

Mercer 2020 Cost of Living Ranking

Mercer's 26th annual Cost of Living Survey finds that factors such as currency fluctuations, cost inflation for goods and services, and instability of accommodation prices, are essential to determining the cost of expatriate packages for employees on international assignments.

Rank 2019	Rank 2020	City	Country/Region
1	1	Hong Kong	Hong Kong (SAR)
7	2	Ashgabat	Turkmenistan
2	3	Tokyo	Japan
5	4	Zurich	Switzerland
3	5	Singapore	Singapore
9	6	New York City	United States
6	7	Shanghai	China
12	8	Bern	Switzerland
13	9	Geneva	Switzerland
8	10	Beijing	China
4	11	Seoul	South Korea
15	12	Tel Aviv	Israel
10	13	Shenzhen	China

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14	14	Victoria	Seychelles
11	15	N'Djamena	Chad
16	16	San Francisco	United States
18	17	Los Angeles	United States
25	18	Lagos	Nigeria
23	19	London	United Kingdom
17	20	Guangzhou	China
27	21	Moscow	Russia
19	22	Osaka	Japan
21	23	Dubai	United Arab Emirates
22	24	Kinshasa	Dem. Rep. of the Congo
20	25	Copenhagen	Denmark
47	26	Dhaka	Bangladesh
33	26	Nagoya	Japan
38	28	Honolulu	United States
35	28	Taipei	Taiwan
37	30	Chicago	United States
35	31	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia
42	32	Washington	United States
24	33	Libreville	Gabon
27	34	Nanjing	China
40	35	Bangkok	Thailand
30	36	Abidjan	Côte d'Ivoire
44	37	Miami	United States
32	38	Tianjin	China

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33	39	Abu Dhabi	United Arab Emirates
30	40	Chengdu	China
49	41	Boston	United States
29	42	Noumea	New Caledonia
41	43	Qingdao	China
39	44	Brazzaville	Congo
53	45	Beirut	Lebanon
43	46	Dublin	Ireland
45	47	Milan	Italy
56	48	White Plains	United States
54	49	Bangui	Central African Republic
47	50	Paris	France
59	51	Houston	United States
62	52	Dallas	United States
57	52	Manama	Bahrain
51	54	Vienna	Austria
64	55	Seattle	United States
52	56	Yaounde	Cameroon
63	57	Accra	Ghana
59	58	Djibouti	Djibouti
75	59	St. Petersburg	Russia
69	60	Atlanta	United States
67	60	Mumbai	India
70	62	Morristown	United States
45	63	Shenyang	China

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58	64	Amsterdam	Netherlands
55	65	Rome	Italy
72	66	San Juan	Puerto Rico
50	66	Sydney	Australia
85	68	Abuja	Nigeria
78	69	Minneapolis	United States
66	70	Douala	Cameroon
75	71	Amman	Jordan
67	72	Munich	Germany
83	73	Port of Spain	Trinidad & Tobago
65	74	Helsinki	Finland
72	75	Dakar	Senegal
74	76	Frankfurt	Germany
61	76	Oslo	Norway
131	78	San Jose	Costa Rica
77	78	Brussels	Belgium
109	80	Manila	Philippines
90	80	Detroit	United States
81	82	Berlin	Germany
117	83	Yangon	Myanmar
94	83	St. Louis	United States
84	83	Luxembourg	Luxembourg
105	86	Jakarta	Indonesia
82	87	Madrid	Spain
70	88	Montevideo	Uruguay

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88	89	Conakry	Guinea
93	90	Panama City	Panama
97	91	Pittsburgh	United States
107	92	Portland	United States
106	93	Cleveland	United States
112	94	Vancouver	Canada
97	95	Nairobi	Kenya
103	96	Muscat	Oman
97	97	Prague	Czech Republic
115	98	Toronto	Canada
79	99	Melbourne	Australia
92	100	Dusseldorf	Germany
118	101	New Delhi	India
91	102	Barcelona	Spain
89	103	Auckland	New Zealand
100	104	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia
87	104	Perth	Australia
150	106	Kiev	Ukraine
100	106	Hamburg	Germany
95	106	Lisbon	Portugal
115	109	Doha	Qatar
108	109	Phnom Penh	Cambodia
120	111	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam
121	112	Lima	Peru
119	113	Kuwait City	Kuwait

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111	113	Riga	Latvia
26	115	Luanda	Angola
149	116	Niamey	Niger
112	116	Hanoi	Vietnam
102	118	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei
96	118	Canberra	Australia
144	120	Mexico City	Mexico
128	121	Casablanca	Morocco
136	122	Guatemala City	Guatemala
133	123	Havana	Cuba
123	123	Lyon	France
114	123	Wellington	New Zealand
166	126	Cairo	Egypt
109	126	Adelaide	Australia
103	126	Brisbane	Australia
135	129	Birmingham	United Kingdom
126	130	Stuttgart	Germany
86	130	Sao Paulo	Brazil
138	132	Winston Salem	United States
127	133	Stockholm	Sweden
137	134	Aberdeen	United Kingdom
125	134	Pointe a Pitre	Guadeloupe
79	134	Santiago	Chile
139	137	Montreal	Canada
128	138	Athens	Greece

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131	139	Bratislava	Slovakia
128	140	Cotonou	Benin
145	141	Glasgow	United Kingdom
124	142	Bamako	Mali
154	143	Chennai	India
141	144	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia
148	145	Quito	Ecuador
153	146	Calgary	Canada
140	146	Tallinn	Estonia
142	148	Ljubljana	Slovenia
158	149	Belfast	United Kingdom
157	150	Kingston	Jamaica
161	151	Ottawa	Canada
143	152	Zagreb	Croatia
133	153	Buenos Aires	Argentina
145	154	Lome	Togo
151	155	Nuremberg	Germany
154	156	Istanbul	Turkey
152	157	Vilnius	Lithuania
156	158	Leipzig	Germany
160	159	Rabat	Morocco
121	160	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
159	161	Maputo	Mozambique
145	162	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso
171	163	Dar es Salaam	Tanzania

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166	163	Tirana	Albania
188	165	Harare	Zimbabwe
161	166	Limassol	Cyprus
169	167	Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic
166	168	San Salvador	El Salvador
173	169	Warsaw	Poland
164	170	Budapest	Hungary
179	171	Bengaluru	India
178	172	Baku	Azerbaijan
161	173	Port Louis	Mauritius
176	174	Bucharest	Romania
165	175	Port au Prince	Haiti
175	176	Kigali	Rwanda
187	177	Monterrey	Mexico
183	177	Kampala	Uganda
182	177	Colombo	Sri Lanka
177	180	Sofia	Bulgaria
170	181	Bogota	Colombia
171	182	Addis Ababa	Ethiopia
181	183	Belgrade	Serbia
192	184	Nouakchott	Mauritania
193	185	Blantyre	Malawi
189	185	Kolkata	India
180	187	Cape Town	South Africa
186	188	Asuncion	Paraguay

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191	189	Almaty	Kazakhstan
174	190	Brasilia	Brazil
197	191	Yerevan	Armenia
185	192	Johannesburg	South Africa
195	193	La Paz	Bolivia
198	194	Minsk	Belarus
184	194	Algiers	Algeria
199	196	Tegucigalpa	Honduras
194	197	Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina
200	198	Managua	Nicaragua
189	199	Gaborone	Botswana
203	200	Islamabad	Pakistan
196	201	Lusaka	Zambia
201	202	Skopje	North Macedonia
202	203	Tbilisi	Georgia
204	204	Banjul	Gambia
207	205	Karachi	Pakistan
208	206	Tashkent	Uzbekistan
206	206	Bishkek	Kyrgyzstan
204	208	Windhoek	Namibia
209	209	Tunis	Tunisia