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Rankings		City	Country	COL Index	
March 2008	March 2007			March 2008	March 2007
1	1	Moscow	Russia	142.4	134.4
2	4	Tokyo	Japan	127.0	122.1
3	2	London	UK	125.0	126.3
4	10	Oslo	Norway	118.3	105.8
5	3	Seoul	South Korea	117.7	122.4
6	5	Hong Kong	China	117.6	119.4
7	6	Copenhagen	Denmark	117.2	110.2
8	7	Geneva	Switzerland	115.8	109.8
9	9	Zurich	Switzerland	112.7	107.6
10	11	Milan	Italy	111.3	104.4
11	8	Osaka	Japan	110.0	108.4
12	13	Paris	France	109.4	101.4
13	14	Singapore	Singapore	109.1	100.4
14	17	Tel Aviv	Israel	105.0	97.7
15	21	Sydney	Australia	104.1	94.9
16	16	Dublin	Ireland	103.9	99.6
16	18	Rome	Italy	103.9	97.6
18	12	St. Petersburg	Russia	103.1	103.0
19	19	Vienna	Austria	102.3	96.9
20	20	Beijing	China	101.9	95.9
21	22	Helsinki	Finland	101.1	93.3
22	15	New York City	US	100.0	100.0
23	38	Istanbul	Turkey	99.4	87.7
24	26	Shanghai	China	98.3	92.1
25	25	Amsterdam	Netherlands	97.0	92.2
25	29	Athens	Greece	97.0	90.6
25	62	São Paulo	Brazil	97.0	82.8
28	26	Madrid	Spain	96.7	92.1
29	49	Prague	Czech Rep.	96.0	85.6

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30	37	Lagos	Nigeria	95.9	88.0
31	31	Barcelona	Spain	95.2	89.2
31	64	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	95.2	82.5
31	23	Stockholm	Sweden	95.2	93.1
34	24	Douala	Cameroon	95.1	92.9
35	67	Warsaw	Poland	95.0	82.4
36	64	Melbourne	Australia	94.2	82.5
37	39	Munich	Germany	93.1	87.6
38	45	Berlin	Germany	93.0	85.9
39	44	Brussels	Belgium	92.9	86.5
40	40	Frankfurt	Germany	92.5	87.4
41	33	Dakar	Senegal	92.2	89.0
42	28	Kiev	Ukraine	91.7	91.4
43	43	Luxembourg	Luxembourg	91.3	87.0
44	30	Almaty	Kazakhstan	90.7	89.6
45	31	Bratislava	Slovakia	90.6	89.2
46	45	Düsseldorf	Germany	90.4	85.9
46	72	Riga	Latvia	90.4	81.5
48	52	Mumbai	India	90.3	84.9
49	59	Zagreb	Croatia	90.0	83.5
50	57	Hamburg	Germany	89.9	84.2
51	35	Abidjan	Ivory Coast	89.6	88.3
52	34	Dubai	UAE	89.3	88.8
53	84	Perth	Australia	88.5	77.8
54	82	Toronto	Canada	88.1	78.8
55	42	Los Angeles	US	87.5	87.1
55	68	New Delhi	India	87.5	82.3
57	50	Algiers	Algeria	86.8	85.1
57	71	Lyon	France	86.8	81.9

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57	73	Lisbon	Portugal	86.8	80.8
57	86	Brisbane	Australia	86.8	76.9
61	53	Shenzhen	China	86.3	84.7
61	60	Budapest	Hungary	86.3	83.1
63	48	Taipei	Taiwan	86.1	85.8
64	89	Vancouver	Canada	85.8	76.5
65	45	Abu Dhabi	UAE	85.7	85.9
66	41	Birmingham	UK	85.4	87.2
66	92	Calgary	Canada	85.4	75.5
68	74	Limassol	Cyprus	84.6	80.6
69	36	Glasgow	UK	84.0	88.1
70	68	Guangzhou	China	83.9	82.3
71	78	Bucharest	Romania	83.6	79.6
72	98	Montréal	Canada	83.0	74.5
73	96	Adelaide	Australia	82.8	74.7
74	118	Tehran	Iran	82.2	68.6
75	51	Miami	US	82.0	85.0
76	90	Tallinn	Estonia	81.6	76.4
77	64	Honolulu	US	81.4	82.5
78	54	San Francisco	US	81.0	84.6
78	99	Auckland	New Zealand	81.0	73.9
80	63	Beirut	Lebanon	80.8	82.6
81	80	Casablanca	Morocco	80.7	78.9
82	55	Jakarta	Indonesia	80.5	84.5
82	93	Ljubljana	Slovenia	80.5	75.3
84	58	Chicago	US	80.3	83.7
85	97	Vilnius	Lithuania	80.2	74.6
85	109	Ottawa	Canada	80.2	72.3
87	112	Bogotá	Colombia	80.1	71.7

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88	77	Amman	Jordan	79.6	79.8
89	70	White Plains, NY	US	79.3	82.1
89	129	Caracas	Venezuela	79.3	65.4
91	56	Hanoi	Vietnam	79.0	84.3
92	102	Santiago	Chile	78.5	73.3
93	111	Wellington	New Zealand	77.6	71.8
94	80	Kuwait City	Kuwait	77.5	78.9
95	104	Leipzig	Germany	77.1	72.9
96	76	Accra	Ghana	77.0	79.9
97	108	Sofia	Bulgaria	76.9	72.5
98	83	Houston, TX	US	76.8	78.6
99	79	Boston, MA	US	76.5	79.2
100	60	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam	76.3	83.1
101	93	Cairo	Egypt	75.9	75.3
101	101	Lusaka	Zambia	75.9	73.5
103	102	Nairobi	Kenya	75.7	73.3
104	75	San Juan	Puerto Rico	75.4	80.3
105	95	Bangkok	Thailand	75.1	74.9
106	106	Kuala Lumpur	Malaysia	75.0	72.8
107	85	Washington, DC	US	74.6	77.0
108	104	Mexico City	Mexico	73.6	72.9
109	87	Atlanta, GA	US	73.5	76.6
110	137	Manila	Philippines	73.4	61.2
111	87	Morristown, NJ	US	73.1	76.6
112	91	Manama	Bahrain	71.1	76.2
113	100	Seattle, WA	US	70.9	73.7
114	114	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei	70.6	71.0
115	117	Lima	Peru	70.5	70.0
115	115	Denver, CO	US	70.5	70.8

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117	133	Chennai (Madras)	India	69.3	63.7
118	134	Bangalore	India	69.2	63.6
119	110	Riyadh	Saudi Arabia	68.7	72.2
120	115	St. Louis, MO	US	68.5	70.8
120	121	Kingston	Jamaica	68.5	68.5
122	107	Guatemala City	Guatemala	68.1	72.6
123	130	Tianjin	China	67.9	64.7
124	124	Panama City	Panama	67.3	67.4
125	127	Blantyre	Malawi	67.1	66.4
126	113	Jeddah	Saudi Arabia	66.8	71.4
127	118	Detroit, MI	US	66.3	68.6
128	123	Portland, OR	US	66.2	67.8
129	118	Cleveland, OH	US	66.0	68.6
130	130	Colombo	Sri Lanka	65.9	64.7
131	122	Monterrey	Mexico	65.8	68.1
132	125	Dacca (Dhaka)	Bangladesh	65.0	66.8
133	128	Pittsburgh, PA	US	64.4	66.3
133	135	Tunis	Tunisia	64.4	63.4
135	126	Winston-Salem	US	63.5	66.7
136	140	Montevideo	Uruguay	63.2	58.4
137	132	Santo Domingo	Dominican Rep.	62.8	64.2
138	139	Buenos Aires	Argentina	62.7	60.3
139	138	San José	Costa Rica	60.6	60.5
140	136	Johannesburg	South Africa	60.4	61.3
141	142	Karachi	Pakistan	54.7	56.1
142	141	Quito	Ecuador	54.6	56.3
143	143	Asunción	Paraguay	52.5	50.0

(New York = 100)