

**Table 1357. Indexes of Living Costs Abroad: 2010**

[As of January 2010. Washington, DC=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/Territory	City	Survey date	Local index <sup>1</sup>	Country/Territory	City	Survey date	Local index <sup>1</sup>
Algeria	Algiers	2/16/2009	127	Kenya	Nairobi	12/4/2007	143
Angola	Luanda	5/21/2008	190	Korea	Seoul	12/4/2007	176
Argentina	Buenos Aires	3/8/2009	111	Kuwait	Kuwait City	11/18/2007	132
Armenia	Yerevan	1/30/2007	138	Laos	Vientiane	12/30/2005	107
Australia	Canberra	5/23/2008	139	Latvia	Riga	5/30/2007	139
Austria	Vienna	3/11/2008	186	Lebanon	Beirut	4/23/2008	123
Azerbaijan	Baku	2/1/2009	156	Liberia	Monrovia	8/14/2009	149
Bahamas	Nassau	6/24/2009	143	Lithuania	Vilnius	9/25/2008	131
Bahrain	Bahrain	8/26/2007	123	Luxembourg		10/25/2007	160
Bangladesh	Dhaka	3/6/2006	88	Macedonia	Skopje	4/23/2007	135
Belarus	Minsk	3/15/2007	136	Madagascar	Antananarivo	1/23/2008	128
Belgium	Brussels	5/12/2009	179	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	8/24/2008	121
Belize	Belmopan	4/6/2008	132	Mexico	Mexico City	3/6/2009	99
Bolivia	La Paz	7/1/2009	110	Moldova	Chisinau	5/1/2008	115
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Sarajevo	8/6/2009	126	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	1/16/2009	136
Botswana	Gaborone	6/16/2009	119	Morocco	Rabat	12/13/2008	133
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	12/29/2008	133	Mozambique	Maputo	8/16/2009	141
Bulgaria	Sofia	4/17/2008	135	Namibia	Windhoek	4/20/2006	122
Burma	Rangoon	10/22/2008	142	Nepal	Kathmandu	6/22/2007	103
Burundi	Bujumbura	7/7/2009	135	Netherlands	The Hague	4/23/2009	152
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	2/8/2009	122	New Zealand	Wellington	10/15/2007	157
Cameroon	Yaounde	3/27/2006	154	Nicaragua	Managua	4/15/2008	113
Canada	Montreal	1/12/2007	134	Niger	Niamey	6/11/2009	127
Central African Republic	Bangui	8/13/2008	189	Nigeria	Abuja	11/12/2008	161
Chad	Ndjamena	8/26/2009	176	Norway	Oslo	1/26/2009	176
Chile	Santiago	3/31/2008	142	Oman	Muscat	5/19/2009	125
China <sup>2</sup>	Beijing	7/27/2007	130	Pakistan	Islamabad	12/10/2004	102
Colombia	Bogota	1/4/2008	109	Panama	Panama City	7/31/2008	119
Congo <sup>3</sup>	Kinshasa	7/16/2008	167	Paraguay	Asuncion	1/16/2008	114
Costa Rica	San Jose	8/5/2008	119	Peru	Lima	12/7/2007	124
Cote d'Ivoire	Abidjan	12/21/2008	129	Philippines	Manila	12/2/2008	91
Croatia	Zagreb	3/22/2007	141	Poland	Warsaw	9/17/2009	130
Cuba	Havana	2/13/2008	145	Portugal	Lisbon	2/28/2008	148
Cyprus	Nicosia	6/11/2009	163	Qatar	Doha	8/15/2007	129
Czech Republic	Prague	9/15/2005	130	Romania	Bucharest	11/25/2008	134
Denmark	Copenhagen	3/30/2009	190	Russia	Moscow	2/26/2009	154
Djibouti	Djibouti City	4/10/2004	161	Rwanda	Kigali	11/16/2008	136
Ecuador	Quito	8/10/2009	120	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	5/6/2008	120
Egypt	Cairo	3/13/2006	96	Serbia	Belgrade	3/17/2009	99
El Salvador	San Salvador	2/8/2009	123	Sierra Leone	Freetown	6/15/2009	131
Estonia	Tallinn	4/16/2008	141	Singapore		4/19/2009	133
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	3/8/2009	124	Slovakia	Bratislava	5/31/2007	132
Finland	Helsinki	4/14/2009	171	South Africa	Johannesburg	10/23/2008	135
France	Paris	4/19/2007	190	Spain	Madrid	3/15/2008	169
Gabon	Libreville	11/16/2008	157	Sri Lanka	Colombo	4/9/2008	98
Georgia	Tbilisi	4/14/2009	140	Sudan	Khartoum	11/14/2008	139
Germany	Berlin	3/12/2008	179	Sweden	Stockholm	4/30/2008	204
Ghana	Accra	5/12/2009	115	Switzerland	Geneva	5/21/2008	235
Greece	Athens	9/4/2008	171	Syria	Damascus	3/26/2008	96
Guatemala	Guatemala City	6/4/2009	106	Taiwan <sup>2,3</sup>	Taipei	2/24/2009	145
Guinea	Conakry	10/29/2008	162	Tajikistan	Dushanbe	3/19/2008	100
Guyana	Georgetown	7/28/2009	150	Tanzania	Dar es Salaam	11/15/2007	133
Haiti	Port-au-Prince	9/29/2008	129	Thailand	Bangkok	2/26/2008	126
Honduras	Tegucigalpa	6/10/2007	84	Timor-Leste	Timor-Leste	7/11/2007	128
Hong Kong		6/7/2009	156	Turkey	Istanbul	4/29/2009	151
Hungary	Budapest	5/7/2008	163	Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	10/31/2007	105
Iceland	Reykjavik	3/2/2009	151	Uganda	Kampala	8/17/2008	132
India	New Delhi	11/20/2008	107	Ukraine	Kyiv	10/5/2008	131
Indonesia	Jakarta	6/17/2009	116	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	6/9/2009	117
Ireland	Dublin	1/31/2008	175	United Kingdom	London	4/16/2009	159
Israel	Tel Aviv	4/6/2008	163	Uruguay	Montevideo	2/18/2009	136
Italy	Rome	3/31/2009	183	Uzbekistan	Tashkent	4/7/2009	107
Jamaica	Kingston	6/24/2009	112	Venezuela	Caracas	9/3/2009	172
Japan	Okinawa	5/24/2002	141	Vietnam	Hanoi	5/5/2008	113
Jordan	Amman	4/14/2008	130	Yemen	Sanaa	4/25/2009	92
Kazakhstan	Astana	5/22/2008	148	Zambia	Lusaka	7/1/2009	130
				Zimbabwe	Harare	1/14/2008	243

<sup>1</sup> Also called the "local index," the living cost index measures living costs for private American citizens.

The local index is a comparison of prices at the foreign post and in Washington, D.C., with the price ratios weighted by the expenditure pattern of American employees living at the foreign post. It is, thereby, a measure of the cost of living for Americans at the foreign post compared with the cost of living in Washington, DC. This is the index most appropriate for use by business firms and other private organizations to establish cost-of-living allowances for their American employees stationed abroad. <sup>2</sup> See footnote 4, Table 1331. <sup>3</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.

Source: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Administration, "Indexes of Living Costs Abroad, Quarters Allowances, and Hardship Differentials," January 2010, <[http://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content\\_id=186&menu\\_id=81](http://aoprals.state.gov/content.asp?content_id=186&menu_id=81)>.