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# Global Liveability Survey 2014 (March)



**TOPLINE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIST INTELLIGENCE UNIT**  
**GLOBAL LIVEABILITY SURVEY 2014 (MARCH)**

**BACKGROUND**

The Global Liveability Survey was published in **March 2014** by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). This report is **released twice yearly** by EIU.

This summary of the EIU's report assesses living conditions in **140** cities around the world. A rating of relative comfort for over **30 qualitative and quantitative factors** is assigned across **five** broad categories:

- 1) **stability**
- 2) **healthcare**
- 3) **culture and environment**
- 4) **education**
- 5) **infrastructure**

**KUALA LUMPUR'S PERFORMANCE**

In the recent survey, Kuala Lumpur was ranked **72<sup>nd</sup>** out of **140 cities** (Aug 2013: 78<sup>th</sup> out of 140 cities) around the world with an overall rating of **75.2** out of 100 (Aug 2013: 74 out of 100). Kuala Lumpur's overall performances in the five categories remain the same as shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Summary of Kuala Lumpur's Performance in Five Categories**

Kuala Lumpur	Liveability Rating (100=Ideal)	
	2014 March	2013 August
<b>Overall (72<sup>nd</sup> out of 140 cities)</b> (Aug 2013: 78 <sup>th</sup> / 140)	<b>75.2 (Tolerable)</b>	<b>74 (Tolerable)</b>
Stability	80 (Acceptable)	80 (Acceptable)
Healthcare	62.5 (Uncomfortable)	63 (Uncomfortable)
Culture & Environment	69.7 (Tolerable)	68 (Uncomfortable)
Education	91.7 (Acceptable)	92 (Acceptable)
Infrastructure	80.4 (Acceptable)	77 (Tolerable)

According to Table 1, Kuala Lumpur shows the best performance in the Education category with a rating of 91.7. Furthermore, Kuala Lumpur showed an increase in the Culture & Environment (69.7) and Infrastructure (80.4) categories.

**Table 2: Kuala Lumpur Vs Top 10 Performing Cities in EIU Global Liveability Survey 2014 (March)**

Rank	City	Liveability Rating	Stability (25%)	Healthcare (20%)	Culture & Environment (25%)	Education (10%)	Infrastructure (20%)
1	Melbourne	97.5	95	100	95.1	100	100
2	Vienna	97.4	95	100	94.4	100	100
3	Vancouver	97.3	95	100	100	100	92.9
4	Toronto	97.2	100	100	97.2	100	89.3
5	Adelaide	96.6	95	100	94.2	100	96.4
5	Calgary	96.6	100	100	89.1	100	96.4
7	Sydney	96.1	90	100	94.4	100	100
8	Helsinki	96.0	100	100	90	91.7	96.4
9	Perth	95.9	95	100	88.7	100	100
10	Auckland	95.7	95	95.8	97	100	92.9
<b>72</b>	<b>Kuala Lumpur</b>	<b>75.2</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>80.4</b>

**Table 3: Kuala Lumpur Vs Top 10 Performing Cities in EIU Global Liveability Survey 2013 (August)**

Rank	City	Liveability Rating	Stability (25%)	Healthcare (20%)	Culture & Environment (25%)	Education (10%)	Infrastructure (20%)
1	Melbourne	98	95	100	95	100	100
2	Vienna	97	95	100	94	100	100
3	Vancouver	97	95	100	100	100	93
4	Toronto	97	100	100	97	100	89
5	Calgary	97	100	100	89	100	96
5	Adelaide	97	95	100	94	100	96
7	Sydney	96	90	100	94	100	100
8	Helsinki	96	100	100	90	92	96
9	Perth	96	95	100	89	100	100
10	Auckland	96	95	96	97	100	93
<b>78</b>	<b>Kuala Lumpur</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>77</b>

**Table 4: The Global Liveability Survey 2014 (March) Rankings for Cities in ASEAN Countries**

City	Country	Rank	Rating
Singapore	Singapore	1	88.7
<b>Kuala Lumpur</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>75.2</b>
Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Darussalam	3	65.1
Bangkok	Thailand	4	65.0
Manila	Philippines	5	62.0
Jakarta	Indonesia	6	54.6
Hanoi	Vietnam	7	54.2
Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	8	52.7
Phnom Penh	Cambodia	9	51.4

**Table 5: The Global Liveability Survey 2014 (March) Rankings for Cities in Asia Pacific Countries**

City	Country	Rank	Rating
Melbourne	Australia	1	97.5
Adelaide	Australia	2	96.6
Sydney	Australia	3	96.1
Perth	Australia	4	95.9
Auckland	New Zealand	5	95.7
Osaka	Japan	6	95.2
Tokyo	Japan	7	94.7
Brisbane	Australia	8	94.2
Wellington	New Zealand	9	93.8
Hong Kong	China	10	92.0
Singapore	Singapore	11	88.7
Seoul	South Korea	12	85.9
Taipei	China	13	83.9
Noumea	New Caledonia	14	78.9
<b>Kuala Lumpur</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>75.2</b>
Suzhou	China	16	75.0
Beijing	China	17	74.9
Tianjin	China	18	74.7
Shanghai	China	19	71.7
Shenzhen	China	20	71.5
Dalian	China	21	69.7
Guangzhou	China	22	69.4
Qingdao	China	23	65.4
Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Darussalam	24	65.1
Bangkok	Thailand	25	65.0
Manila	Philippines	26	62.0

New Delhi	India	27	58.6
Mumbai	India	28	56.9
Jakarta	Indonesia	29	54.6
Hanoi	Vietnam	30	54.2
Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	31	52.7
Phnom Penh	Cambodia	32	51.4
Kathmandu	Nepal	33	51.0
Colombo	Sri Lanka	34	49.6
Karachi	Pakistan	35	40.9
Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea	36	38.9
Dhaka	Bangladesh	37	38.7

## METHODOLOGY

The liveability survey assesses **which locations** around the world **provide the best or the worst living conditions**. Assessing liveability has a broad range of uses, from benchmarking perceptions of development levels to assigning a hardship allowance as part of expatriate relocation packages.

Every city is assigned a rating of relative comfort for over **30 qualitative and quantitative factors** across **five** broad categories: **stability; healthcare; culture and environment; education; and infrastructure**. Each factor in a city is rated as acceptable, tolerable, uncomfortable, undesirable or intolerable. For **qualitative** indicators, a rating is awarded based on the **judgment of in-house analysts and in-city contributors**. For **quantitative** indicators, a rating is calculated based on the **relative performance of a number of external data points**.

The scores are then compiled and weighted to provide a score of 1-100, where **1 means that liveability in a city is considered intolerable** and **100 is considered ideal**.

Category	Weight (out of 100%)
1. Stability	25%
2. Healthcare	20%
3. Culture & Environment	25%
4. Education	10%
5. Infrastructure	20%

## The Economist Intelligence Unit Global Liveability Survey 2014 (March)

### OVERALL LIVEABILITY

*Normalised score 0-100 where 100=most liveable*

BEST		
1	Melbourne	97.5
2	Vienna	97.4
3	Vancouver	97.3
4	Toronto	97.2
=5	Adelaide	96.6
=5	Calgary	96.6
7	Sydney	96.1
8	Helsinki	96.0
9	Perth	95.9
10	Auckland	95.7
11	Zurich	95.6
=12	Geneva	95.2
=12	Osaka	95.2
=14	Hamburg	95.0
=14	Stockholm	95.0
=16	Montreal	94.8
=16	Paris	94.8
=18	Frankfurt	94.7
=18	Tokyo	94.7
20	Brisbane	94.2
21	Berlin	94.0
=22	Copenhagen	93.8
=22	Wellington	93.8
24	Oslo	93.4
25	Luxembourg	93.3
=26	Amsterdam	92.8
=26	Honolulu	92.8
28	Brussels	92.7
29	Munich	92.6
30	Pittsburgh	92.3
31	Hong Kong	92.0
32	Dusseldorf	91.4
33	Lyon	91.3
=34	Barcelona	91.2

=34	Washington DC	91.2
=36	Atlanta	91.1
=36	Chicago	91.1
=36	Miami	91.1
39	Detroit	90.7
40	Boston	90.5
41	Seattle	90.0
=42	Los Angeles	89.8
=42	Minneapolis	89.8
44	Madrid	89.7
45	Cleveland	89.6
=46	Dublin	89.5
=46	Houston	89.5
=46	Milan	89.5
49	Rome	89.0
50	Budapest	88.9
51	Manchester	88.8
=52	San Francisco	88.7
=52	Singapore	88.7
54	Reykjavik	88.0
55	London	87.2
56	New York	86.6
57	Lisbon	86.5
58	Seoul	85.9
59	Lexington	85.4
60	Prague	84.7
61	Taipei	83.9
62	Buenos Aires	83.6
63	Bratislava	81.5
64	Santiago	80.7
65	Nouméa	78.9
66	San Juan	78.7
67	Athens	78.5
68	Warsaw	78.2
69	Montevideo	77.9
70	St Petersburg	76.4
71	Moscow	76.3
=72	Kuala Lumpur	75.2
=72	San Jose	75.2
74	Suzhou	75.0
75	Beijing	74.9
76	Tianjin	74.7

77	Tel Aviv	74.4
78	Dubai	74.2
79	Abu Dhabi	73.1
80	Lima	72.9
81	Kuwait City	72.1
82	Bucharest	71.8
83	Shanghai	71.7
=84	Bahrain	71.5
=84	Shenzhen	71.5
86	Doha	70.9
87	Sofia	70.5
88	Muscat	70.4
89	Dalian	69.7
90	Guangzhou	69.4
=91	Johannesburg	69.1
=91	Rio de Janeiro	69.1
=91	Sao Paulo	69.1
94	Asuncion	68.8
95	Belgrade	68.1
96	Pretoria	68.0
97	Kiev	67.9
98	Panama City	67.8
99	Almaty	66.7
=100	Amman	65.4
=100	Qingdao	65.4
102	Bandar Seri Begawan	65.1
103	Bangkok	65.0
104	Tunis	62.6
105	Baku	62.3
=106	Manila	62.0
=106	Mexico City	62.0
108	Quito	61.1
=109	Istanbul	60.3
=109	Riyadh	60.3
111	Bogota	59.6
=112	Casablanca	58.6
=112	New Delhi	58.6
114	Jeddah	58.5
115	Guatemala City	58.2
116	Mumbai	56.9
117	Caracas	56.4



118	Tashkent	55.1
119	Jakarta	54.6
=120	Al Khobar	54.2
=120	Hanoi	54.2
122	Cairo	52.9
123	Ho Chi Minh City	52.7
124	Nairobi	51.9
125	Lusaka	51.7
126	Phnom Penh	51.4
127	Kathmandu	51.0
128	Colombo	49.6
129	Dakar	48.3
130	Abidjan	45.9
131	Tehran	45.8
132	Tripoli	45.6
133	Douala	44.0
134	Harare	41.4
135	Karachi	40.9
136	Algiers	40.2
=137	Lagos	38.9
=137	Port Moresby	38.9
139	Dhaka	38.7
140	Damascus	30.5