

London, a Global City

Source 1: Leading cities across the GCI metrics (<https://www.kearney.com/global-cities/2020>)

For the fourth year in a row, New York City topped the Global Cities Index, followed by London, Paris, and Tokyo. The consistency of these results highlights the wide range of positive attributes a city must have to reach the top of the Index, and the difficulty of building such a broad platform of strengths. It also shows that for those cities able to do so, global status has so far been self-reinforcing. Even in a year marked by relatively low levels of business activity, New York City's momentum across all metrics enabled the city to maintain its number 1 position. Across the Global Cities Index's 29 metrics, 24 different cities ranked first. Despite this diversity, the top cities ranked highly across all metrics, while many others only found success in a handful. In particular, the top three cities on the Index overall stood out across metrics, with London achieving the highest rating across four, while New York and Paris each landed at the top in three.

2020 Global Cities Index leaders

Global City Index leaders by dimensions				
Business activity New York	Human capital New York	Information exchange Paris	Cultural experience London	Political engagement Brussels
Global Cities Index leaders by metric				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fortune 500 Beijing Top global services firms London* Capital markets New York Air freight Hong Kong Sea freight Shanghai ICCA conferences Paris Unicorn companies** San Francisco 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign-born population New York Top universities Boston Population with tertiary degree Tokyo International student population Sydney* Number of international schools Hong Kong Medical universities** London 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to TV news Munich*, Düsseldorf*, Frankfurt*, Berlin* News agency bureaus London, New York Broadband subscribers Geneva, Zurich Freedom of expression Oslo* Online presence Singapore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Museums Moscow Visual and performing arts Vienna* Sporting events Los Angeles* International travelers London Culinary offerings Paris* Sister cities Saint Petersburg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embassies and consulates Brussels Think tanks Washington, D.C. International organizations Geneva Political conferences Brussels Local institutions with global reach Paris

* Indicates new leaders in 2020

** indicates new elements in GCI 2020

Source: Kearney 2020 Global Cities Report

Source 2 : Specialization in the districts of London

