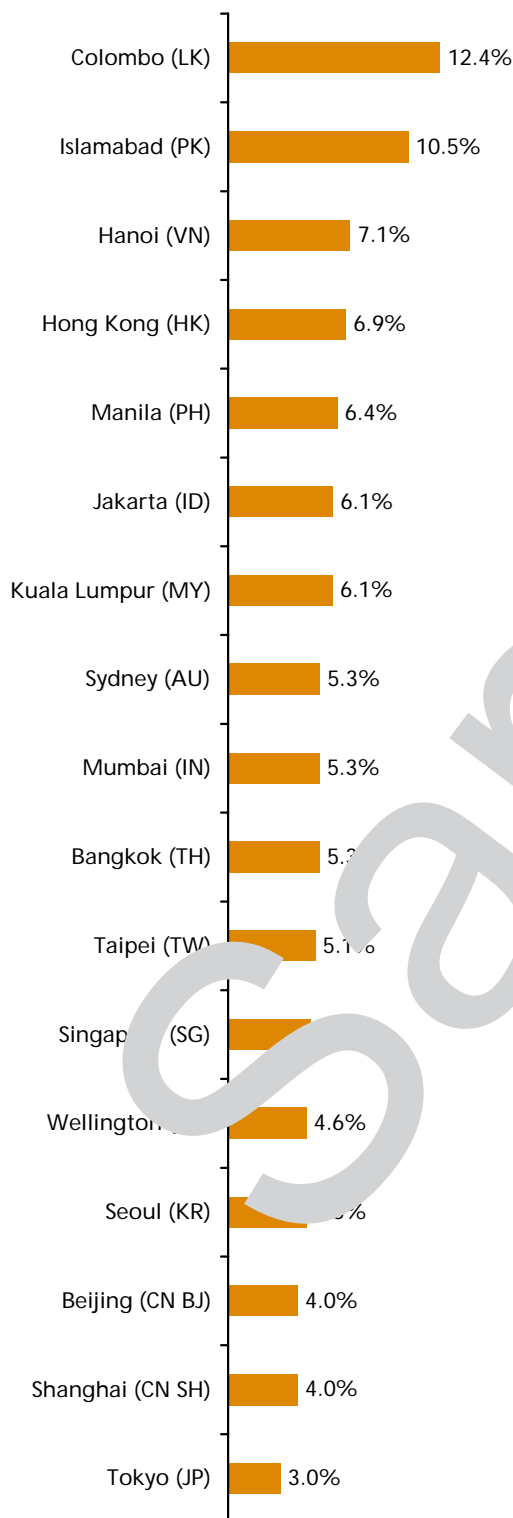


## Cost of living - Annual inflation (%), Asia Pacific cities, 2008

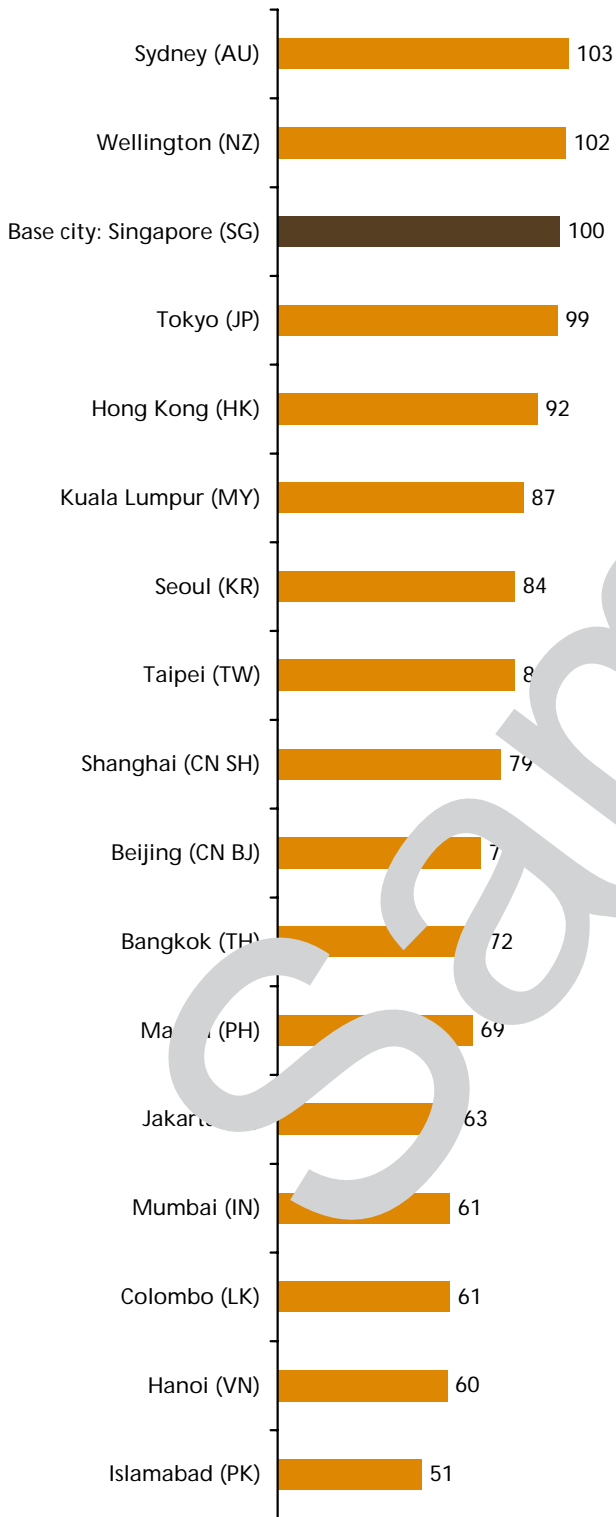


The cost-of-living inflation indicator is a weighted comparison of all items included in the cost-of-living basket in local currency terms. Comparisons are made over the previous 12-month period. This graph provides information on the change in prices in Asia Pacific countries in 2008. Colombo shows the highest increase in prices. The lowest rate is in Tokyo, at only one-fourth of the rate in Colombo.

Source: Mercer's Cost of Living Calculator as of September 2008

Notes: Based on Mercer's Cost of Living Report, using standard basket of goods for all cities (excluding housing and education).

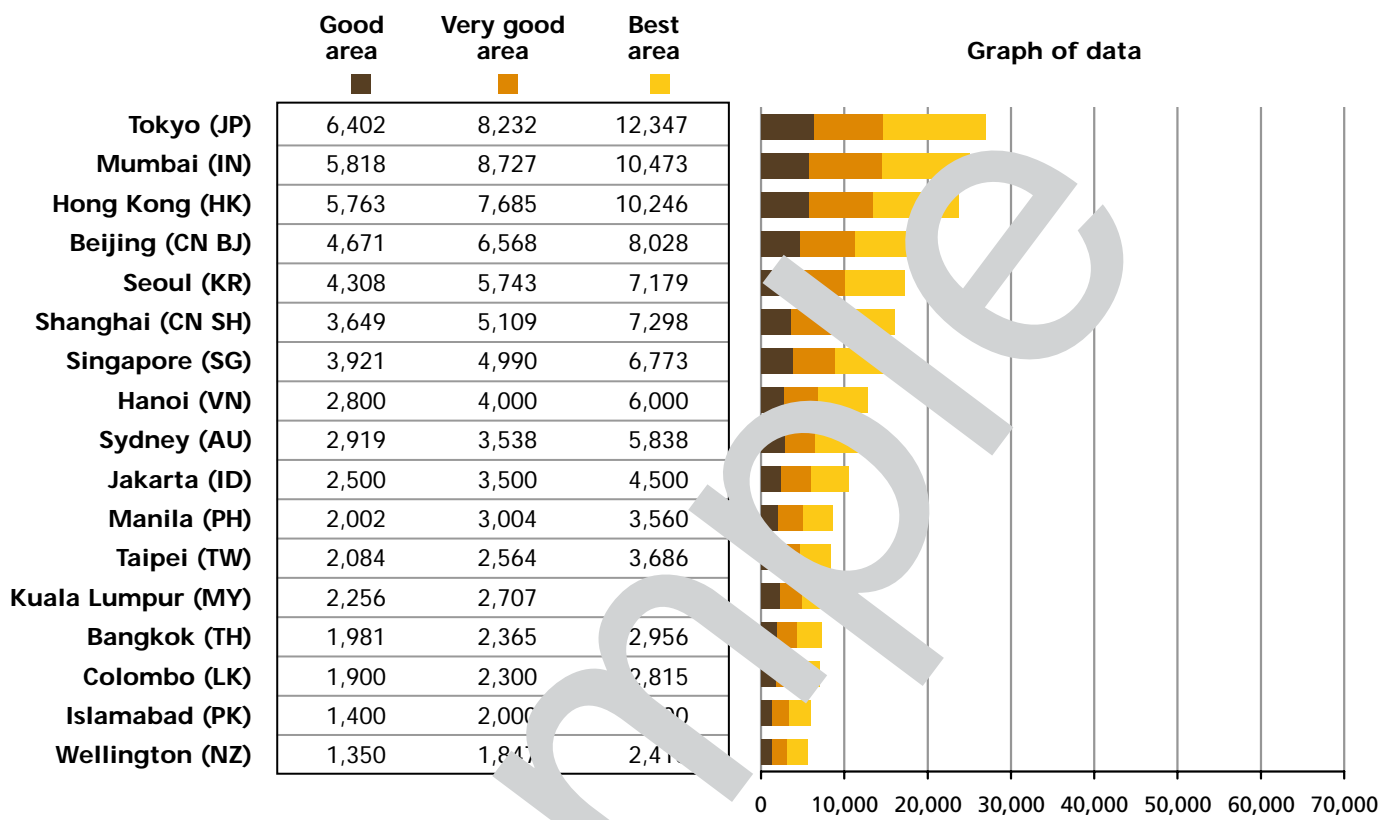
## Relative quality of living, Asia Pacific cities, 2008 (Singapore = 100)



The quality-of-living index provides clear, objective information on the quality-of-living differences between cities. Mercer's quality-of-living index provides tangible values for such qualitative perceptions to establish an effective, objective assessment of the quality of living throughout the world. The quality of living in Sydney, Australia, and Wellington, New Zealand, is slightly higher than that in the base city (here, Singapore). The quality-of-living index in South Asian countries is lower than Singapore.

Source: Mercer's Quality-of-Living Calculator as of September 2008

**Apartments - Furnished two-bedroom (80-120 m<sup>2</sup>), monthly rent in USD as of September 2008**



Source: Mercer's Cost-of-Living Report, updated as of September 2008