

<b>Personal safety rankings in top 50 cities – Mercer's Quality of Life Survey 2003</b> (New York =100)			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Index</b>
1	LUXEMBOURG	Luxembourg	133.5
2	BERN	Switzerland	126.5
2	GENEVA	Switzerland	126.5
2	HELSINKI	Finland	126.5
2	SINGAPORE	Singapore	126.5
2	ZURICH	Switzerland	126.5
7	KATSUYAMA	Japan	122
7	KOBE	Japan	122
7	NAGOYA	Japan	122
7	OMUTA	Japan	122
7	OSAKA	Japan	122
7	TOKYO	Japan	122
7	TSUKUBA	Japan	122
7	YOKKAICHI	Japan	122
7	YOKOHAMA	Japan	122
16	VIENNA	Austria	120
17	STOCKHOLM	Sweden	119.5
18	COPENHAGEN	Denmark	115
18	DUBLIN	Ireland	115
18	DÜSSELDORF	Germany	115
18	FRANKFURT	Germany	115
18	MUNICH	Germany	115
18	NURNBERG	Germany	115
18	OSLO	Norway	115
25	AMSTERDAM	Netherlands	113.5
25	AUCKLAND	New Zealand	113.5
25	CALGARY	Canada	113.5
25	MONTREAL	Canada	113.5
25	OTTAWA	Canada	113.5
25	PERTH	Australia	113.5
25	TORONTO	Canada	113.5
25	VANCOUVER	Canada	113.5
25	WELLINGTON	New Zealand	113.5
34	GLASGOW	United Kingdom	113
34	PAPEETE	French Polynesia	113
36	BRUSSELS	Belgium	111.5
36	MELBOURNE	Australia	111.5
36	SYDNEY	Australia	111.5
39	BERLIN	Germany	108
40	BARCELONA	Spain	106.5
40	BIRMINGHAM	United Kingdom	106.5
40	HONG KONG	China	106.5
40	HONOLULU	USA	106.5
40	HOUSTON	USA	106.5
40	LEXINGTON	USA	106.5
40	LIMASSOL	Cyprus	106.5
40	MADRID	Spain	106.5
40	PORT LOUIS	Mauritius	106.5
40	SAN FRANCISCO	USA	106.5
40	TAIPEI	Taiwan	106.5
40	WINSTON-SALEM	USA	106.5
52	HAMBURG	Germany	106
52	LEIPZIG	Germany	106

Source: Mercer Human Resource Consulting, 2003  
Note: Mercer ranks only those cities where clients have asked for data, not necessarily all major cities in the world.

## World-wide quality of life survey - regional analysis of personal safety

### North America

The fear of terrorist attacks in North America has not made international assignments less desirable or discouraged expatriates so far.

### Asia/Pacific

In terms of safety, this is a region of two extremes. Singapore, renowned for its strict law enforcement, ranks among the top five cities worldwide with a score of 126.5. All Japanese cities appear in the top 20, mainly due to their efficient law enforcement and crime control.

In New Zealand, Auckland and Wellington both rank 25<sup>th</sup> for safety with a score of 113.5. Perth is the highest scoring city in Australia (113.5, rank 25). Melbourne and Sydney share 36<sup>th</sup> place, scoring 111.5. Adelaide and Brisbane both rank 56<sup>th</sup> with a score of 104.5.

At the other extreme, Pakistan and Bangladesh rate poorly because of their lack of internal stability and law enforcement. In Pakistan, Islamabad rates highest (rank 184, score 48.5), followed by Lahore (42) and Karachi (34.5). In Bangladesh, Dacca scores 56.

### Middle East

Abu Dhabi and Dubai are also the highest scoring cities for personal safety in the Middle East (both ranked 54, score 105.5). The situation could, of course, change if there is a war in the region.

### Africa

In Africa, the highest scoring cities for safety are in Tunisia and Morocco, with Tunis ranked 56<sup>th</sup>, scoring 104.5, followed by Casablanca ranking 99 with a score of 86.5.

### South America and the Caribbean

This region scores particularly badly in terms of personal safety. Bogotá (31), Port-au-Prince (37), San Salvador (39) and Caracas (40) are rated lowest, mainly due to ongoing economic turmoil.