

## 2010 Quality of Life Index: 194 Countries Ranked and Rated to Reveal the Best Places to Live

Every January, we rank and rate 194 countries to come up with our list of the places that offer you the best quality of life. This isn't about best value, necessarily. It's about the places in the world where the living is, simply put, great.

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<http://www.internationalliving.com/Internal-Components/Further-Resources/quality-of-life-2010>

### The top list:

Country	Cost of Living	Leisure & Culture	Economy	Environment	Freedom	Health	Infrastructure	Risk & Safety	Climate	Final Score
<a href="#">France</a>	55	81	69	72	100	100	92	100	87	82
<a href="#">Australia</a>	56	82	71	76	100	87	92	100	87	81
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	41	86	79	78	100	95	96	100	77	81
<a href="#">Germany</a>	54	82	71	83	100	89	90	100	79	81
<a href="#">New Zealand</a>	62	82	65	77	100	88	70	100	84	79
<a href="#">Luxembourg</a>	44	76	85	77	100	87	66	100	83	78
<a href="#">United States</a>	56	79	67	62	92	78	100	100	84	78
<a href="#">Belgium</a>	41	83	66	64	100	88	96	100	86	78
<a href="#">Canada</a>	62	76	69	62	100	84	85	100	69	77
<a href="#">Italy</a>	56	85	63	74	92	90	62	100	87	77
<a href="#">Netherlands</a>	48	71	69	67	100	87	92	100	75	77
<a href="#">Norway</a>	39	60	89	76	100	90	89	100	60	77
<a href="#">Austria</a>	41	86	68	87	100	85	68	100	76	77

And... surprisingly **Belgium** makes the top 10 after the USA:

### 8. Belgium

Divided into Flemish-speaking Flanders and French-speaking Wallonia, Belgium also boasts high scores. Since medieval times, its merchant cities have prospered. The capital, Brussels, grabs most attention, but Bruges and Antwerp (famed for diamond trading) also flaunt stepped-gable houses and splendid guildhalls.

Employing thousands of foreign staff, Brussels is the headquarters of the European Union and NATO. A dreary place of paper-shuffling bureaucrats? Not at all.

Ringed with parks, it's Europe's greenest capital. Along with many international schools, it delivers all an expat could desire: theater, English-language cinema, sports centers, great public transport, Trappist-brewed beers, numerous gourmet and ethnic restaurants, and fast trains to London, Paris, and Amsterdam. As they rarely plan to stay, most expats rent. In central Brussels, one-bedroom apartments start at \$740 monthly.

Like its delectable chocolates, Brussels has a soft-centered heart. The municipality not only sterilizes stray cats, it appoints someone to feed them. Its main library offers storytelling in sign language for deaf children. And disadvantaged citizens can attend cultural events at hefty discounts.

**China** is 97. Maybe a bit unfair but looking at the detailed score... talking about freedom...

China	
Cost of Living	63
Leisure & Culture	59
Economy	69
Environment	54
Freedom	8
Health	67
Infrastructure	40
Risk & Safety	57
Climate	79
<b>Final Score</b>	<b>56</b>

**See below an overview I made where you can see the rank - the website does not show this.**

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2.	Australia	56	82	71	76	100	87	92	100	87	81
3.	Switzerland	41	86	79	78	100	95	96	100	77	81
4.	Germany	54	82	71	83	100	89	90	100	79	81
5.	New Zealand	62	82	65	77	100	88	70	100	84	79
6.	Luxembourg	44	76	85	77	100	87	66	100	83	78
7.	United States	56	79	67	62	92	78	100	100	84	78
8.	Belgium	41	83	66	64	100	88	96	100	86	78
9.	Canada	62	76	69	62	100	84	85	100	69	77
10.	Italy	56	85	63	74	92	90	62	100	87	77
11.	Netherlands	48	71	69	67	100	87	92	100	75	77
12.	Norway	39	60	89	76	100	90	89	100	60	77
13.	Austria	41	86	68	87	100	85	68	100	76	77
14.	Liechtenstein	44	80	100	65	100	80	44	100	79	76
15.	Malta	63	70	53	84	100	89	52	100	95	76
16.	Denmark	33	88	69	84	100	86	72	100	78	76
17.	Spain	56	68	63	75	100	90	65	100	79	76
18.	Finland	39	93	66	68	100	81	76	100	76	75
19.	Uruguay	60	72	52	72	100	76	64	100	93	75
20.	Hungary	58	76	48	77	100	84	77	93	76	74
21.	Portugal	55	72	52	74	100	86	56	100	83	73
22.	Lithuania	63	68	48	81	100	80	56	100	79	73
23.	Andorra	52	74	61	60	100	85	58	100	82	73
24.	Czech Republic	48	78	52	74	100	82	78	100	67	73
25.	United Kingdom	30	82	65	72	100	84	80	100	66	73
26.	Argentina	61	67	52	71	83	82	56	100	91	72
27.	Slovenia	53	69	56	74	100	72	56	100	83	72
28.	Greece	52	64	58	70	92	84	64	100	79	72
29.	Monaco	44	85	66	59	92	80	48	100	89	72
30.	Sweden	0	94	68	75	100	82	92	100	68	71
31.	Chile	60	67	54	71	100	73	73	100	59	71
32.	Estonia	60	82	44	77	100	75	64	86	74	71

33.	Costa Rica	62	64	53	78	100	78	48	93	79	71
34.	Panama	62	63	52	77	92	72	74	93	69	71
35.	Poland	51	74	52	72	100	80	64	86	76	71
36.	Japan	24	92	51	71	92	89	64	100	84	70
37.	Croatia	58	68	48	77	83	76	52	93	95	70
38.	Brazil	64	58	65	71	83	73	59	83	82	70
39.	Ecuador	72	60	45	93	75	69	45	86	96	70
40.	Latvia	59	75	40	86	92	75	64	86	73	70
41.	Ireland	28	81	60	70	100	79	72	100	65	70
42.	Korea- South (Rep of)	39	82	56	68	92	81	52	93	83	69
43.	Slovakia	48	60	52	71	100	79	68	86	77	69
44.	Bulgaria	61	69	47	78	83	78	48	86	80	69
45.	Cyprus (Greek)	48	65	58	62	100	85	36	100	76	68
46.	Mexico	63	65	50	68	75	76	57	79	92	68
47.	Israel	39	83	61	68	92	85	36	71	84	67
48.	Iceland	36	85	40	74	100	86	48	86	74	67
49.	Bermuda	25	57	89	41	92	73	64	100	66	66
50.	Saint Kitts & Nevis	64	44	45	72	100	70	54	100	57	66
51.	South Africa	59	60	45	75	83	57	44	86	98	66
52.	Dominica	65	39	44	90	100	68	36	100	57	65
53.	Romania	51	74	48	75	83	65	56	79	71	65
54.	Cayman Islands	61	39	65	26	92	86	64	100	57	65
55.	Moldova	69	86	45	75	50	67	56	71	70	65
56.	Colombia	68	58	48	72	58	72	44	71	92	64
57.	Taiwan	50	47	58	75	92	68	51	79	68	64
58.	Bolivia	80	61	45	75	67	59	52	57	83	64
59.	Macedonia	66	64	45	72	67	62	44	79	79	63
60.	Barbados	35	78	48	72	100	62	40	100	57	63
61.	Mauritius	65	61	47	74	92	72	32	93	42	63
62.	Namibia	66	75	42	46	83	41	64	86	74	63
63.	Belize	60	47	50	80	92	55	52	79	62	63
64.	Paraguay	76	60	44	64	67	71	36	86	68	63
65.	Albania	60	61	45	74	67	74	36	71	89	63
66.	Bosnia-Herzegovina	73	65	45	70	58	67	40	71	82	63
67.	Bahamas	28	67	56	74	100	62	32	100	65	63
68.	Ukraine	49	61	42	74	75	68	60	71	78	62

69.	Grenada	55	53	44	75	92	66	48	86	57	62
70.	Singapore	51	71	68	39	42	74	69	100	39	61
71.	Antigua & Barbuda	54	56	53	74	83	50	32	100	57	61
72.	Turkey	49	60	45	68	67	76	40	86	73	61
73.	Dominican Republic	58	47	45	81	83	69	40	79	57	61
74.	Seychelles	59	58	48	78	67	52	36	100	55	61
75.	Bhutan	80	28	58	83	42	27	40	100	79	61
76.	Peru	66	53	50	70	75	56	32	64	80	60
77.	Jamaica	58	44	40	77	75	71	52	79	57	60
78.	Nicaragua	66	57	42	70	67	66	36	71	68	60
79.	Botswana	70	40	45	78	83	35	44	79	65	60
80.	Honduras	70	32	42	70	67	66	40	71	83	60
81.	Suriname	65	44	47	78	83	59	59	64	39	60
82.	Puerto Rico	55	43	45	42	100	72	36	100	45	59
83.	Tunisia	63	61	45	68	17	73	36	86	85	59
84.	Brunei	65	60	69	100	25	52	44	79	25	59
85.	Malaysia	70	71	48	62	50	68	44	86	24	58
86.	El Salvador	63	43	42	65	75	70	36	79	57	58
87.	Guatemala	61	39	44	74	58	65	32	71	84	58
88.	India	65	39	55	68	75	60	44	64	47	58
89.	Venezuela	54	67	48	84	50	66	32	71	52	58
90.	Cuba	63	75	44	77	8	79	56	57	63	57
91.	Trinidad & Tobago	30	36	53	78	83	63	32	100	57	57
92.	French Polynesia	44	56	45	33	92	60	44	100	55	57
93.	Guyana	63	61	42	77	75	56	44	64	39	57
94.	Tonga	70	25	40	65	50	66	36	100	63	57
95.	Mongolia	68	60	47	70	83	56	52	64	14	57
96.	Nauru	86	8	47	64	100	55	0	100	38	56
97.	China	63	59	69	54	8	67	40	57	79	56
98.	Georgia	56	38	40	80	50	62	48	57	79	56
99.	Ghana	61	28	44	67	92	40	40	71	62	56
100.	Maldives	63	63	45	36	50	66	32	100	49	56
101.	Armenia	64	53	45	81	33	46	44	64	72	56
102.	Lesotho	70	38	44	41	75	30	36	71	93	55
103.	Martinique	63	36	47	38	92	64	4	100	57	55
104.	Jordan	56	60	45	59	33	80	28	71	68	55

105.	Philippines	69	60	42	68	58	46	36	71	45	55
106.	Kuwait	46	60	74	42	50	70	56	71	18	55
107.	Kiribati	75	13	42	57	100	54	12	100	38	55
108.	French Guiana	49	33	47	29	92	54	66	100	28	55
109.	Belarus	65	44	50	75	8	51	52	64	77	54
110.	Thailand	68	65	44	61	42	63	32	71	43	54
111.	Russia	29	67	53	71	42	71	48	57	64	54
112.	Zambia	56	43	44	71	67	19	40	64	89	54
113.	Lebanon	68	56	50	65	42	85	36	21	61	54
114.	Palau	59	47	48	70	100	52	8	86	18	54
115.	Malawi	60	40	45	68	50	32	40	64	89	54
116.	Morocco	43	35	44	67	42	63	36	93	78	54
117.	Samoa (Western Samoa)	55	22	39	68	83	68	46	79	35	54
118.	Swaziland	56	51	42	81	17	27	40	86	91	54
119.	Bahrain	59	67	61	64	33	43	32	86	30	54
120.	Fiji	53	65	40	68	25	59	60	71	43	53
121.	Sri Lanka	64	35	44	78	50	52	44	71	40	53
122.	Madagascar	61	28	44	59	58	37	40	64	87	53
123.	Tuvalu	80	4	42	30	100	75	20	100	17	53
124.	Syria	69	49	44	61	8	68	44	71	60	53
125.	Vietnam	54	53	44	71	33	58	36	64	67	53
126.	Comoros	61	36	37	74	58	36	36	100	40	53
127.	Nepal	73	19	42	68	50	42	36	64	71	52
128.	Qatar	54	63	92	54	25	47	24	79	13	52
129.	Indonesia	46	44	47	74	75	52	32	57	47	52
130.	Macau	46	43	62	0	50	61	24	100	79	52
131.	Vanuatu	54	36	45	33	83	51	40	79	49	52
132.	Senegal	50	18	42	67	67	36	40	79	73	52
133.	Solomon Islands	69	28	45	61	58	61	16	79	43	52
134.	Tajikistan	74	25	45	67	25	50	40	50	79	51
135.	Egypt	55	49	47	65	25	76	36	79	32	51
136.	Benin	60	24	42	64	83	37	36	64	51	51
137.	Kenya	51	46	39	62	58	32	32	57	88	51
138.	Kyrgyzstan	59	42	45	70	42	58	32	64	47	51
139.	Azerbaijan	48	60	50	71	25	40	40	64	62	51
140.	Korea- North (DR of)	64	54	42	51	0	70	28	64	79	51

141.	United Arab Emirates	49	53	76	16	25	76	58	79	10	50
142.	Cape Verde	60	29	44	36	100	49	32	64	36	50
143.	Marshall Islands	73	19	39	26	100	70	8	86	23	50
144.	Tanzania	55	28	44	74	58	30	44	64	51	50
145.	Bangladesh	65	30	42	62	50	36	52	57	49	50
146.	Algeria	51	51	44	67	25	51	36	36	89	50
147.	Uganda	54	33	44	61	42	33	36	64	80	50
148.	Uzbekistan	70	52	47	62	0	62	44	57	40	49
149.	Cambodia	61	53	42	77	25	30	40	64	47	49
150.	Iran	65	54	50	71	17	69	40	0	64	49
151.	Mozambique	65	4	44	70	67	12	32	64	76	49
152.	Gambia	61	10	44	61	42	39	44	71	60	48
153.	Papua New Guinea	54	22	45	64	58	36	40	57	55	48
154.	Mayotte	79	4	40	17	92	40	0	100	46	48
155.	Kazakhstan	50	43	44	65	25	60	52	64	27	48
156.	Mali	61	13	42	62	75	25	32	64	50	48
157.	Libya	29	50	52	51	0	71	44	71	67	48
158.	Guinea-Bissau	65	21	40	64	50	31	36	64	47	47
159.	Micronesia	59	36	40	42	100	66	0	71	5	47
160.	Togo	54	43	39	64	33	33	36	64	58	47
161.	Myanmar (Burma)	75	35	40	71	0	50	44	57	35	46
162.	Turkmenistan	84	22	48	61	0	41	16	64	61	46
163.	Ethiopia	55	11	48	67	33	13	40	57	86	46
164.	Congo- Republic of	53	39	44	61	25	28	40	64	62	46
165.	Rwanda	55	21	47	68	25	31	36	64	62	46
166.	Nigeria	45	29	44	62	42	27	44	64	58	46
167.	Gabon	46	14	45	65	33	44	52	64	49	46
168.	Oman	50	44	53	62	25	56	44	64	2	45
169.	Saudi Arabia	60	68	53	51	8	71	28	36	22	45
170.	Iraq	100	49	45	41	17	55	36	0	38	45
171.	Laos	68	19	45	74	8	30	40	57	51	45
172.	Cameroon	50	29	42	65	17	30	36	64	66	45
173.	Mauritania	56	13	40	58	25	34	36	71	64	45
174.	Niger	61	3	45	64	58	21	40	57	42	44
175.	Burkina Faso	61	6	42	65	50	27	28	64	48	44
176.	Equatorial Guinea	41	46	58	75	0	28	36	50	55	44

177.	Burundi	53	25	40	57	42	30	36	36	75	44
178.	Pakistan	56	3	42	67	42	51	40	7	77	43
179.	Haiti	60	19	39	61	42	39	36	36	53	43
180.	Zimbabwe	33	58	0	77	8	37	44	57	100	43
181.	Central African Republic	60	25	39	72	33	23	36	36	54	43
182.	Cote d'Ivoire	55	25	40	67	25	37	32	43	55	43
183.	Liberia	58	39	44	57	58	14	40	36	28	42
184.	Congo- Democratic Republic of	35	29	42	58	17	26	44	64	62	42
185.	Angola	43	36	52	67	25	1	36	57	52	42
186.	Guinea	66	14	42	61	17	35	40	57	22	41
187.	Eritrea	61	24	39	29	8	28	36	57	73	40
188.	Djibouti	53	13	44	65	33	34	44	57	8	40
189.	Sierra Leone	63	7	42	62	67	9	36	21	24	38
190.	Afghanistan	88	7	40	77	8	0	32	0	58	37
191.	Chad	45	10	37	68	8	14	36	36	50	34
192.	Sudan	53	19	44	65	0	28	40	29	7	33
193.	Yemen	58	21	40	19	33	38	52	21	0	33
194.	Somalia	61	0	39	55	0	7	36	36	16	30