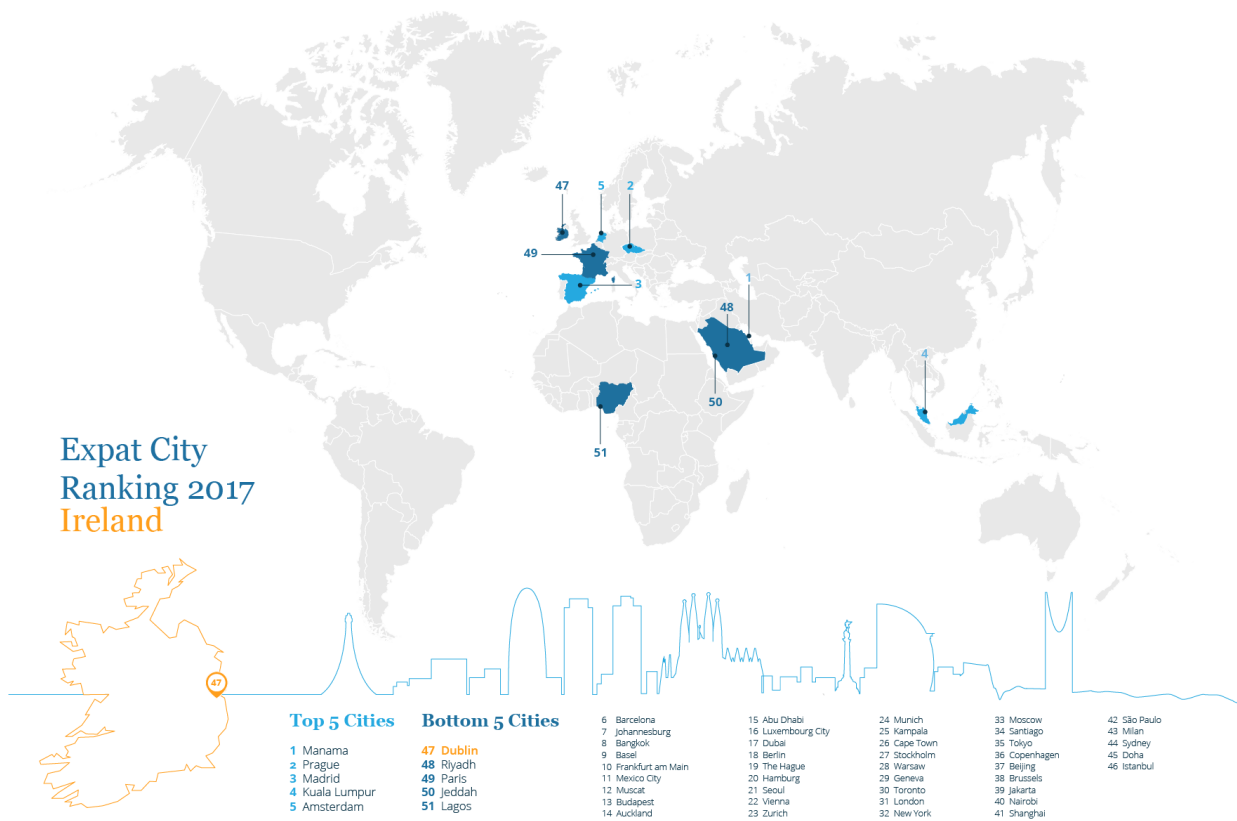


## Expats City Ranking 2017: Expats in Dublin Face the Worst Quality of Life in Europe

While finance, housing, and the unfavorable climate are issues for expats in Dublin, they at least enjoy a friendly welcome.

- *Expats in Dublin are even less satisfied with the local climate and weather than those in London (19% vs. 29%) — compared to a global average of 57 percent.*
- *The local quality of the environment in Dublin receives a considerably higher share of positive ratings than the global average: eight in ten expats appreciate it (vs. 67% globally).*
- *Almost nine in ten expats in Dublin (89%) find local housing unaffordable, more than twice the global average (44%).*

Munich, 14 November 2017 — Dublin is one of the lowest-rated cities in this year's Expat City Ranking, coming in 47th place out of 51 cities. Its poor performance is mainly due to the lack of affordable housing and the fact that many expats are not satisfied with their financial situation. On the bright side, the city and its residents are perceived as friendly and welcoming, and expats find it relatively easy to settle in, as the so-far unpublished [Expats City Ranking 2017](#) reveals. The ranking is based on data collected in the annual *Expats Insider* survey, conducted by [InterNations](#), the largest expat community worldwide. With nearly 13,000 respondents living and working abroad, *Expats Insider 2017* is one of the most extensive expat studies worldwide. Apart from offering an in-depth analysis of expat life in 51 cities, the survey ranks them by a variety of factors from the areas quality of urban living, getting settled, urban work life, as well as finance and housing. According to all these rating factors, the top 10 cities for expats are Manama, Prague, Madrid, Kuala Lumpur, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Johannesburg, Bangkok, Basel, and Frankfurt am Main.



### Quality of Life and Money Are an Issue in Dublin — But It Is Easy to Make Friends

In the Irish capital, expats have to deal with the lowest quality of urban living in Europe, with Dublin ranking 44th out of 51 cities worldwide. This poor result is partly due to the unpopular climate, with less than one-fifth of expats (19%) being satisfied with the local weather — an even worse result than in infamously rainy London (29%). Dublin also falls short of London when it comes to local leisure options: only three percent of expats in the latter are dissatisfied with the choice available, whereas 17 percent express their dissatisfaction in Dublin. However, the respondents' satisfaction with the quality of the environment in Dublin (80%) is higher than in London (59%) and well above the global average (67%), too. Moreover, with Dublin ranking 11th for local friendliness, more than eight in ten expats (84%) consider the local residents generally friendly, compared to a global average of 65 percent. This might be one of the reasons why 27 percent of expats in Dublin have a circle of friends that mainly consists of local residents — a significantly higher result than the global average of 19 percent and the respective share in London (12%). One Swedish expat describes the locals in Dublin as *"sociable, friendly people, who know how to have a laugh and enjoy themselves."*

### Despite Good Career Opportunities Expats in Dublin Struggle Financially

In terms of finance and housing, Dublin struggles with more negative ratings, ranking 50th out of 51 cities worldwide. In fact, almost nine in ten expats (89%) are not happy with the affordability of housing, which is more than twice the global average (44%). This might be one of the reasons why less than half the expats in Dublin are satisfied with their financial situation (45%). Interestingly enough, these financial concerns persist even though it seems to be quite easy for expats to find work in Dublin: the city only narrowly misses the top 10 for local career opportunities, coming in 11th place, with about two-thirds of expats (65%) rating this factor positively.

	Dublin
 <b>Overall City Ranking</b>	47
 <b>Quality of Urban Living Index</b>	44
 <b>Getting Settled Index</b>	18
 <b>Urban Work Life Index</b>	18
 <b>Finance &amp; Housing Index</b>	50

### Top 5 Cities Make It Easy for Expats to Get Settled and Enjoy a Great Work Life

Manama, Prague, Madrid, Kuala Lumpur, and Amsterdam top the list of the best cities for expats: while Prague lags behind on 35th place for getting settled, the other four cities receive good to excellent ratings in this respect. A South African expat living in Kuala Lumpur likes *"the easy-going temperament and friendliness of the local people"* while an expat from the Philippines appreciates the *"very friendly and helpful locals"* in Manama. The majority of expats rates the general friendliness towards foreign residents positively in Manama (84%), Amsterdam (83%), Kuala Lumpur (78%), and Madrid (74%), compared to a global average of 67 percent. Prague, however, performs below average here: only about half the expats living there (49%) are satisfied with this factor. Nonetheless, the capital of the Czech Republic is one of the top destinations for expats in 2017, particularly due to its outstanding ratings in terms of work: nearly seven in ten expats (68%) are satisfied with local career opportunities in Prague — 19 percentage points more than the global average.

### InterNations Communities in Ireland

Out of 2.8 million members in 390 cities around the world, there are more than 20,000 InterNations members in Ireland: about 16,000 of them live in Dublin, making the capital the largest expat community in Ireland, followed by Cork.

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[The Best and Worst Cities](#)



[Quality of Urban Living](#)



[Getting Settled](#)



[Urban Work Life](#)



[Finance & Housing](#)

### About the Expat City Ranking 2017

For its annual [Expat Insider survey](#), InterNations asked about 13,000 expatriates representing 166 nationalities and living in 188 countries or territories to provide information on various aspects of expat life, as well as their gender, age, and nationality. In 2017, the fourth year the survey was conducted, 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 and considered both emotional topics as well as 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 51 cities worldwide. In 2017, the top 10 cities for expats are Manama, Prague, Madrid, Kuala Lumpur, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Johannesburg, Bangkok, Basel, and Frankfurt am Main.

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2017, a sample size of at least 45 survey participants per city was required. In total, the responses used for the city ranking represent 7,985 expats living in 40 countries.



### **About InterNations**

With 2.8 million members in 390 cities around the world, InterNations (<http://www.internations.org>) is the largest global network and information site for people who live and work abroad. InterNations offers global and local networking both online and face-to-face. At around 5,000 monthly events and activities, expatriates have the opportunity to meet other global minds. Online services include country and city guides created by a team of professional writers, guest contributions about life abroad, and discussion forums to help members with topics such as the local job or housing search. InterNations membership is by approval only to ensure we remain a community of trust.

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