

Cost of Living Survey 2005 - Worldwide Rankings

**Mercer Human Resource Consulting
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Top 50 cities
Base City New York (=100)**

Rankings		City	Country	COL Index	
March 2005	March 2004			March 2005	March 2004
1	1	TOKYO	Japan	134.7	130.7
2	4	OSAKA	Japan	121.8	116.1
3	2	LONDON	United Kingdom	120.3	119.0
4	3	MOSCOW	Russia	119.0	117.4
5	7	SEOUL	South Korea	115.4	104.1
6	6	GENEVA	Switzerland	113.5	106.2
7	9	ZURICH	Switzerland	112.1	101.6
8	8	COPENHAGEN	Denmark	110.0	102.2
9	5	HONG KONG	Hong Kong	109.5	109.5
10	15	OSLO	Norway	105.3	96.2
11	13	MILAN	Italy	104.9	98.7
12	17	PARIS	France	102.2	94.8
13	12	NEW YORK CITY, NY	United States	100.0	100.0
13	14	DUBLIN	Ireland	100.0	96.9
15	10	ST. PETERSBURG	Russia	99.5	101.4
16	19	VIENNA	Austria	97.8	92.5
17	21	ROME	Italy	97.3	90.5
18	22	STOCKHOLM	Sweden	96.8	89.5
19	11	BEIJING	China	95.6	101.1
20	20	SYDNEY	Australia	95.2	91.8
20	23	HELSINKI	Finland	95.2	88.8
22	25	DOUALA	Cameroon	93.8	88.3
22	18	ISTANBUL	Turkey	93.8	93.5
24	26	AMSTERDAM	Netherlands	93.3	88.1
24	34	BUDAPEST	Hungary	93.3	84.5
26	24	ABIDJAN	Côte d'Ivoire	93.0	88.7
27	76	WARSAW	Poland	91.5	75.4
28	49	PRAGUE	Czech Republic	90.8	83.3
29	31	TAIPEI	Taiwan	90.6	85.3
30	16	SHANGHAI	China	90.4	95.3
31	44	BRATISLAVA	Slovak Republic	89.9	83.9
32	40	DUSSELDORF	Germany	88.4	84.3
33	39	LUXEMBOURG	Luxembourg	88.2	84.3
34	46	SINGAPORE	Singapore	88.0	83.6
34	42	FRANKFURT	Germany	88.0	84.0
36	47	DAKAR	Senegal	87.9	83.4
37	43	MUNICH	Germany	87.8	84.0
38	28	BERLIN	Germany	87.7	85.7
39	33	TEL AVIV	Israel	87.6	84.8
40	41	GLASGOW	United Kingdom	87.5	84.1
41	50	ATHENS	Greece	87.2	82.9
41	53	BRUSSELS	Belgium	87.2	82.1
43	56	BARCELONA	Spain	86.9	81.4
44	27	LOS ANGELES, CA	United States	86.7	86.6

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45	52	WHITE PLAINS, NY	United States	86.6	82.7
46	61	MADRID	Spain	86.0	79.6
47	51	BIRMINGHAM	United Kingdom	85.8	82.8
48	59	ZAGREB	Croatia	85.2	80.5
49	58	HAMBURG	Germany	85.0	80.6
50	29	HANOI	Vietnam	84.9	85.6
50	38	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	United States	84.9	84.3