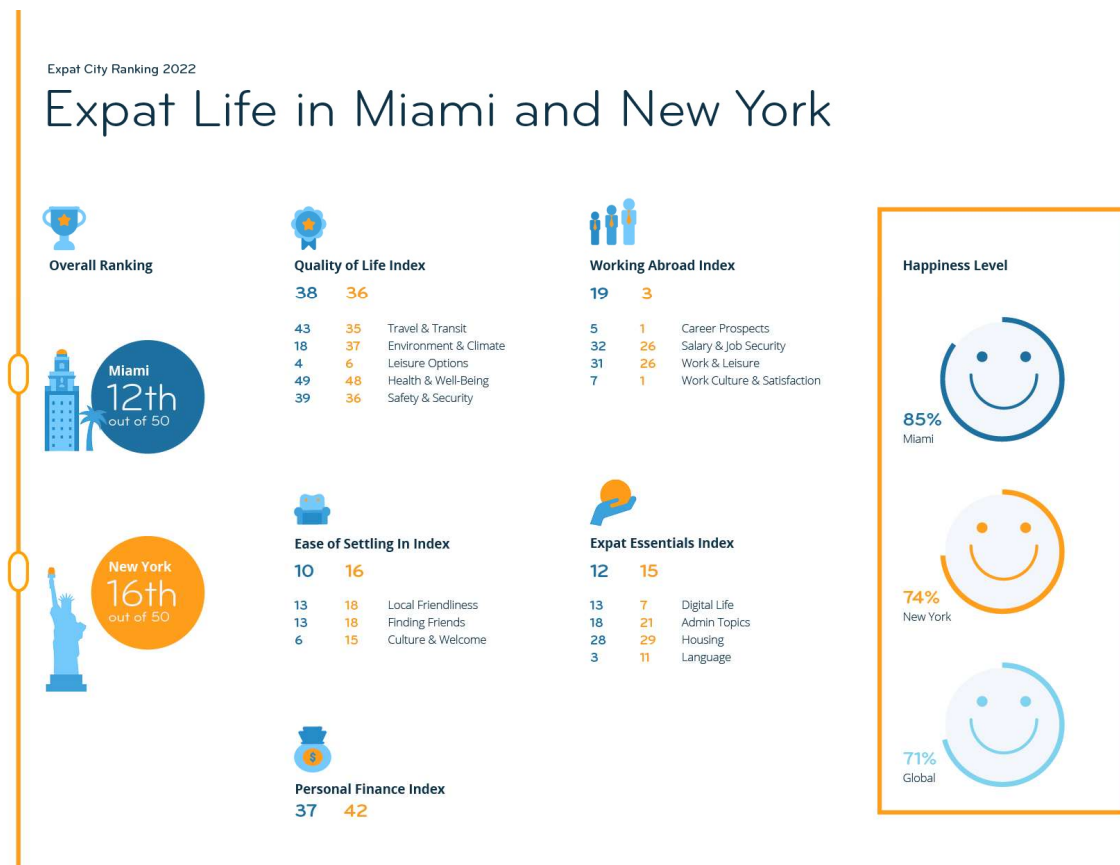


# Expats Love the Work Culture but Struggle with the Healthcare System in Both NYC and Miami

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

- *Miami ranks 12th, followed closely by New York City in 16th place out of 50, in the Expat City Ranking 2022.*
- *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 — Miami ranks 12th out of 50, followed by New York City in 16th place, in the Expat City Ranking 2022 by [InterNations](https://www.internations.org/), the world's largest expat community with over 4.5 million members. While New York City ranks much better than Miami in the Working Abroad Index (3rd vs. 19th), they both perform very well when it comes to work culture and career prospects. They both rank below the global average regarding the Quality of Life (36th vs. 38th), and both do very poorly for health and well-being. Expats in New York City struggle more with their finances but enjoy better public transportation options.



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.

## What Expats Think about Life in Miami & New York City

### 12 | Miami: Welcoming but Hard to Get Around

Miami ranks 12th out of 50 cities in the Expat City Ranking 2022 and performs best in the **Ease of Settling In Index** (10th). Expats rank the city sixth in the Culture & Welcome Subcategory, where 89% find it easy to get used to the local culture (vs. 62% globally). Only Mexico City (1st) performs better for this factor. The city also performs well in the **Expat Essentials Index** (12th). Expats report that it is easy to get high-speed internet access at home (4th), pay without cash (6th), and open a local bank account (5th).

The city ranks midfield in the **Working Abroad Index** (19th), performing best in the Career Prospects (5th) and Work Culture & Satisfaction (7th) Subcategories. Expats are particularly happy with their personal career opportunities (75% vs. 58% globally) and feel that the local business culture encourages creativity / thinking outside of the box (75% vs. 51% globally). However, about one in four (24%) are unhappy with their working hours (vs. 17% globally).

Lastly, Miami does not do well in the **Personal Finance** (37th) and **Quality of Life** (38th) **Indices**. The city lands in the bottom 10 of the Travel & Transit Subcategory (43rd). In fact, Miami ranks last worldwide for the availability of public transportation (50th) — 57% of expats are dissatisfied with this factor, more than three times the global average (17%). The Health & Well-Being Subcategory (49th) is another major lowlight for Miami; only Dublin (50th) performs worse. *“The health system and insecurity make me crazy,”* a Spanish expat shares. In fact, expats find healthcare unaffordable (60% unhappy vs. 21% globally) and unavailable (25% vs. 13% globally).

### 16 | New York City: Expensive with Great Work Opportunities

With New York City coming in 16th place overall, the **Working Abroad Index** (3rd) is a major highlight for expats. They rank the city first worldwide in both the Career Prospects and Work Culture & Satisfaction Subcategories. About four in five expats (79%) are happy with the local job market (vs. 47% globally), and 84% are satisfied with their personal career opportunities (vs. 58% globally). *“There are many opportunities for anyone who is prepared to work,”* says a South African expat.

New York City also ranks well in both the **Ease of Settling In** (16th) and the **Expat Essentials** (15th) **Indices**. The Digital Life Subcategory (7th) is another positive point for expats: for example, 87% are happy with the ease of getting high-speed internet access at home (vs. 79% globally). On the downside, expats encounter difficulties in the **Personal Finance Index** (42nd). In fact, 58% of expats in New York City are unhappy with the cost of living, compared to only 35% globally. *“It is expensive, you need big savings to live here,”* shares a Philippine expat.

In the **Quality of Life Index** (36th), the city receives mixed results. Like Miami (49th), New York City (48th) does not please expats in the Health & Well-Being Subcategory. Over one in four (26%) say that it is difficult to access all the kinds of healthcare services that they need (vs. 17% globally). Another 15% are concerned about their personal safety (vs. 9% globally). However, while Miami ranks last (50th) for the availability of public transportation, New York City performs much better (31st). Additionally, New York City satisfies expats with great culinary & dining options (6th) and its culture & nightlife (8th).

**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**

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