

Global Liveability Index 2023

Why in News?

The **Economist Intelligence Unit** released its 2023 report on **global liveability index**, placing **Austria's capital Vienna as the top ranked city** to live in 2023.

What are the Major Highlights of the Index?

- About:
 - It rates living conditions in 173 cities across five categories: stability, health care, culture and environment, education and infrastructure.

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List of Top Ten Cities to Live in 2023:



Top 10 positions

City	Location		Rank	
Vienna	Austria		1	
Copenhagen	Denmark		2	
Melbourne	Australia		3	
Sydney	Australia	*	4	
Vancouver	Canada	*	5	
Zurich	Switzerland	+	6	
Calgary	Canada	*	7	
Geneva	Switzerland	+	7	The
Toronto	Canada	*	9	The
Osaka	Japan		10	
Auckland	New Zealand		10	

- Observations Related to Developing Countries' Progress: Many developing nations have shown incremental improvements in their livability rankings.
 - Asia-Pacific cities have demonstrated significant progress, while Western European cities have slipped in the 2023 rankings.
 - The report highlights the growing emphasis on healthcare and education in Asian,
 African, and Middle Eastern countries, signalling a positive trend.
 - However, it also notes a decline in stability scores attributed to civil unrest in certain parts of the world.
- Indian Cities:
 - New Delhi and Mumbai are at 141st position and Chennai at 144th. Ahmedabad and Bengaluru are ranked 147 and 148, respectively.
- Challenges Faced by Specific Cities:
 - Kyiv, Ukraine: Despite ongoing efforts, Kyiv ranks at a lowly 165th out of 173 cities, reflecting the challenges faced by the war-ravaged capital.
 - Damascus, Syria, and Tripoli, Libya: These cities continue to occupy the bottom positions on the livability index, similar to the 2022.
- Bottom 10 Positions:

Bottom 10 positions

City	Location		Rank	
Douala	Cameroon	*	164	
Kyiv	Ukraine		165	
Harare	Zimbabwe		166	
Dhaka	Bangladesh		166	
Port Moresby	Papua New Guinea		168	
Karachi	Pakistan	C	169	
Lagos	Nigeria		170	
Algiers	Algeria	Œ	171	KO A
Tripoli	Libya	c.	172	Tision
Damascus	Syria	* *	173	The Vision

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