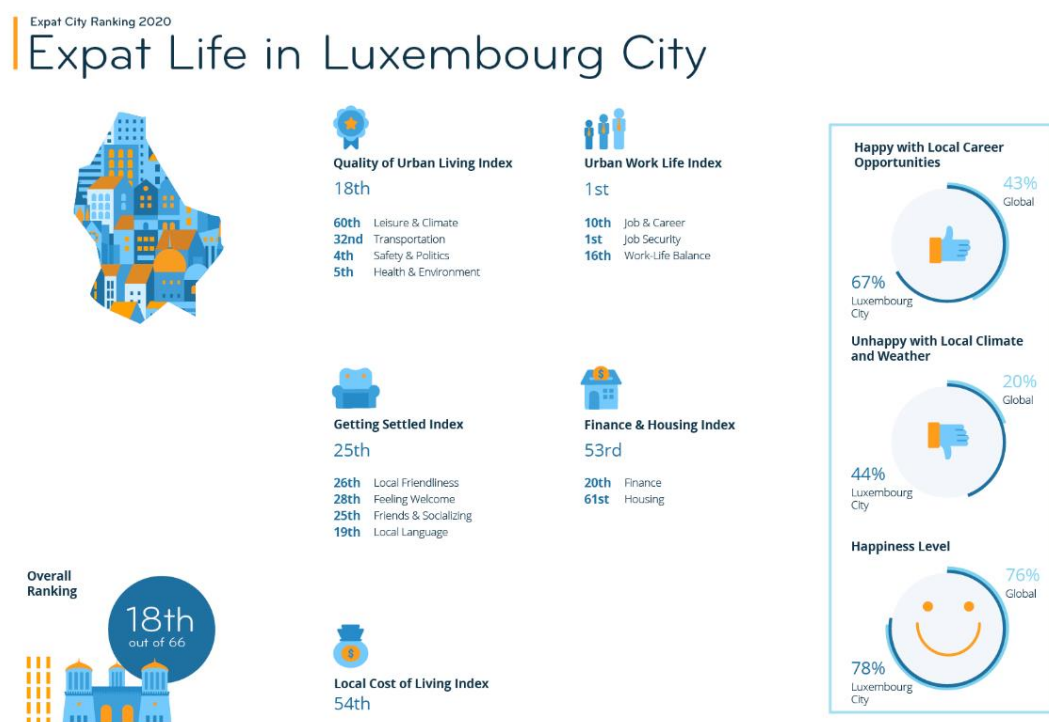


Luxembourg City Has the Best Urban Work Life Worldwide according to Expats

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

- Out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, Luxembourg City ranks 18th. It performs best and even ranks first worldwide in the Urban Work Life Index and does worst in the Local Cost of Living Index (54th).
- Valencia (1st), Alicante, Lisbon, Panama City, Singapore, Málaga, Buenos Aires, Kuala Lumpur, Madrid, and Abu Dhabi (10th) are the top 10 cities for expats 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 — Luxembourg City ranks 18th in the Expat City Ranking 2020 by [InterNations](#), the world's largest expat community with around 4 million members. It performs best in the Urban Work Life Index, being voted the number one worldwide in this regard. The city also achieves a solid 18th rank in the Quality of Urban Living Index, where expats are only unhappy with the local climate and weather and the leisure activities. While it also ranks well in the Getting Settled Index (25th), it performs worst in the Finance & Housing (53rd) and Local Cost of Living (54th) Indices.



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 Luxembourg City

18. Luxembourg City: The Best Urban Work Life Worldwide

Placing 18th out of 66 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2020, Luxembourg's capital is a top destination for expats looking for a great working life. With Luxembourg City ranking first worldwide in the Urban Work Life Index, the majority of expats is happy with their job security (80% vs. 59% globally) and the state of the local economy (97% vs. 63% globally). A Greek expat even names the *"stability of the economy"* as their favorite thing about living in Luxembourg City. The city also comes in at a good 18th place in the Quality of Urban Living Index, despite its low ranking in the Leisure & Climate subcategory (60th). This is balanced out by the top 5 rankings for health and environment (5th) and safety and politics (4th). Nearly all expats are happy with Luxembourg City's political stability (97% vs. 61% globally) and feel safe there (92% vs. 82% globally). An Irish expat summarizes: *"I like the safety and job security here."*

However, all this comes at a price: Luxembourg City ranks low in both the Local Cost of Living Index (54th) and the Finance & Housing Index (53rd). It even comes 64th out of 66 cities for the affordability of housing, only ahead of Hong Kong (65th) and Dublin (66th). In fact, close to nine in ten expats (86%) find housing unaffordable (vs. 41% globally). An expat from Mauritius thinks that the *"real estate prices are too high"* and worries about the *"high cost of living"*. In fact, 65% of expats rate the latter negatively (vs. 36% 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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