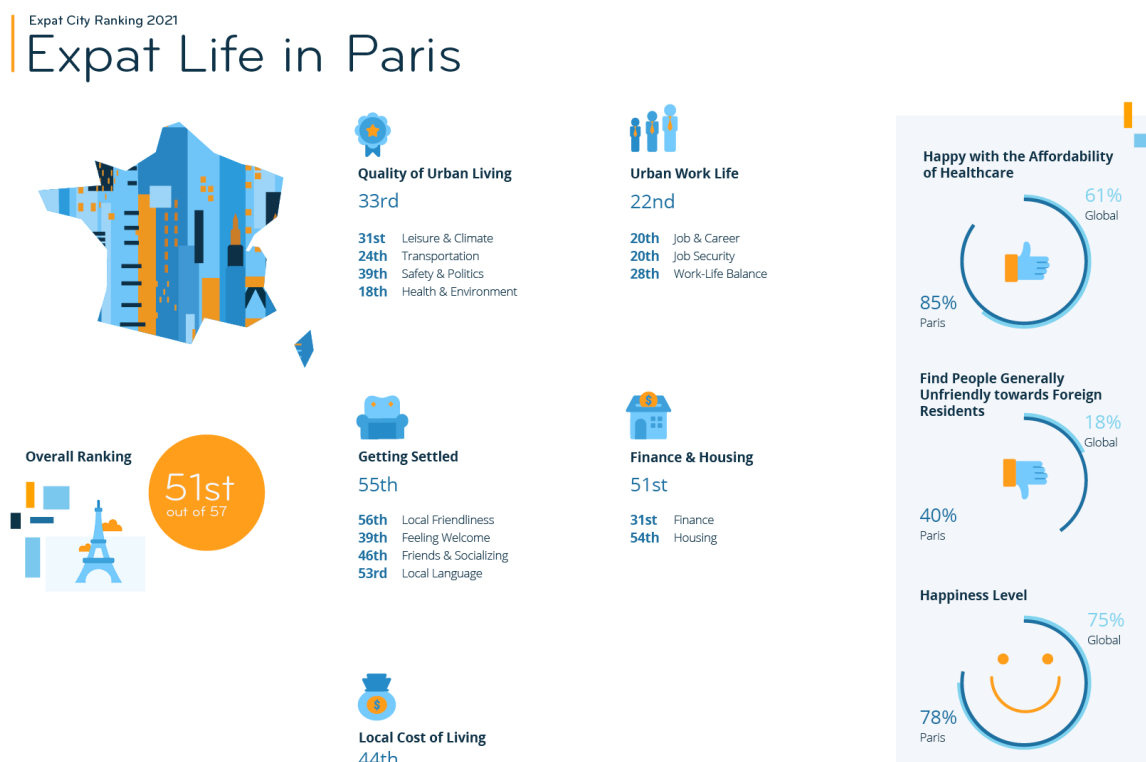


Paris: Lacking in Friendliness, Personal Safety, and Affordable Housing

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

- Out of 57 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2021, Paris ranks 51st.
- 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 — Paris ranks 51st out of 57 in the Expat City Ranking 2021 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with over 4 million members. It is one of the worst cities worldwide in terms of finances and housing, as well as the ease of getting settled as an expat. While the local cost of living (44th) and the quality of life (33rd) receive mediocre to below-average ratings from expats, they are at least satisfied with their working life (22nd) in Paris.



The [Expat City Ranking](https://www.internations.org/) 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 Paris

Ranking 51st out of 57, Paris is among the worst-rated cities in the Expat City Ranking 2021. It places 55th in the **Getting Settled Index**, only ahead of Dusseldorf and Tokyo. Expats describe the Parisians as the unfriendliest locals towards foreign residents worldwide. Exactly two in five (40%) describe them as unfriendly (vs. 18% globally), and 53% find it hard to make new friends (vs. 32% globally). The city does not perform much better in the **Finance & Housing Index** (51st): housing is hard to find (59% vs. 23% globally) and to afford (77% vs. 39% globally). Despite this, 79% say that their disposable household income is enough or more than enough to cover their expenses (vs. 77% globally). Another 60% are satisfied with their financial situation, just slightly less than the global average of 64%.

While Paris lands in an average 33rd place in the **Quality of Urban Living Index**, two factors affect its performance: one in five expats (20%) does not feel safe in Paris (vs. 8% globally), ranking it just ahead of Mexico City (55th), Cape Town (56th), and Johannesburg (57th). Additionally, Paris comes 49th for its urban environment, with 23% of expats rating this factor negatively (vs. 16% globally). On the other hand, the city makes it into the top 10 for two factors. It ranks 2nd for affordable healthcare (85% happy vs. 61% globally) and 8th for the local leisure options (86% happy vs. 72% globally).

Lastly, it performs quite well in the **Urban Work Life Index** (22nd), even ranking 4th for job security. Close to four in five expats (79%) rate the latter positively (vs. 61% globally). About three in five (59%) are also satisfied with the local career opportunities (vs. 45% globally), and 71% are happy with their job in general (vs. 68% 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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