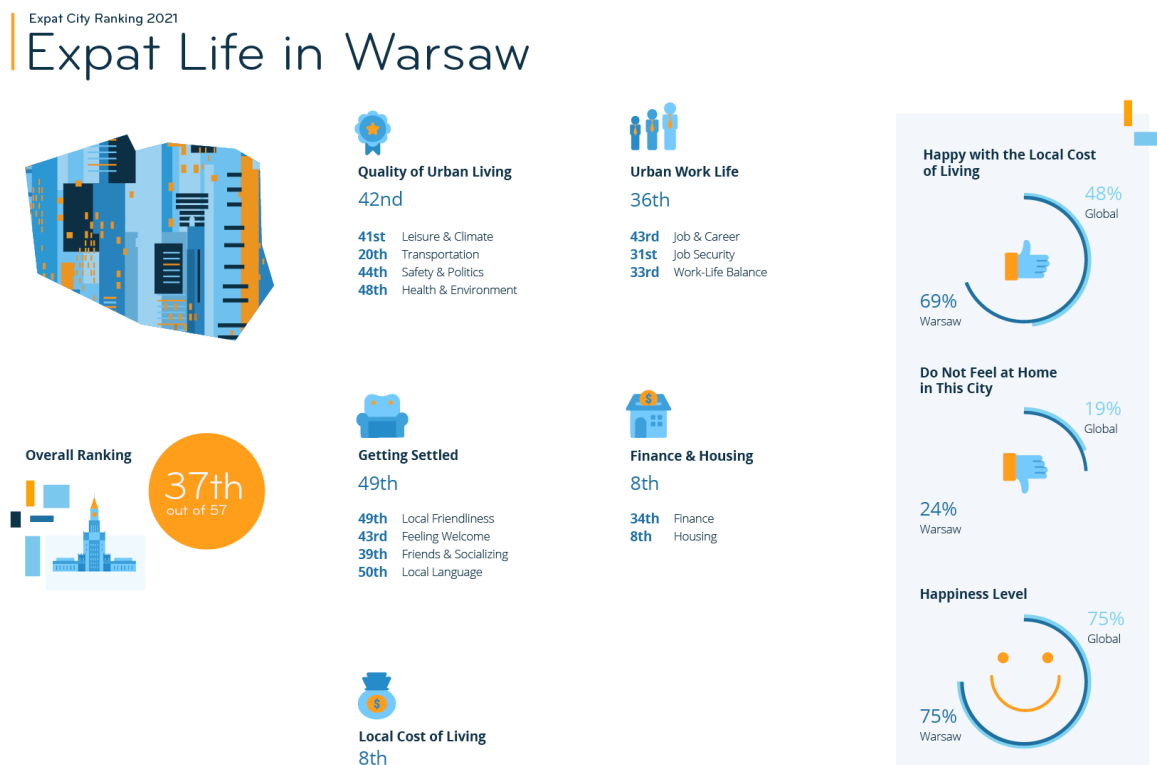


Warsaw: Difficult to Get Settled In but Easy to Afford

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

- Out of 57 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2021, Warsaw ranks 37th.
- 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 — Warsaw ranks 37th out of 57 in the Expat City Ranking 2021 by [InterNations](#), the world's largest expat community with over 4 million members. The city ranks among the top 10 worldwide for both the local cost of living and finance and housing. However, expats are not happy with their working life (36th) and the quality of life (42nd). They even rank the city as one of the worst worldwide for the ease of getting settled (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 Warsaw

Ranking 37th out of 57 in the Expat City Ranking 2021, Warsaw makes it into both the top and the bottom 10 worldwide in different indices. The city performs worst in the **Getting Settled Index** (49th), with particularly poor results for Local Friendliness (49th) and Local Language (50th): three in four expats (75%) have difficulties learning the local language (vs. 42% globally), and 36% describe the people in Warsaw as generally unfriendly towards foreign residents (vs. 18% globally). *"People seem cold, and it is difficult to socialize and make friends,"* shares a Portuguese expat. Maybe this why only 46% of expats feel at home in Warsaw (vs. 65% globally).

Warsaw performs poorly in the **Quality of Urban Living Index** (42nd) as well, even ending up in the bottom 10 of the Health & Environment Subcategory (48th). Expats are unhappy with the quality of medical care (26% vs. 14% globally) and its availability (15% vs. 11% globally). *"I do not like the quality of public healthcare, which is why I have private medical insurance,"* shares a Ukrainian expat. What is more, 39% worry about the political stability (vs. 16% globally). Results are also below the global average in the **Urban Work Life Index** (36th). While expats are dissatisfied with their job in general (51st), job security (10th) seems to be high: 69% rate this factor positively (vs. 61% globally), and another 55% are happy with the local career opportunities (vs. 45% globally).

On the upside, Warsaw performs very well in both the **Finance & Housing** and the **Local Cost of Living Indices** (8th for both). A German expat even says that the *"affordable standard of living"* is one of her favorite aspects of life in Warsaw. In fact, 69% of expats rate the local cost of living positively (vs. 48% 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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