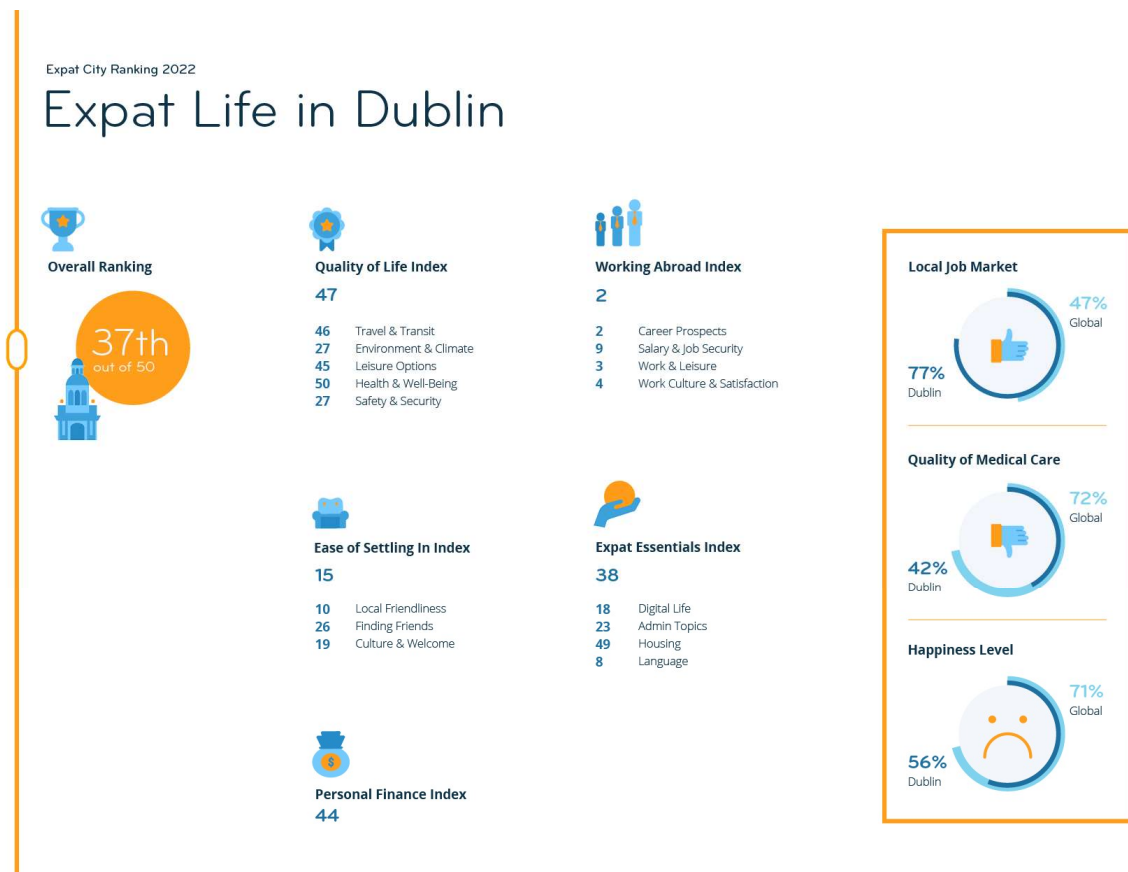


Dublin: A Great Place for Expats to Work, A Hard Place for Them to Live

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

- *Dublin ranks 37th out of 50 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2022, performing best for working abroad and worst for the quality of life.*
- *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 — Dublin ranks 37th 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 city makes it into both the top and the bottom 10: it performs very well in the Working Abroad Index (2nd), as expats are very satisfied with their career prospects, job security, working hours, and their jobs in general. Expats are also happy with the local friendliness and their ability to openly express themselves. However, the city ranks very poorly in the Quality of Life (47th) and Personal Finance (44th) Indices, and expats have major difficulties with finding and affording housing.



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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Dublin ranks 37th out of 50 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2022, performing worst in the **Quality of Life Index** (47th). Expats vote the city last worldwide in the Health & Well-Being Subcategory (50th) and for three of the four related rating factors: they are unhappy with the availability of healthcare (38% vs. 13% globally), the ease of accessing all necessary healthcare services (40% vs. 17% unhappy), and the quality of medical care (42% vs. 14% globally). *"It is impossible to access primary healthcare. You cannot even get registered with a general doctor,"* shares a Spanish expat. Additionally, healthcare is considered unaffordable (49% unhappy vs. 21% globally).

Hard to Get Around & to Find Entertainment

Getting around is another major issue for expats in Dublin. The city ranks among the bottom 5 in the Travel & Transit Subcategory (46th). Expats struggle with the affordability (27% unhappy vs. 15% globally) and the availability (26% vs. 17% globally) of public transportation. About one in five (19%) feel that it is unsafe to get around by foot or by bicycle (vs. 13% globally), and 20% are unhappy with the infrastructure for cars (vs. 13% globally). Leisure options are also quite limited: expats rank the city 46th for the culinary variety and dining options, and 48th for the opportunities for recreational sports.

Great Career Prospects & Independent Work

On the positive side, Dublin comes second globally in the **Working Abroad Index**, only beaten by Copenhagen (1st). It ranks among the top 10 in all subcategories. Expats are especially pleased with the Career Prospects Subcategory (2nd): they rate the local job market (77% happy vs. 47% globally) and their personal career opportunities (72% vs. 58% globally) positively. *"There are a lot of job opportunities for foreigners due to the international companies in Dublin,"* a Dutch expat explains. In fact, 78% say that moving to Dublin has improved their career prospects (vs. 60% globally).

Dublin also excels in the Work & Leisure Subcategory (3rd). Expats are happy with their working hours (78% happy vs. 63% globally) and work-life balance (74% vs. 62% globally). Moreover, the local business culture encourages creativity (72% happy vs. 51% globally), promotes independent work (65% vs. 45% globally), and fosters flexibility (89% vs. 60% globally). Maybe this is why 74% of expats are satisfied with their job in general, compared to 64% globally.

High Expenses but Expats Are Satisfied with Their Finances

While the city performs well in the **Ease of Settling In Index** (15th), the **Expat Essentials Index** (38th) brings some more negative results: housing is not only difficult to find for expats (62% unhappy vs. 27% globally) but also hard to afford (79% vs. 43% globally). *"The cost of living is outrageous,"* shares an Italian expat. *"It is impossible to find decent accommodation at affordable prices."* In fact, the city ranks second to last in the Housing Subcategory (49th), where only Munich (50th) performs worse.

It does not look much better in the **Personal Finance Index** (44th). Over two in three expats (69%) are unhappy with the general cost of living in Dublin, about double the global average (35%). Interestingly, though the city ranks poorly for the other financial factors, 63% of expats in Dublin are satisfied with their financial situation, slightly more than the global average (60%). This could be due to the fact that 75% of expats feel that they are paid fairly for their work (vs. 62% 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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