

Looking for the happiest place on Earth? **Head straight for Denmark**, which has **yet again** been **named** the World's happiest country

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| 1. Head straight for... | go straight to... |
| 2. Denmark | country in North Europe |
| 3. yet again | again (has happened repeatedly) |
| 4. name | give something/someone a title |
| 5. World Happiness Report | report investigating happiness around the world |
| 6. Institute | place of learning and/or research |
| 7. Danes | people from Denmark |
| 8. Finns | people from Finland |
| 9. Norwegians | people from Norway |
| 10. Dutch | people from Holland/the Netherlands |
| 11. rank | placing/position compared with others |
| 12. evaluation | analysis/check |
| 13. factor | something that influences a result |
| 14. wealth | [richness/amount of something] |
| 15. corruption | illegal taking of money |
| 16. job security | the chance of a kind of work/job still being there in the future |
| 17. source | origin of something (such as information) |
| 18. poll | survey involving asking people questions |
| 19. survey | poll/study |
| 20. take the top spot | get first place |
| 21. range from ... to ... | to be between ... and ... |
| 22. in a bid to ... | in an attempt to ... |
| 23. policymaker | person who makes policy (for government) |
| 24. take ... into account | consider ... |
| 25. citizen | person living in a country or city |
| 26. productive | [helpful/useful/able to produce a large amount] |
| 27. earnings | income |
| 28. Green | environmentally friendly |
| 29. consistently | repeatedly |
| 30. top | get first place |
| 31. go hand in hand with... | [to happen at the same time as .../be related to...] |
| 32. green ambition | a hope or plan to help the environment |
| 33. lead to ... | result in ... |
| 34. significant | important/statistically important |
| 35. quality of life | how good life is |
| 36. illustrate | show/describe |
| 37. ongoing trend | long-term pattern |
| 38. impact | influence |
| 39. Copenhagen | capital city of Denmark |
| 40. livability | how good a place is to live in |

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1. According to the 2013 **World Happiness Report**, published by Columbia University's Earth **Institute** for the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network, the **Danes** are the happiest people in the world, followed by the **Finns**, the **Norwegians** and the **Dutch**.
2. The 158-page report **rank**s over 150 countries according to a 'life **evaluation** score' that takes into account a variety of **factor**s such as **wealth**, government **corruption**, political freedom and **job security**. Its **source**s include the Gallup World **Poll** (GWP), the World Values **Survey** (WVS), the European Values Survey (EVS), and the European Social Survey (ESS).
3. Denmark also **took the top spot** in 2012, receiving the highest combined score on a scale from 0 to 10. This year, scores **range from** 2.936 (for last placed Togo) to 7.693 (Denmark, No1). Compared to last year, the 2013 World Happiness Report features more detailed analysis **in a bid to** guide **policymakers** to **take** the well-being of citizens **into account** when making decisions.
4. Happy **citizens** make for better countries: The report found that happiness means that people live longer, have more **productive** lives, have higher **earnings** and are in general terms 'better' citizens.
5. **Green** means happy
The Danes have been ranked **consistently** as the world's happiest people since as long ago as the early 1970s. More recently, in November 2011, they **topped** the happiness rankings published by the OECD. The ranking **went hand in hand with** a study from Green Growth Leaders, which showed that Copenhagen's **green ambitions** **have led to** a **significant** improvement in the **quality of life** for the residents of the Danish capital. The rating **illustrates** an **ongoing trend** that the superior **livability** offered by Denmark and **Copenhagen** has a significant **impact** on its citizens.

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www.travel-earth.com



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<http://images.businessweek.com>



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Q1: In the pictures of Copenhagen above, there is something missing that often appears in pictures of cities. What is it?

Q2: Why does Denmark get such high 'happiness' scores?

Q3: Could your city become a bit more like Copenhagen? If so, how?

Q4: Does more money mean more happiness?

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