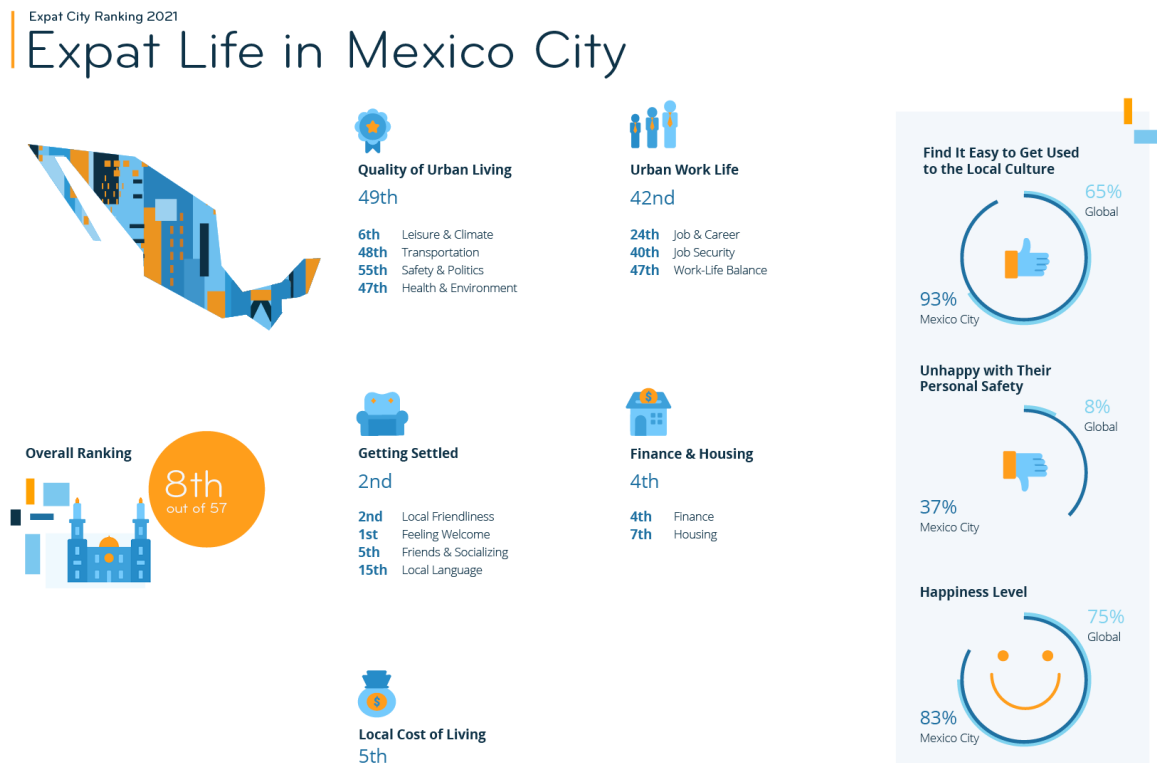


Mexico City: A Great Climate and a Welcoming Atmosphere

The Expat City Ranking 2021 reveals the best and worst cities for expats around the world, including Mexico City.

- Out of 57 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2021, Mexico City ranks 8th.
- Kuala Lumpur (1st), Málaga, Dubai, Sydney, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, Prague, Mexico City, Basel, and Madrid (10th) are the top 10 cities for expats to live in 2021.
- On the other hand, expats consider Rome (57th), Milan, Johannesburg, Istanbul, Tokyo, Cairo, Paris, Maastricht, Moscow, and New York (48th) the world's worst cities to live in.

Munich, 1 December 2021 — Mexico City ranks 8th out of 57 in the Expat City Ranking 2021 by [InterNations](#), the world's largest expat community with over 4 million members. It even lands among the top 5 worldwide in the Getting Settled, Finance & Housing, and Local Cost of Living Indices. However, expats are unhappy with their working life (42nd), and the city ends up in the bottom 10 of the Quality of Urban Living Index (49th).



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 12,420 respondents in 2021. This year, 57 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.

What Expats Think about Life in Mexico City

Mexico City ranks 8th out of 57 in the Expat City Ranking 2021, making it into the top 5 of three indices. It performs best in the **Getting Settled Index** (2nd), following right after Kuala Lumpur (1st) and even ranking 1st in the Feeling Welcome Subcategory. Expats find it very easy to get used to the local culture (93% vs. 65% globally) and feel at home in Mexico City (80% vs. 65% globally). They are also happy with their social life (67% vs. 57% globally) and find it easy to make new friends (73% vs. 48% globally). It might help that 88% of expats describe the local people as generally friendly towards foreign residents (vs. 67% globally).

Mexico's capital also performs very well in the **Local Cost of Living** (5th) and **Finance & Housing** (4th) **Indices**: close to three-quarters (73%) are satisfied with their financial situation (vs. 64% globally), and 92% say that their disposable household income is enough or more than enough to cover their expenses (vs. 77% globally). Moreover, housing is both affordable (60% vs. 42% globally) and easy to find (74% vs. 60% globally).

On the downside, Mexico City only ranks 42nd in the **Urban Work Life Index**. While overall job satisfaction is high (6th), working hours (52nd) are rated negatively by 25% (vs. 16% globally). The city even ends up in the bottom 10 of the **Quality of Urban Living Index** (49th). Well over four times the global average do not feel safe in Mexico City (37% vs. 8% globally). In addition, expats are dissatisfied with the public transportation system (30% vs. 20% globally) and rate the urban environment negatively (25% vs. 16% globally). *"There is a lot of noise and environmental pollution in the city,"* shares a Venezuelan expat. However, they love the climate and weather (88% vs. 66% globally) and the local leisure options (81% vs. 72% globally).

About the Expat City Ranking 2021

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. For the survey, InterNations asked 12,420 expats representing 174 nationalities and living in 186 countries or territories to provide information on various aspects of expat life, as well as their gender, age, and nationality. 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 all cities worldwide that had the required number of participants for the minimum sample size. (The survey also includes a Local Cost of Living Index, which does, however, not factor into the overall ranking to avoid overrepresenting financial aspects.) In 2021, the top 10 cities for expats are Kuala Lumpur (1st), Málaga, Dubai, Sydney, Singapore, Ho Chi Minh City, Prague, Mexico City, Basel, and Madrid (10th).

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2021, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per city was required. In total, 57 cities met this requirement.

About InterNations

With more than 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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