

## ***The World's Most Expensive Big Cities***

*\* The index is based on cost of living expressed in US dollars.*

*Therefore, if the dollar weakens against the local currency of a city, the city becomes more expensive and moves up the index, even if prices expressed in local currency remain the same or even go down.*

<b>Rank 2008</b>	<b>Rank 2007</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Score 2008</b>	<b>Score 2007</b>
1	1	<b>Moscow</b>	Russia	142.4	134.4
2	4	<b>Tokyo</b>	Japan	127	122.1
3	2	<b>London</b>	UK	125	126.3
4	10	<b>Oslo</b>	Norway	118.3	105.8
5	3	<b>Seoul</b>	South Korea	117.7	122.4
6	5	<b>Hong Kong</b>	China	117.6	119.4
7	6	<b>Copenhagen</b>	Denmark	117.2	110.2
8	7	<b>Geneva</b>	Switzerland	115.8	109.8
9	9	<b>Zurich</b>	Switzerland	112.7	107.6
10	11	<b>Milan</b>	Italy	111.3	104.4
11	8	<b>Osaka</b>	Japan	110	108.4
12	13	<b>Paris</b>	France	109.4	101.4
13	14	<b>Singapore</b>	Singapore	109.1	100.4
14	17	<b>Tel Aviv</b>	Israel	105	97.7
15	21	<b>Sydney</b>	Australia	104.1	94.9
16	16	<b>Dublin</b>	Ireland	103.9	99.6
16	18	<b>Rome</b>	Italy	103.9	97.6
18	12	<b>St. Petersburg</b>	Russia	103.1	103
19	19	<b>Vienna</b>	Austria	102.3	96.9
20	20	<b>Beijing</b>	China	101.9	95.9
21	22	<b>Helsinki</b>	Finland	101.1	93.3
22	15	<b>New York City</b>	US	100	100
23	38	<b>Istanbul</b>	Turkey	99.4	87.7
24	26	<b>Shanghai</b>	China	98.3	92.1
25	25	<b>Amsterdam</b>	Netherlands	97	92.2
25	29	<b>Athens</b>	Greece	97	90.6
25	62	<b>São Paulo</b>	Brazil	97	82.8
28	26	<b>Madrid</b>	Spain	96.7	92.1
29	49	<b>Prague</b>	Czech Rep.	96	85.6
30	37	<b>Lagos</b>	Nigeria	95.9	88
31	31	<b>Barcelona</b>	Spain	95.2	89.2
31	64	<b>Rio de Janeiro</b>	Brazil	95.2	82.5
31	23	<b>Stockholm</b>	Sweden	95.2	93.1
34	24	<b>Douala</b>	Cameroon	95.1	92.9

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35	67	<b>Warsaw</b>	Poland	95	82.4
36	64	<b>Melbourne</b>	Australia	94.2	82.5
37	39	<b>Munich</b>	Germany	93.1	87.6
38	45	<b>Berlin</b>	Germany	93	85.9
39	44	<b>Brussels</b>	Belgium	92.9	86.5
40	40	<b>Frankfurt</b>	Germany	92.5	87.4
41	33	<b>Dakar</b>	Senegal	92.2	89
42	28	<b>Kiev</b>	Ukraine	91.7	91.4
43	43	<b>Luxembourg</b>	Luxembourg	91.3	87
44	30	<b>Almaty</b>	Kazakhstan	90.7	89.6
45	31	<b>Bratislava</b>	Slovakia	90.6	89.2
46	45	<b>Düsseldorf</b>	Germany	90.4	85.9
46	72	<b>Riga</b>	Latvia	90.4	81.5
48	52	<b>Mumbai</b>	India	90.3	84.9
49	59	<b>Zagreb</b>	Croatia	90	83.5
50	57	<b>Hamburg</b>	Germany	89.9	84.2
51	35	<b>Abidjan</b>	Ivory Coast	89.6	88.3
52	34	<b>Dubai</b>	UAE	89.3	88.8
53	84	<b>Perth</b>	Australia	88.5	77.8
54	82	<b>Toronto</b>	Canada	88.1	78.8
55	42	<b>Los Angeles</b>	US	87.5	87.1
55	68	<b>New Delhi</b>	India	87.5	82.3
57	50	<b>Algiers</b>	Algeria	86.8	85.1
57	71	<b>Lyon</b>	France	86.8	81.9
57	73	<b>Lisbon</b>	Portugal	86.8	80.8
57	86	<b>Brisbane</b>	Australia	86.8	76.9
61	53	<b>Shenzhen</b>	China	86.3	84.7
61	60	<b>Budapest</b>	Hungary	86.3	83.1
63	48	<b>Taipei</b>	Taiwan	86.1	85.8
64	89	<b>Vancouver</b>	Canada	85.8	76.5
65	45	<b>Abu Dhabi</b>	UAE	85.7	85.9
66	41	<b>Birmingham</b>	UK	85.4	87.2
66	92	<b>Calgary</b>	Canada	85.4	75.5
68	74	<b>Limassol</b>	Cyprus	84.6	80.6
69	36	<b>Glasgow</b>	UK	84	88.1
70	68	<b>Guangzhou</b>	China	83.9	82.3
71	78	<b>Bucharest</b>	Romania	83.6	79.6
72	98	<b>Montréal</b>	Canada	83	74.5
73	96	<b>Adelaide</b>	Australia	82.8	74.7
74	118	<b>Tehran</b>	Iran	82.2	68.6
75	51	<b>Miami</b>	US	82	85
76	90	<b>Tallinn</b>	Estonia	81.6	76.4

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77	64	<b>Honolulu</b>	US	81.4	82.5
78	54	<b>San Francisco</b>	US	81	84.6
78	99	<b>Auckland</b>	New Zealand	81	73.9
80	63	<b>Beirut</b>	Lebanon	80.8	82.6
81	80	<b>Casablanca</b>	Morocco	80.7	78.9
82	55	<b>Jakarta</b>	Indonesia	80.5	84.5
82	93	<b>Ljubljana</b>	Slovenia	80.5	75.3
84	58	<b>Chicago</b>	US	80.3	83.7
85	97	<b>Vilnius</b>	Lithuania	80.2	74.6
85	109	<b>Ottawa</b>	Canada	80.2	72.3
87	112	<b>Bogotá</b>	Colombia	80.1	71.7
88	77	<b>Amman</b>	Jordan	79.6	79.8
89	70	<b>White Plains, NY</b>	US	79.3	82.1
89	129	<b>Caracas</b>	Venezuela	79.3	65.4
91	56	<b>Hanoi</b>	Vietnam	79	84.3
92	102	<b>Santiago</b>	Chile	78.5	73.3
93	111	<b>Wellington</b>	New Zealand	77.6	71.8
94	80	<b>Kuwait City</b>	Kuwait	77.5	78.9
95	104	<b>Leipzig</b>	Germany	77.1	72.9
96	76	<b>Accra</b>	Ghana	77	79.9
97	108	<b>Sofia</b>	Bulgaria	76.9	72.5
98	83	<b>Houston, TX</b>	US	76.8	78.6
99	79	<b>Boston, MA</b>	US	76.5	79.2
100	60	<b>Ho Chi Minh City</b>	Vietnam	76.3	83.1
101	93	<b>Cairo</b>	Egypt	75.9	75.3
101	101	<b>Lusaka</b>	Zambia	75.9	73.5
103	102	<b>Nairobi</b>	Kenya	75.7	73.3
104	75	<b>San Juan</b>	Puerto Rico	75.4	80.3
105	95	<b>Bangkok</b>	Thailand	75.1	74.9
106	106	<b>Kuala Lumpur</b>	Malaysia	75	72.8
107	85	<b>Washington, DC</b>	US	74.6	77
108	104	<b>Mexico City</b>	Mexico	73.6	72.9
109	87	<b>Atlanta, GA</b>	US	73.5	76.6
110	137	<b>Manila</b>	Philippines	73.4	61.2
111	87	<b>Morristown, NJ</b>	US	73.1	76.6
112	91	<b>Manama</b>	Bahrain	71.1	76.2
113	100	<b>Seattle, WA</b>	US	70.9	73.7
114	114	<b>Bandar Seri Begawan</b>	Brunei	70.6	71
115	117	<b>Lima</b>	Peru	70.5	70
115	115	<b>Denver, CO</b>	US	70.5	70.8
117	133	<b>Chennai (Madras)</b>	India	69.3	63.7

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118	134	<b>Bangalore</b>	India	69.2	63.6
119	110	<b>Riyadh</b>	Saudi Arabia	68.7	72.2
120	115	<b>St. Louis, MO</b>	US	68.5	70.8
120	121	<b>Kingston</b>	Jamaica	68.5	68.5
122	107	<b>Guatemala City</b>	Guatemala	68.1	72.6
123	130	<b>Tianjin</b>	China	67.9	64.7
124	124	<b>Panama City</b>	Panama	67.3	67.4
125	127	<b>Blantyre</b>	Malawi	67.1	66.4
126	113	<b>Jeddah</b>	Saudi Arabia	66.8	71.4
127	118	<b>Detroit, MI</b>	US	66.3	68.6
128	123	<b>Portland, OR</b>	US	66.2	67.8
129	118	<b>Cleveland, OH</b>	US	66	68.6
130	130	<b>Colombo</b>	Sri Lanka	65.9	64.7
131	122	<b>Monterrey</b>	Mexico	65.8	68.1
132	125	<b>Dacca (Dhaka)</b>	Bangladesh	65	66.8
133	128	<b>Pittsburgh, PA</b>	US	64.4	66.3
133	135	<b>Tunis</b>	Tunisia	64.4	63.4
135	126	<b>Winston-Salem</b>	US	63.5	66.7
136	140	<b>Montevideo</b>	Uruguay	63.2	58.4
137	132	<b>Santo Domingo</b>	Dominican Rep.	62.8	64.2
138	139	<b>Buenos Aires</b>	Argentina	62.7	60.3
139	138	<b>San José</b>	Costa Rica	60.6	60.5
140	136	<b>Johannesburg</b>	South Africa	60.4	61.3
141	142	<b>Karachi</b>	Pakistan	54.7	56.1
142	141	<b>Quito</b>	Ecuador	54.6	56.3
143	143	<b>Asunción</b>	Paraguay	52.5	50

\* Source Mercer survey (July 2008).