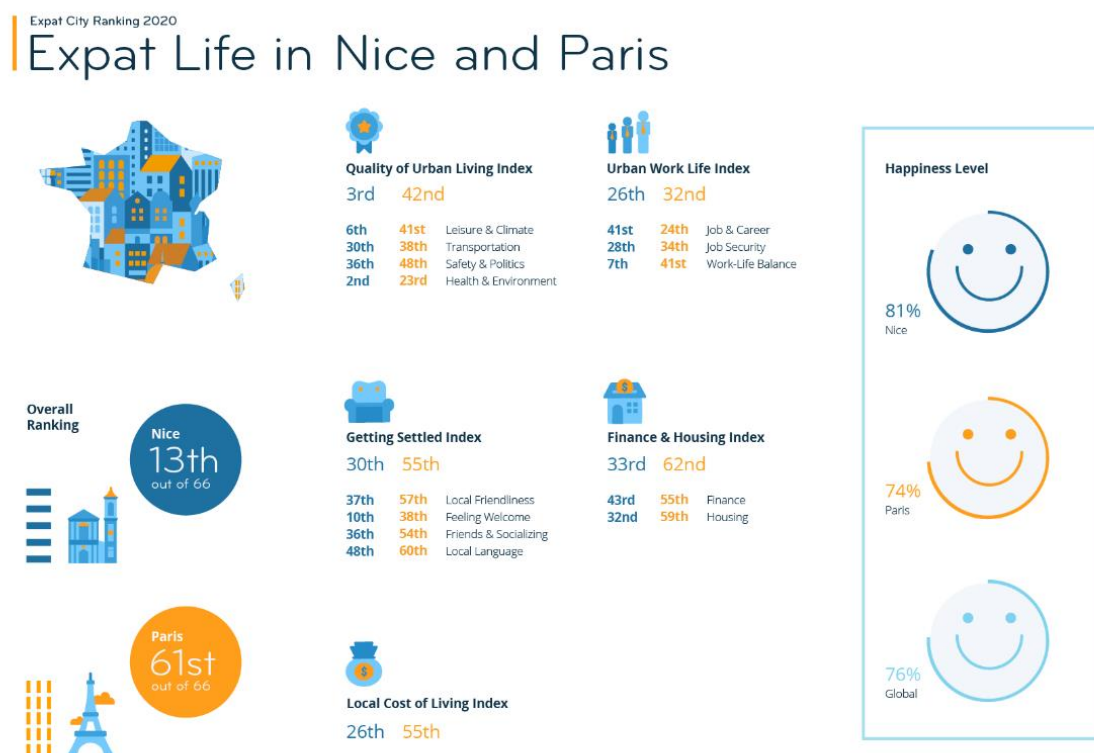


## Expat Life in Nice and Paris

The Expat City Ranking 2020 reveals the best and worst cities for expats around the world, including Nice and Paris.

- Out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, Nice ranks 13th, while Paris lands in a disappointing 61st place.
- Valencia (1st), Alicante Lisbon, Panama City, Singapore, Málaga, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur, Madrid, and Abu Dhabi (10th) are the top 10 cities for expat to live in 2020.
- On the other hand, expats consider Salmiya in Kuwait (66th), Rome, Seoul, Milan, Nairobi, Paris, Johannesburg, Santiago, Dublin, and Hong Kong (57th) the world's worst cities to live in.

Munich, 26 November 2020 — The two French cities could not perform any more differently in the Expat City Ranking 2020 by [InterNations](#), the world's largest expat community with around 4 million members: While Nice ranks 13th overall, Paris lands in the bottom 10 worldwide (61st). Nice beats Paris in all five indices of the survey and performs particularly well in the Quality of Urban Living Index (3rd). It also ranks far ahead in the Getting Settled Index since expats feel a lot more at home in Nice than in Paris. Nice also outranks the French capital in the Finance & Housing and the Local Cost of Living Indices. Their results are a lot closer in the Urban Work Life Index but for different reasons: while expats in Nice are unhappy with their career but happy with their work-life balance, it is the other way round in Paris.



The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations, which is one of the most extensive surveys about living and working abroad, with more than 15,000 respondents in 2020. This year, 66 cities around the globe are analyzed in the survey, which offers

in-depth information about five areas of expat life: Quality of Urban Living, Getting Settled, Urban Work Life, Finance & Housing, and Local Cost of Living. Together, the first four topics make up the Expat City Ranking, which reveals the best and worst cities for expats to live in. As the data was collected in March 2020, just before COVID-19 turned into a global pandemic, one question, however, remains: Will these cities still come out on top in a post-COVID world?

## What Expats Think about Life in Nice and Paris

### 13. Expats Feel at Home in Nice but Struggle to Find Housing

Coming 13th out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, Nice ranks far ahead of Paris (61st). It even comes in 3rd place in the Quality of Urban Living Index, only beaten by Vienna (2nd) and Valencia (1st). For example, more than nine in ten expats (92%) rate the availability of healthcare positively (vs. 74% globally). *"The medical care here is really superb,"* says an expat from the Philippines. Nice also comes 6th in the Leisure & Climate subcategory: not a single survey respondent (0%) is unhappy with the local climate and weather (vs. 20% globally).

Although Nice ranks a lot better than Paris (62nd) in the Finance & Housing Index, it still comes only in a mediocre 33rd place. Over one in four expats (27%) are dissatisfied with their financial situation (vs. 21% globally), and just 36% find it easy to find housing in Nice (vs. 55% globally). However, housing seems to be fairly affordable as just one in three expats (33%) rates this factor negatively (vs. 41% globally).

Lastly, Nice ranks 30th in the Getting Settled Index. When it comes to the Feeling Welcome subcategory, expats feel a lot more welcome in Nice (10th) than in Paris (38th). In fact, 75% of expats feel at home in Nice (vs. 64% globally). And 58% are happy with their social life, about the same as the global average (59%).

### 61. Paris Is One of The Worst Cities Worldwide for Expats

Paris ranks 61st out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, performing especially poorly in the Finance & Housing Index (62nd). About three in ten expats (29%) are dissatisfied with their financial situation (vs. 21% globally), and only 19% of expats say it is easy to find housing (vs. 55% globally). Additionally, 70% of expats describe housing in Paris as unaffordable (vs. 41% globally). *"Rents are too high, especially in comparison to the low salaries,"* says an expat from Bulgaria.

Paris performs better in the Urban Work Life Index (32nd): 59% of expats are happy with their local career opportunities (vs. 43% globally). With two in three expats (67%) rating the local economy positively (vs. 63% globally), Paris also performs slightly above the average in this regard. An expat from the US shares: *"My job is fantastic, and I like the employee rights, as well as the relaxed work environment, in France."*

However, Paris nearly lands among the bottom 10 in the Getting Settled Index (55th), with two in five expats (40%) saying that the local residents are not friendly (vs. 17% globally). Well over half the expats (56%) find it difficult to make new friends in Paris (vs. 33% globally). *"In general, Parisians are angry, complain too much, and smile too little. It is difficult to make local friends here,"* explains a Brazilian expat. This might be why just 53% of expats are happy with their social life in Paris (vs. 59% globally).

### **About the Expat City Ranking 2020**

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. For the survey, more than 15,000 expatriates representing 173 nationalities and living in 181 countries or territories provided information on various aspects of expat life. In addition to their satisfaction with life in their host country, respondents were also invited to share their opinions on the city they are currently living in.

Participants were asked to rate more than 25 different aspects of urban life abroad on a scale of one to seven. The rating process emphasized the respondents' personal satisfaction with these aspects, considering both emotional topics and more factual aspects with equal weight. The respondents' ratings of the individual factors were then bundled in various combinations for a total of 13 subcategories, and their mean values were used to draw up four topical indices: Quality of Urban Living, Getting Settled, Urban Work Life, and Finance & Housing. These were further averaged in order to rank 66 cities worldwide. In 2020, the top 10 cities for expats are Valencia, Alicante, Lisbon, Panama City, Singapore, Málaga, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur, Madrid, and Abu Dhabi. The survey also includes a Local Cost of Living Index, which does, however, not factor into the overall ranking to avoid overrepresenting financial aspects.

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2020, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per city was required.

### **About InterNations**

With around 4 million members in 420 cities around the world, [InterNations](#) is the largest global community and a source of information for people who live and work abroad. InterNations offers global and local networking and socializing, both online and face to face. At around 6,000 events and activities per month, expatriates have the opportunity to meet other global minds. Online services include discussion forums and helpful articles with personal expat experiences, tips, and information about life abroad. Membership is by approval only to ensure we remain a community of trust. InterNations is part of the New Work SE, a group of brands that offer products and services for a better working life.

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