Ecuador	Quito	1/17/2005	123	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	5/8/2006	108
Egypt	Cairo	3/13/2006	91	Serbia	Belgrade	5/11/2007	112
El Salvador	San Salvador	1/25/2007	100	Sierra Leone	Freetown	10/20/2006	125
Estonia	Tallinn	1/17/2007	128	Singapore		4/9/2007	140
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	4/10/2006	113	Slovakia	Bratislava	5/31/2007	135
Finland	Helsinki	3/21/2007	181	South Africa	Johannesburg	7/20/2007	119
France	Paris	4/19/2007	192	Spain	Madrid	4/17/2006	152
Gabon	Libreville	5/2/2007	171	Sri Lanka	Colombo	2/23/2006	82
Georgia	Tbilisi	10/8/2004	125	Sudan	Khartoum	10/17/2004	118
Germany	Berlin	3/6/2006	149	Sweden	Stockholm	3/19/2006	164
Ghana	Accra	10/4/2007	125	Switzerland	Geneva	3/30/2006	178
Greece	Athens	7/20/2005	154	Syria	Damascus	2/23/2006	88
Guatemala	Guatemala City	4/23/2007	108	Taiwan	Taipei	3/6/2007	131
Guinea	Conakry	5/7/2007	145	Tajikistan	Dushande	10/1/1997	93
Guyana	Georgetown	1/15/2007	93	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	12/14/2005	116
Haiti	Port-au-Prince	1/6/2005	118	Thailand	Bangkok	2/3/2006	90
Honduras	Tegucigalpa	6/10/2007	79	Timor Leste	Timor Leste	7/1/2007	120
Hong Kong		7/13/2007	157	Turkey	Istanbul	2/11/2007	162
Hungary	Budapest	6/30/2005	133	Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	6/1/2005	108
Iceland	Reykjavik	7/31/2006	179	Uganda	Kampala	3/1/2007	119
India	New Delhi	10/16/2006	93	Ukraine	Kyiv	10/13/2006	125
Indonesia	Jakarta	5/18/2006	115	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	4/15/2007	119
Ireland	Dublin	5/9/2005	170	United Kingdom	London	10/18/2006	177
Israel	Tel Aviv	11/15/2006	139	Uruguay	Montevideo	6/30/2005	106
Italy	Rome	2/27/2007	190	Uzbekistan	Tashkent	8/15/2007	94
Jamaica	Kingston	3/1/2007	101	Venezuela	Caracas	8/15/2007	111
Japan	Okinawa	5/24/2002	140	Vietnam	Hanoi	1/31/2005	96
Jordan	Amman	5/20/2007	115	Yemen	Sanaa	12/10/2005	123
Kazakhstan	Almaty	5/30/2007	140	Zambia	Lusaka	3/16/2007	127
				Zimbabwe	Harare	1/10/2006	195

<sup>1</sup> The relative living cost measures living costs for private American citizens living abroad. It is a comparison of goods and services prices between the foreign post and Washington, D.C., with the price ratios weighted by the pattern of expenditure in Washington, D.C. Consequently, the relative living cost is a straight comparison of price levels between the post and Washington, D.C., but not necessarily a comparison of the cost of living abroad. <sup>2</sup> See footnote 2, Table 1288. <sup>3</sup> See footnote 3, Table 1288.

<sup>4</sup> There are no U.S. Government employees in Taiwan. The figures listed in this column represent a living cost comparison for American employees of the American Institute in Taiwan, who have some duty-free and other special benefits that may not be available to other Americans in Taiwan.