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## GLOBAL SURVEY FINDS NEW YORK IS STILL THE BEST CITY FOR LIVING, WORKING, AND VISITING

### IPSOS TOP CITIES 2017 RANKING

**New York, NY, July 11, 2017** — The 2017 edition of the Ipsos Top Cities Index finds that New York is the world's most popular city, retaining the title it claimed when the survey was first run in 2013.

This year also sees Abu Dhabi leapfrogging London and Paris into second position while Tokyo ties with Zurich and Sydney to round out the top five global cities.

People in 26 countries were asked to list, out of 60 cities, the metropolises they felt were best to live in, do business in, and visit. The scores from the three questions were then added together to create the Ipsos Cities Index. The full results are available at: <https://www.ipsos.com/ipsos-mori/en-uk/ipsos-top-cities-2017>

Each of the top global cities have unique strengths; New York and Abu Dhabi are unparalleled as centers for business but they score less strongly as a place to live or visit, while Paris tops the global list of tourism destinations but rates comparatively poorly as a business hub. London and Tokyo have rounded profiles, scoring more evenly across the three dimensions, while Zurich and Sydney's strengths are derived from their high scores as top cities to live in.

The remaining top ten positions this year are occupied by Rome, Los Angeles and Amsterdam. The cities at the bottom of this year's ranking are Nairobi and Tehran.

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### Top Cities Index 2017 scores

1. **New York** retains its place as the leading city in this year’s index.
2. Since 2013, **Abu Dhabi** has overtaken London and Paris to move into second.
3. **Tokyo** has risen two places, and is joint-fifth with Sydney and Zurich in the city index.
4. Only one city has broken into the top ten since 2013 – **Amsterdam**.
5. The bottom cities in the Index this year are **Nairobi** and **Tehran** (both 1).

City	Index score	2017 Index rank	2013 Index Rank
New York	50	1 (-)	1
Abu Dhabi	46	2 (↑)	4
London	41	3 (↓)	2
Paris	39	4 (↓)	3
Sydney	36	=5 (-)	5
Zurich	36	=5 (↑)	6
Tokyo	36	=5 (↑)	7
Rome	34	8 (↑)	9
Los Angeles	28	9 (↑)	10
Amsterdam	27	10 (↑)	14

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Looking at each of the three dimensions, different cities come out on top:

- **New York is the most popular city to do business in**, with 23% of the global sample selecting it from the list. Abu Dhabi is second with 21%, followed by London and Hong Kong (both on 16%), and Tokyo (15%).
- **Paris is seen as the best city to visit**; 21% say it is one of the best destinations for tourism. Rome comes second on this measure with 20%, overtaking New York which scored 16% this year.
- **Zurich is the top destination to live in**. Selected by 18% of our sample, it is narrowly ahead of Sydney – the city that also came second on this measure in 2013 – on 17%. Abu Dhabi has moved from seventh to third on this measure over the same period.

### The view from North America

New York City also tops the list of favorite cities among U.S. residents. And while other North American cities made the list, notably absent from the U.S. top ten is Chicago, the only North American city included in the survey that didn’t crack the top of the rankings.

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### Ipsos Cities Index 2017: USA top ten

Ipsos Top Cities Index 2017 United States	
1. New York	71
2. Los Angeles	49
3. Washington DC	46
4. London	41
5. Sydney	40
6. Rome	37
7. Vancouver	37
8. Boston	36
9. Toronto	34
10. Paris	33



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The two Canadian cities in the poll, Toronto and Vancouver, topped the list among Canadians. The ranked numbers 11 and 12 respectively in the overall global list, as well. The rest of the top ten spans the globe.

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# Ipsos Cities Index 2017: Canada top ten

Ipsos Top Cities Index 2017 Canada	
1. Toronto	84
2. Vancouver	83
3. New York	58
4. Sydney	46
5. London	38
6. Rome	37
7. Zurich	36
8. Paris	34
9. Amsterdam	33
10. Abu Dhabi / Hong Kong	27



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## Generation strains

Different generations have different views of what makes a top city. Zurich is the favorite city for Baby Boomers (those born 1945-65), while the three younger generations – Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z – are consistent in placing New York and Abu Dhabi as their top two.

Sydney appears to have more limited appeal to younger people. While it is the second-favorite city for Baby Boomers and third-favorite for Generation X, Millennials (aged 22-37) rank it as their ninth-favourite, While the iGen (aged 21 and under) put it eighth. Other cities that have greater youth appeal include Los Angeles and Tokyo.

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### Top Cities Index: rank by generation

Baby Boomer (1945-65)	Gen X (1966-79)	Millennial (1980-95)	Gen Z (1996-)
1. Zurich	1. New York	1. New York	1. New York
2. Sydney	2. Abu Dhabi	2. Abu Dhabi	2. Abu Dhabi
3. New York	3. Sydney	3. Paris	3. Tokyo
4. London	4. London	4. London	4. London
5. Abu Dhabi	5. Zurich	5. Tokyo	5. Los Angeles
6. Paris	6. Paris	6. Rome	6. Paris
7. Vancouver	7. Tokyo	7. Los Angeles	7. Rome
8. Rome	8. Rome	8. Zurich	8. Sydney
9. Tokyo	9. Vancouver	9. Sydney	9. Amsterdam
10. Stockholm/Toronto/Vienna	10. Amsterdam	10. Amsterdam	10. Berlin

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“America is still great, with two cities in the top-ten global cities of the 2017 Ipsos Top Cities Index,” said Chris Jackson, vice president of Ipsos Public Affairs, U.S. “We are the only country occupying two top spots. But while New York comes out near the top with young and old people alike, Los Angeles exhibits a powerful appeal to younger people around the world.”

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### About the Study

Interviews were conducted using the Ipsos Online Panel system, among 18,557 online adults aged 16-64 in 26 countries (Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Britain, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States). Fieldwork was conducted between 21 April and 5 May 2017. Data is weighted to match the profile of each population. An increase in the number of cities in the list from 48 to 60 between 2013 and 2017 means that the Top Cities Index scores are not directly comparable between the two surveys. Instead, comparisons are made by rank. The new cities for this wave of the survey are Belgrade, Bogota, Delhi, Dublin, Lagos, Lima, Manila, Munich, Nairobi, Prague, Vancouver and Vienna. Participants were asked “Based on what you have seen yourself, or heard about from others, which three cities in the world do you think are the best to... Live in? Visit? and Do business in?” The same list of sixty cities was provided for each question. In countries where internet penetration is approximately 60% or higher the data output generally reflects the overall population. Of the 26 countries surveyed online, 16 yield results that are balanced to reflect the general population: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and United States. The 10 remaining countries surveyed – Brazil, China, India, Mexico, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Peru, Russia and Turkey - have lower levels of internet connectivity and reflect online populations that tend to be more urban and have higher education/income than the general population.

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