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General Information		Average Index from BLS ¹			Index from Emsi ²		Rankings
Metro Name	State(s)	Jan. - Jun. 2020	Jul. - Dec. 2020	Annual Avg. 2020	Jan. - Jun. 2021	Cost-of-Living (COL) Index	COL Index Ranking
U.S. City Average	-	257.56	260.07	258.81	266.24	100.00	-
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Lanc	TX	228.58	229.74	229.16	235.25	96.90	1
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	TX	237.91	240.25	239.08	247.42	98.80	2
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin	IL-IN-WI	242.99	244.76	243.87	250.46	102.50	3
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	CO	271.26	273.15	272.21	276.29	115.30	4
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington	PA-NJ-DE-MD	258.04	259.80	258.92	264.83	117.00	5
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria	DC-VA-MD-WV	265.95	268.36	267.16	273.60	117.40	6
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	WA	281.28	284.11	282.69	289.63	122.60	7
Boston-Cambridge-Newton	MA-NH	284.75	283.78	284.27	289.90	134.50	8
New York-Newark-Jersey City	NY-NJ-PA	281.94	283.90	282.92	288.97	137.20	9
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim	CA	277.30	279.83	278.57	284.47	157.60	10

Source: ¹ Provided by U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI-U, data retrieved on August 18, 2021. Areas selected in query included above, indexes are based on **All Items, Not Seasonally Adjusted**.

² Provided by Emsi's Q3 2021 Data Set, data retrieved on September 3, 2021. Parameters include 2020 - 2021 timeframe and 2021.3 - QCEW Employees datarun.