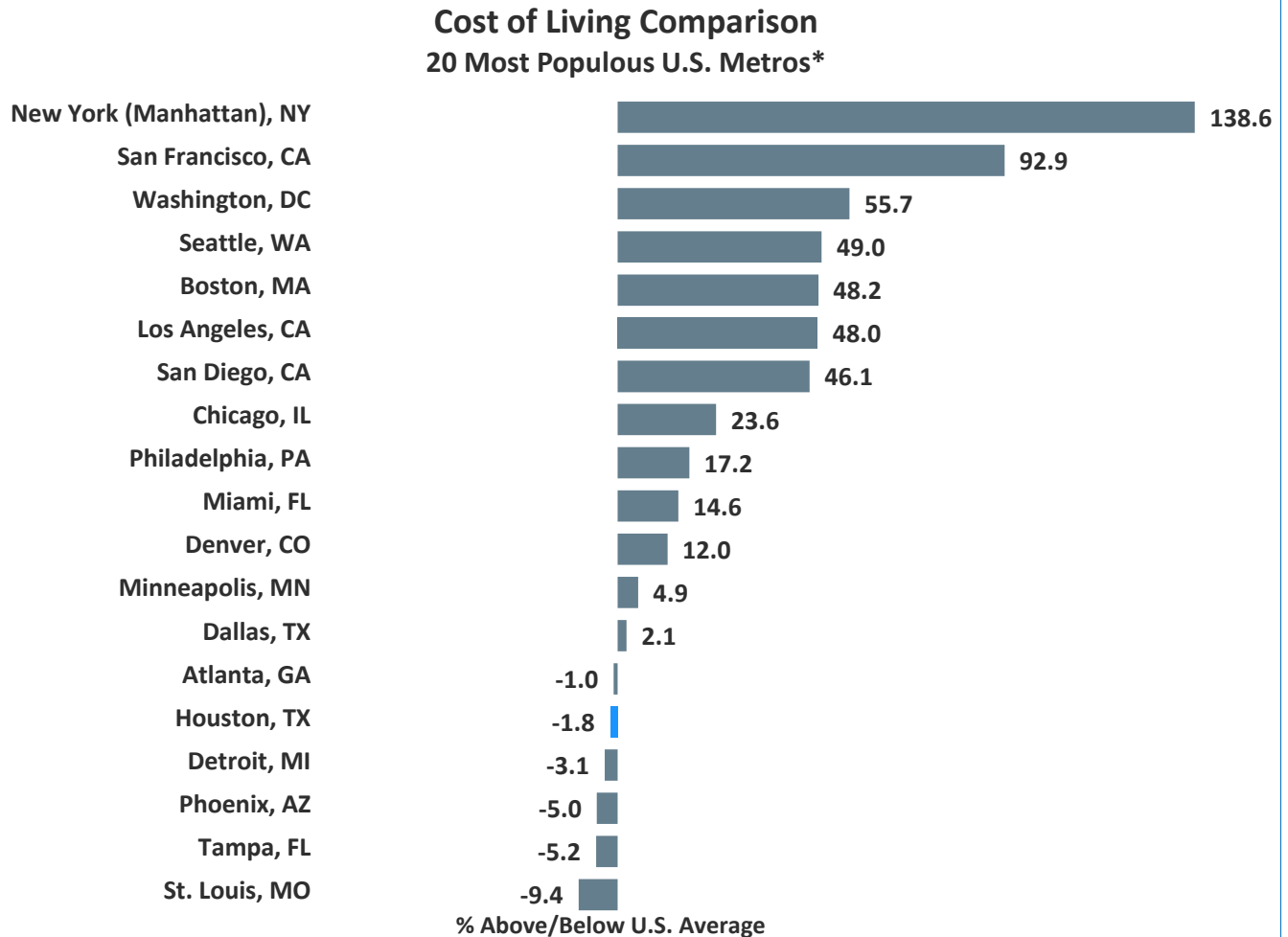


Living Cost Comparison

Houston offers a low cost of living while maintaining a high quality of life with the amenities expected in a world-class city.



*Metro areas represented by most dominant urban area. Riverside, California is among the 20 most populous metros, but did not submit COLI data.

Source: Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER), *Cost of Living Index*, 2017 Annual Average (Data based on a survey of 269 urban areas, published January 2018).

- The C2ER *Cost of Living Index* for the '17 annual average indicates that Houston's after-taxes living costs are 1.8 percent below the national average. Among the nation's 20 most populous metropolitan areas, Houston's living costs are 23.1 percent below the average, ranking it fifth.
- Among the nation's 20 most populous metro areas, Houston's housing costs are 39.6 percent below the average. Excluding the two most expensive housing markets — New York and San Francisco — which tend to skew the average, Houston's housing costs are still 27.1 percent below the major metro average.