

Mercer 2021 Cost of Living City Ranking

Rank 2020	Rank 2021	City	Location	Rank change
2	1	Ashgabat	Turkmenistan	1
1	2	Hong Kong	Hong Kong (SAR)	-1
45	3	Beirut	Lebanon	42
3	4	Tokyo	Japan	-1
4	5	Zurich	Switzerland	-1
7	6	Shanghai	China	1
5	7	Singapore	Singapore	-2
9	8	Geneva	Switzerland	1
10	9	Beijing	China	1
8	10	Bern	Switzerland	-2
11	11	Seoul	South Korea	0
13	12	Shenzhen	China	1
15	13	N'Djamena	Chad	2
6	14	New York City	United States	-8
12	15	Tel Aviv	Israel	-3
25	16	Copenhagen	Denmark	9
20	17	Guangzhou	China	3
19	18	London	United Kingdom	1
18	19	Lagos	Nigeria	-1
33	20	Libreville	Gabon	13
17	20	Los Angeles	United States	-3
28	22	Taipei	Taiwan	6
22	23	Osaka	Japan	-1

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36	24	Abidjan	Côte d'Ivoire	12
16	25	San Francisco	United States	-9
38	26	Tianjin	China	12
34	27	Nanjing	China	7
40	28	Chengdu	China	12
31	29	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	2
49	30	Bangui	Central African Republic	19
66	31	Sydney	Australia	35
42	32	Nouméa	New Caledonia	10
50	33	Paris	France	17
43	34	Qingdao	China	9
26	34	Nagoya	Japan	-8
47	36	Milan	Italy	11
54	37	Vienna	Austria	17
44	38	Brazzaville	Congo	6
46	39	Dublin	Ireland	7
26	40	Dhaka	Bangladesh	-14
24	41	Kinshasa	Dem. Rep. Of The Congo	-17
23	42	Dubai	United Arab Emirates	-19
28	43	Honolulu	United States	-15
64	44	Amsterdam	Netherlands	20
30	45	Chicago	United States	-15
35	46	Bangkok	Thailand	-11
65	47	Rome	Italy	18
37	48	Miami	United States	-11
56	49	Yaoundé	Cameroon	7

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41	50	Boston	United States	-9
32	51	Washington	United States	-19
72	52	Munich	Germany	20
78	53	Brussels	Belgium	25
76	54	Frankfurt	Germany	22
76	55	Oslo	Norway	21
74	56	Helsinki	Finland	18
39	56	Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates	-17
75	56	Dakar	Senegal	19
99	59	Melbourne	Australia	40
82	60	Berlin	Germany	22
63	61	Shenyang	China	2
21	62	Moscow	Russia	-41
104	63	Perth	Australia	41
83	63	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	20
48	65	White Plains	United States	-17
70	66	Douala	Cameroon	4
87	67	Madrid	Spain	20
55	67	Seattle	United States	-12
52	69	Dallas	United States	-17
103	70	Auckland	New Zealand	33
52	71	Manama	Bahrain	-19
133	72	Stockholm	Sweden	61
60	72	Atlanta	United States	-12
100	74	Dusseldorf	Germany	26
62	75	Morristown	United States	-13

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51	75	Houston	United States	-24
118	75	Canberra	Australia	43
60	78	Mumbai	India	-18
80	78	Manila	Philippines	2
106	80	Hamburg	Germany	26
126	81	Brisbane	Australia	45
58	82	Djibouti	Djibouti	-24
106	83	Lisbon	Portugal	23
102	84	Barcelona	Spain	18
68	85	Abuja	Nigeria	-17
69	86	Minneapolis	United States	-17
57	87	Accra	Ghana	-30
126	88	Adelaide	Australia	38
66	89	San Juan	Puerto Rico	-23
97	90	Prague	Czech Republic	7
73	91	Port of Spain	Trinidad & Tobago	-18
175	92	Port-au-Prince	Haiti	83
94	93	Vancouver	Canada	1
123	94	Wellington	New Zealand	29
71	94	Amman	Jordan	-23
104	94	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	10
113	97	Riga	Latvia	16
98	98	Toronto	Canada	0
116	99	Niamey	Niger	17
123	100	Lyon	France	23
80	101	Detroit	United States	-21

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130	102	Stuttgart	Germany	28
83	103	St. Louis	United States	-20
83	104	Yangon	Myanmar	-21
86	104	Jakarta	Indonesia	-18
92	106	Portland	United States	-14
134	107	Pointe-à-Pitre	Guadeloupe	27
134	108	Santiago	Chile	26
96	108	Muscat	Oman	-12
91	110	Pittsburgh	United States	-19
139	110	Bratislava	Slovakia	29
93	112	Cleveland	United States	-19
140	113	Cotonou	Benin	27
121	114	Casablanca	Morocco	7
138	115	Athens	Greece	23
113	115	Kuwait City	Kuwait	-2
101	117	New Delhi	India	-16
90	117	Panama City	Panama	-27
89	119	Conakry	Guinea Republic	-30
59	119	St. Petersburg	Russia	-60
129	121	Birmingham	United Kingdom	8
118	122	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei	-4
115	123	Luanda	Angola	-8
78	124	San Jose	Costa Rica	-46
109	125	Phnom Penh	Cambodia	-16
142	126	Bamako	Mali	16
148	126	Ljubljana	Slovenia	22

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134	128	Aberdeen	United Kingdom	6
137	129	Montreal	Canada	8
109	130	Doha	Qatar	-21
141	131	Glasgow	United Kingdom	10
88	132	Montevideo	Uruguay	-44
146	132	Tallinn	Estonia	14
155	134	Nuremberg	Germany	21
123	134	Havana	Cuba	-11
154	136	Lome	Togo	18
126	137	Cairo	Egypt	-11
158	138	Leipzig	Germany	20
116	139	Hanoi	Vietnam	-23
152	140	Zagreb	Croatia	12
122	141	Guatemala City	Guatemala	-19
165	141	Harare	Zimbabwe	24
111	143	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	-32
157	143	Vilnius	Lithuania	14
162	145	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso	17
95	145	Nairobi	Kenya	-50
146	145	Calgary	Canada	1
149	148	Belfast	United Kingdom	1
106	149	Kiev	Ukraine	-43
112	150	Lima	Peru	-38
132	151	Winston Salem	United States	-19
120	152	Mexico City	Mexico	-32
163	152	Tirana	Albania	11

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144	152	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	-8
159	152	Rabat	Morocco	7
151	156	Ottawa	Canada	-5
166	156	Limassol	Cyprus	10
143	158	Chennai	India	-15
14	159	Victoria	Seychelles	-145
174	160	Bucharest	Romania	14
145	161	Quito	Ecuador	-16
170	162	Budapest	Hungary	8
183	163	Belgrade	Serbia	20
169	164	Warsaw	Poland	5
150	165	Kingston	Jamaica	-15
180	165	Sofia	Bulgaria	15
163	167	Dar Es Salaam	Tanzania	-4
153	168	Buenos Aires	Argentina	-15
168	169	San Salvador	El Salvador	-1
171	170	Bengaluru	India	1
177	171	Kampala	Uganda	6
172	172	Baku	Azerbaijan	0
156	173	Istanbul	Turkey	-17
167	173	Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic	-6
176	175	Kigali	Rwanda	1
184	176	Nouakchott	Mauritania	8
130	177	Sao Paulo	Brazil	-47
187	178	Cape Town	South Africa	9
161	179	Maputo	Mozambique	-18

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181	180	Bogota	Colombia	1
185	181	Kolkata	India	4
173	182	Port Louis	Mauritius	-9
177	183	Monterrey	Mexico	-6
192	184	Johannesburg	South Africa	8
177	185	Colombo	Sri Lanka	-8
197	186	Sarajevo	Bosnia-Herzegovina	11
188	187	Asuncion	Paraguay	1
196	188	Tegucigalpa	Honduras	8
193	189	La Paz	Bolivia	4
185	190	Blantyre	Malawi	-5
160	191	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	-31
202	192	Skopje	North Macedonia	10
189	193	Almaty	Kazakhstan	-4
182	194	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia	-12
191	195	Yerevan	Armenia	-4
198	196	Managua	Nicaragua	2
194	197	Minsk	Belarus	-3
194	198	Algiers	Algeria	-4
200	199	Islamabad	Pakistan	1
204	200	Banjul	Gambia	4
205	201	Karachi	Pakistan	4
199	202	Gaborone	Botswana	-3
206	203	Tashkent	Uzbekistan	3
208	204	Windhoek	Namibia	4
190	205	Brasilia	Brazil	-15

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209	206	Tunis	Tunisia	3
203	207	Tbilisi	Georgia	-4
201	208	Lusaka	Zambia	-7
206	209	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstan	-3

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