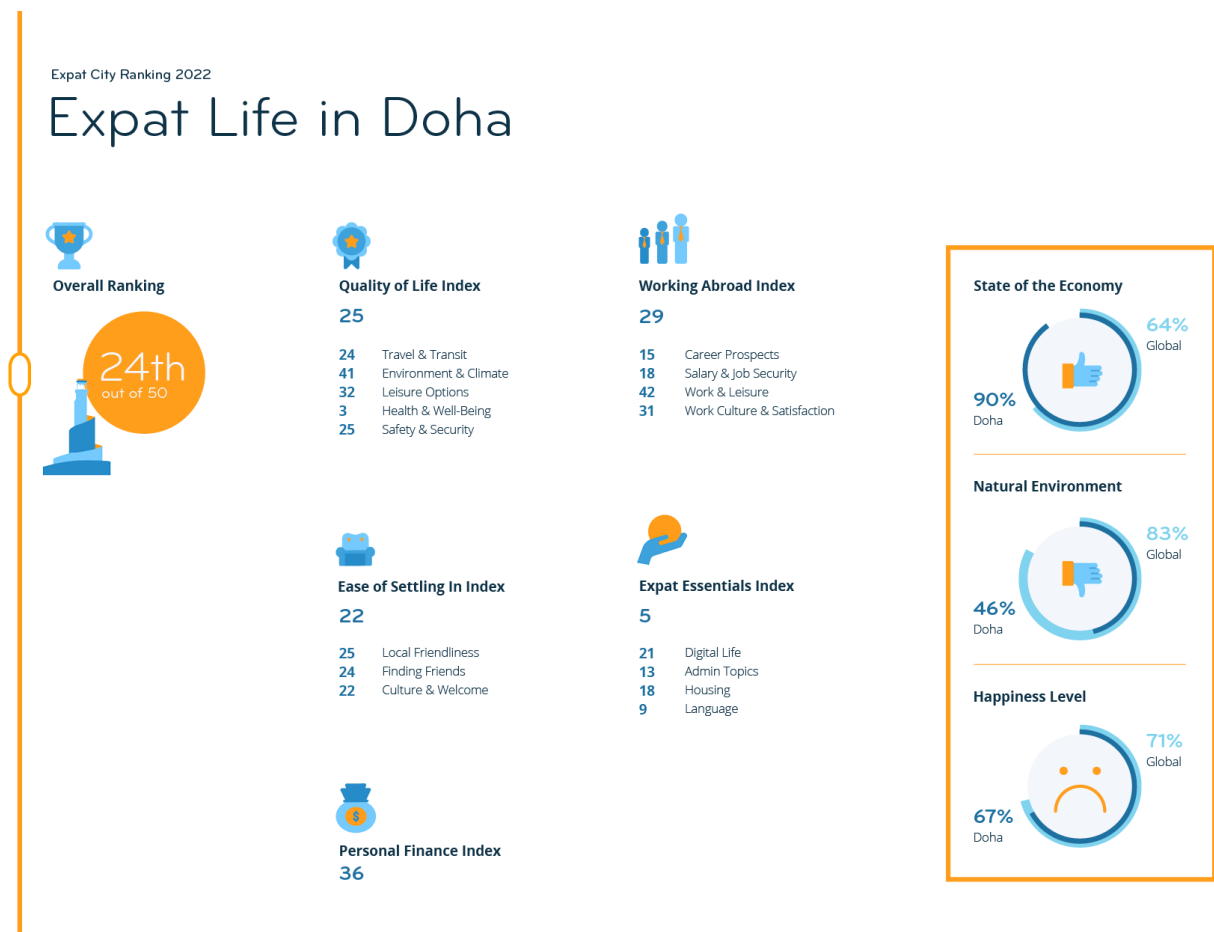


## Expats in Doha Encounter Financial Troubles but Appreciate the Healthcare System

The Expat City Ranking 2022 reveals the best and worst cities for expats around the world, including Doha.

- Doha ranks 24th place out of 50 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2022, performing best for expat essentials and worst for personal finance.
- In 2022, Valencia (1st), Dubai, Mexico City, Lisbon, Madrid, Bangkok, Basel, Melbourne, Abu Dhabi, and Singapore (10th) are the top 10 cities for expats to live in.
- On the other hand, expats consider Johannesburg (50th), Frankfurt, Paris, Istanbul, Hong Kong, Hamburg, Milan, Vancouver, Tokyo, and Rome (41st) the world's worst cities to live in.

Munich, 29 November 2022 — Doha ranks 24th out of 50 in the Expat City Ranking 2022 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with over 4.5 million members. The capital of Qatar ranks among the top 5 in the Expat Essentials Index, but expats face challenges when it comes to their finances. They are also unhappy with their working hours and do not feel properly compensated for their work. Lastly, Doha has several highs and lows when it comes to the Quality of Life Index, as expats enjoy the healthcare system but are unimpressed with the natural environment.



The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. It is one of the most extensive surveys about living and working abroad, with 11,970 respondents in 2022. A total of 50 cities around the globe are featured this year, offering in-depth information about five areas of expat life: Quality of Life, Ease of Settling In, Working Abroad, Personal Finance, and the new Expat Essentials Index, which covers digital life, admin topics, housing, and language.

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### **The Basics Are Easy...**

Doha ranks 24th out of 50 in the Expat City Ranking 2022 and is among the best destinations in the **Expat Essentials Index** (5th). Expats are especially happy with the availability of administrative/government services online (80% happy vs. 61% globally), ranking the city eighth for this factor. The Language Subcategory (9th) is another highlight: 80% of expats in Doha find it easy to live there without speaking the local language (vs. 51% globally). However, the city ranks in the bottom 10 for unrestricted access to online services (44th).

### **... But Their Working Life Is Unrewarding**

The city ranks midfield in both the **Ease of Settling In** (22nd) and the **Working Abroad** (29th) **Indices**. On the positive side, over three in four expats (77%) feel that moving to Doha has improved their career prospects (vs. 60% globally), and 90% are happy with the state of the economy (vs. 64% globally). On the negative side, the city comes in 42nd place for both working hours and work-life balance. In fact, expats in Doha work an average of 46 hours per week, compared to 40.2 hours globally. A Tunisian expat shares that there are *"too many working hours, you can barely have a life"*.

Moreover, expats do not feel that they are properly rewarded for their demanding working life: 28% find that they are *not* paid fairly for their work (vs. 20% globally). Financial frustrations are also present in the **Personal Finance Index** (36th). For more than one in three expats (34%), their disposable household income is not enough to lead a comfortable life (vs. 28% globally), which leads to a bottom 10 ranking for this factor (42nd).

### **Expats Satisfied with Healthcare & Safety**

Expats have very mixed opinions regarding the **Quality of Life Index** (25th). The Health & Well-Being Subcategory (3rd) is a major highlight for expats in Doha. They find healthcare to be both affordable (76% happy vs. 61% globally) and easily available (85% vs. 73% globally). The quality of medical care also does not disappoint, with Doha ranking sixth worldwide for this factor. *"The general governance of healthcare"* is an element of life in Doha that an expat from Kenya enjoys the most. While Doha places in the top 10 for personal safety (6th) and political stability (10th), 28% of expats do not feel that they can openly express themselves and their opinions (vs. 18% globally). They also struggle when it comes to the Environment & Climate Subcategory (41st). For example, the city ranks last worldwide for its natural environment (50th): 27% rate this factor negatively, compared to 8% globally.

**You can find out more about the 50 cities featured in the Expat City Ranking in the full report as well as in the press release about the best and worst destinations worldwide (both available under "Downloads" in the email).**

### About the Expat City Ranking 2022

The [Expat City Ranking](#) is based on the annual *Expat Insider* survey by InterNations. For the survey, InterNations asked 11,970 expats representing 177 nationalities and living in 181 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 up to 56 different aspects of urban life abroad on a scale of one to seven. The rating process emphasized their personal satisfaction with these aspects, considering both emotional topics and more factual aspects with equal weight. The individual factors were then bundled in various combinations for a total of 16 subcategories, and their mean values were used to draw up five topical indices: Quality of Life, Ease of Settling In, Working Abroad, Personal Finance, and Expat Essentials. These were further averaged — together with the responses to the question “All things considered, how happy are you with your life abroad in general?” — to create the Expat City Ranking. In 2022, the top 10 cities for expats are Valencia (1st), Dubai, Mexico City, Lisbon, Madrid, Bangkok, Basel, Melbourne, Abu Dhabi, and Singapore (10th).

For a city to be featured in the Expat City Ranking 2022, a sample size of at least 50 survey participants per destination was required. In total, 50 cities met this requirement.

### About InterNations

With more than 4.5 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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