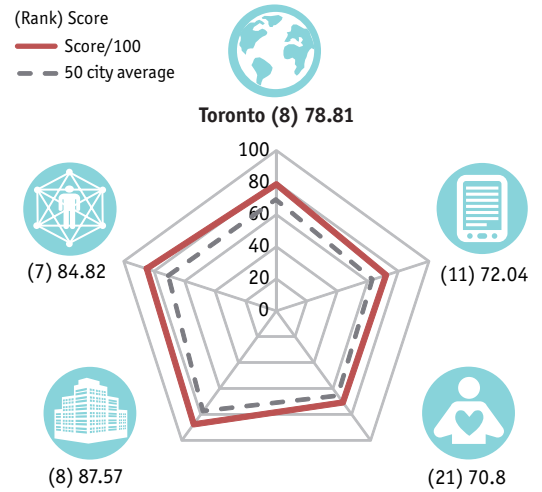


Index of indexes: Where is the best place to live?

Deciding where to live is a personal choice for many city residents. For some, safety will be paramount. Others will prioritise culture and creativity. Two neighbours may hold opposite views on democracy and the cost of living. But often a decision will be based on a mixture of

Index of indexes: Top 25 cities		
Rank (vs 50 cities in Safe Cities Index)	City	Average position across six EIU indexes
1	Toronto	17
2	Montreal	23
3	Stockholm	25
4	Amsterdam	25
5	San Francisco	26
6	Melbourne	27
7	Zurich	27
8	Washington DC	27
9	Sydney	28
10	Chicago	28
11	Los Angeles	30
12	Brussels	32
13	New York	33
14	Frankfurt	33
15	Osaka	33
16	Tokyo	35
17	Barcelona	36
18	Santiago	36
19	Paris	37
20	Madrid	40
21	Taipei	40
22	London	41
23	Seoul	45
24	Hong Kong	45
25	Rome	46



reasons: an entrepreneur looking for the best city to start a business may also intend to start a family.

To provide a broad picture of how cities perform, we have tracked how the 50 cities in our Index perform across a range of other indexes created by The Economist Intelligence Unit. Three of these indexes are at the city level (Safe Cities, Liveability Rankings, Cost of Living) and three are at the country level (Business Environment Rankings, Democracy Index, Global Food Security Index).

The average rankings for the 25 best-performing cities are set out here. **Toronto** (8) in Canada is a consistent performer across the five other indexes, putting it top overall. The complete Index of Indexes is available in Appendix 3.

EIU Index of indexes							Best overall
							Best in category
City	City level index			Country level index			
	Safe Cities Index	Liveability Rankings (1-140; 1=most livable)	Worldwide Cost of Living (1 to 131; inverted so 1=cheapest)	Business Environment Rankings (1-82; 1=best for business)	Democracy Index (1-167; 1=most democratic)	Global Food Security Index (1-107; 1=most secure)	Average Index Rank
Tokyo	1	18	123	27	20	18	35
Singapore	2	52	131	1	80	16	47
Osaka	3	12	118	27	20	18	33
Stockholm	4	14	107	6	2	14	25
Amsterdam	5	26	86	16	11	5	25
Sydney	6	7	127	5	6	15	28
Zurich	7	11	128	2	7	5	27
Toronto	8	4	70	4	8	8	17
Melbourne	9	1	123	5	6	15	27
New York	10	56	104	7	19	1	33
Hong Kong	11	31	119	3	65	42	45
San Francisco	12	52	62	7	19	1	26
Taipei	13	61	72	14	37	42	40
Montreal	14	16	86	4	8	8	23
Barcelona	15	34	96	25	25	19	36
Chicago	16	36	91	7	19	1	28
Los Angeles	17	42	96	7	19	1	30
London	18	55	116	22	14	20	41
Washington DC	19	34	81	7	19	1	27
Frankfurt	20	18	121	12	15	11	33
Madrid	21	44	103	25	25	19	40
Brussels	22	28	96	17	23	7	32
Paris	23	16	130	24	27	3	37
Seoul	24	58	116	26	21	24	45
Abu Dhabi	25	79	49	30	152	NA	56
Milan	26	46	104	48	31	22	46
Rome	27	49	96	48	31	22	46
Santiago	28	64	54	13	32	26	36
Doha	29	86	15	21	139	NA	48
Shanghai	30	81	107	50	143	42	76
Buenos Aires	31	62	43	70	52	35	49
Shenzhen	32	84	93	50	143	42	74
Lima	33	80	34	49	60	50	51
Tianjin	34	75	56	50	143	42	67
Rio de Janeiro	35	91	54	43	44	29	49
Kuwait City	36	82	15	45	120	NA	50
Beijing	37	74	84	50	143	42	72
Guangzhou	38	90	62	50	143	42	71
Bangkok	39	102	70	34	72	45	60
Sao Paulo	40	91	73	43	44	29	53
Istanbul	41	108	76	44	93	38	67
Delhi	42	111	3	57	33	70	53
Moscow	43	73	84	60	125	40	71
Mumbai	44	115	1	57	33	70	53
Mexico City	45	105	73	32	51	30	56
Riyadh	46	108	10	41	160	31	66
Johannesburg	47	91	15	54	29	39	46
Ho Chi Minh City	48	121	39	59	134	60	77
Tehran	49	129	62	81	157	NA	80
Jakarta	50	117	39	56	54	66	64

Sources: Liveability Ranking, The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2014; Worldwide Cost of Living, The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2014; Business Environment Rankings (Global ranking 2014-2018), The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2014; Democracy Index, The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2013; Global Food Security Index, The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2013