



# DECISION ASSISTANT

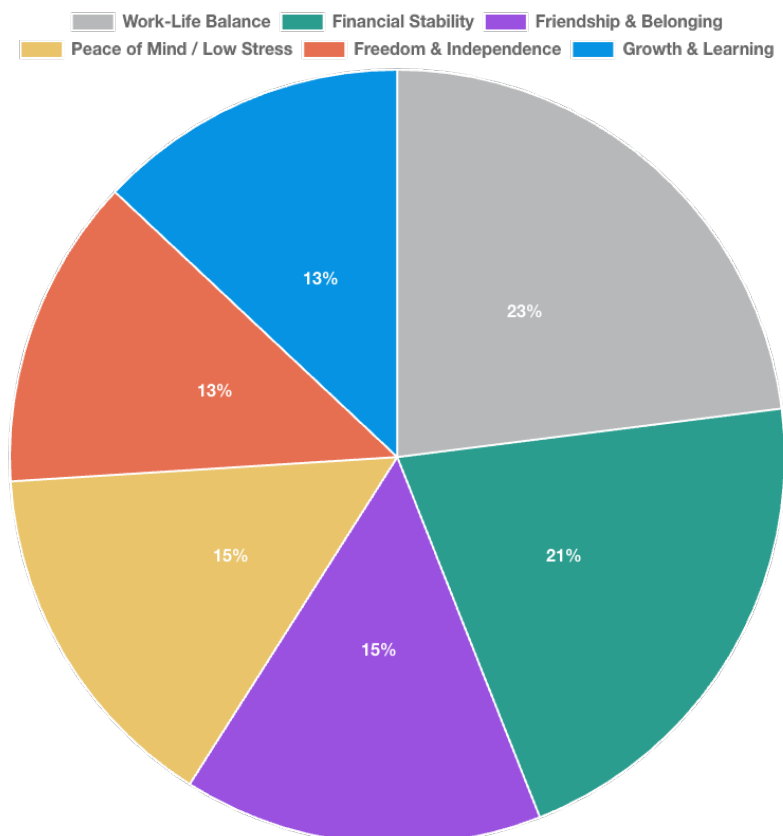
## Your Decision Analysis

Based on your selected criteria and values, here's how each option aligns with what matters most to you.

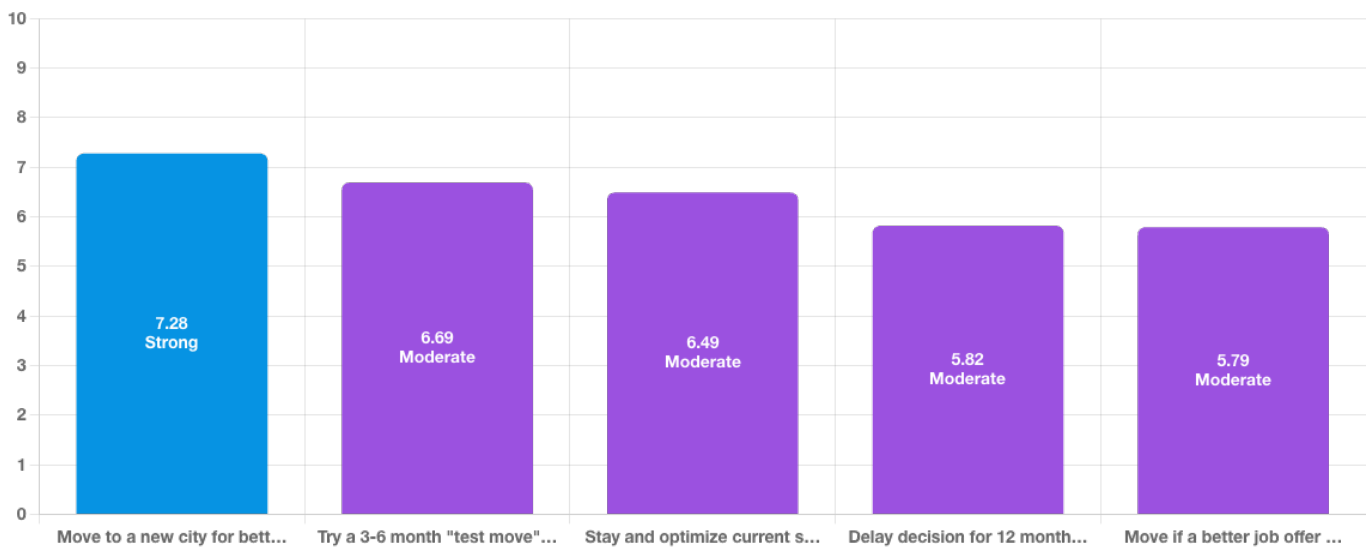
**Decision Being Analyzed:** Move Cities or Stay Put?

## What Matters Most to You

This chart shows your top values and their relative importance in this decision.



# Overall Alignment Scores



Option (j)	Score	Fit Level
Move to a new city for better lifestyle	7.28	Moderate
Try a 3-6 month "test move" (sublet)	6.69	Moderate
Stay and optimize current situation	6.49	Limited
Delay decision for 12 months and save more	5.82	Limited
Move if a better job offer appears	5.79	Limited

Note: Higher scores reflect better alignment with your selected values—not a “correct” or universally optimal decision.

## Calculation Details

### Move to a new city for better lifestyle

Criterion (i)	Weight	Alignment ( $a_{ij}$ )	Weighted Score
Freedom & Independence	0.128	8	1.02
Financial Stability	0.205	5	1.03
Work-Life Balance	0.231	9	2.08
Friendship & Belonging	0.154	6	0.92
Growth & Learning	0.128	9	1.15
Peace of Mind / Low Stress	0.154	7	1.08

### Try a 3-6 month "test move" (sublet)

Criterion (i)	Weight	Alignment ( $a_{ij}$ )	Weighted Score
Freedom & Independence	0.128	7	0.9
Financial Stability	0.205	6	1.23
Work-Life Balance	0.231	8	1.85
Friendship & Belonging	0.154	5	0.77
Growth & Learning	0.128	8	1.02
Peace of Mind / Low Stress	0.154	6	0.92

### Stay and optimize current situation

Criterion (i)	Weight	Alignment ( $a_{ij}$ )	Weighted Score
Freedom & Independence	0.128	4	0.51
Financial Stability	0.205	8	1.64
Work-Life Balance	0.231	6	1.39
Friendship & Belonging	0.154	7	1.08
Growth & Learning	0.128	5	0.64
Peace of Mind / Low Stress	0.154	8	1.23

### Delay decision for 12 months and save more

Criterion (i)	Weight	Alignment ( $a_{ij}$ )	Weighted Score
Freedom & Independence	0.128	3	0.38
Financial Stability	0.205	9	1.85
Work-Life Balance	0.231	4	0.92
Friendship & Belonging	0.154	5	0.77
Growth & Learning	0.128	4	0.51
Peace of Mind / Low Stress	0.154	9	1.39

### Move if a better job offer appears

Criterion (i)	Weight	Alignment ( $\alpha_{ij}$ )	Weighted Score
Freedom & Independence	0.128	5	0.64
Financial Stability	0.205	9	1.85
Work-Life Balance	0.231	5	1.16
Friendship & Belonging	0.154	4	0.62
Growth & Learning	0.128	6	0.77
Peace of Mind / Low Stress	0.154	5	0.77

## How are scores calculated?

We calculate a total score for each option using the following formula:

$$\text{Score} = \text{SUM} (\text{Weight}_i \times \text{Alignment}_{ij})$$

This method is called the **Weighted-Sum Model (WSM)** — part of a decision-making framework known as **Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA)**. Each score reflects how well the option fits your priorities by multiplying each criterion's importance by its alignment score and summing the results.

*i = each value or goal & j = each option*

Reference: Triantaphyllou, E. (2000). *Multi-Criteria Decision Making: A Comparative Study*. Springer.

## What This Analysis Assumes

- The job market in the new city is favorable and offers opportunities aligned with your career goals.
- You will be able to establish a new social network in the new city to mitigate feelings of loneliness.
- The financial implications of moving (including cost of living) will not exceed your budget.

- Your current job situation will remain stable if you choose to stay.
- You have the flexibility to adapt and manage the stress of a potential move or change in lifestyle.

*If any of these assumptions don't reflect your situation, feel free to go back and adjust your inputs to get a more accurate result.*

## Reflection & Insights

### Key Observations

Your decision revolves around a significant life change: whether to move to a new city or stay in your current situation. You have clearly articulated your values and goals, which will help guide your choice. The options you are considering reflect a range of possibilities, from a complete relocation to optimizing your current situation or even delaying the decision. The potential for fear of loneliness and concerns about the job market are valid and deserve careful consideration.

### Pros & Cons of each Option

#### 1. Move to a new city for better lifestyle

##### *Pros:*

- High potential for improved work-life balance and personal growth.
- Greater freedom and independence.
- Opportunities to meet new people and build new friendships.

##### *Cons:*

- Financial stability may be a concern initially.
- Risk of feeling lonely or disconnected in a new environment.
- Uncertainty about job prospects in the new city.

## **2. Stay and optimize current situation**

### *Pros:*

- Financial stability is more assured in your current situation.
- Familiarity with your surroundings and existing social network.
- Less immediate stress related to moving logistics.

### *Cons:*

- Potential feelings of stagnation or regret for not exploring new opportunities.
- Limited growth and learning experiences.
- Work-life balance may not improve significantly.

## **3. Try a 3-6 month "test move" (sublet)**

### *Pros:*

- Allows for exploration without a long-term commitment.
- Opportunity to assess job market and lifestyle in a new city.
- Less financial risk compared to a full move.

### *Cons:*

- May still face loneliness in a new place.
- Temporary nature might not provide a sense of belonging.
- Logistics of subletting can be complex and stressful.

## **4. Move if a better job offer appears**

### *Pros:*

- Prioritizes financial stability and job security.
- Less risk of moving without a solid job prospect.
- Opportunity for growth and learning with a better job.

*Cons:*

- May lead to prolonged indecision and waiting.
- Could miss out on opportunities to explore new cities.
- Might feel stagnant while waiting for the "perfect" job offer.

## **5. Delay decision for 12 months and save more**

*Pros:*

- Increases financial cushion and stability.
- Provides more time to reflect and gather information.
- Less immediate stress related to moving.

*Cons:*

- Risk of regretting inaction and missing out on new experiences.
- Could lead to feelings of stagnation.
- Opportunity for growth and change may be delayed.

## **Reflections**

Your desire for freedom, independence, and a better work-life balance is evident in your scoring and options. The "test move" option stands out as a middle ground that allows you to explore new opportunities while mitigating some risks. It offers a chance to experience a new lifestyle without fully committing right away. However, it's important to weigh the emotional aspects of moving, especially concerning fear of loneliness.

Staying put has its merits, particularly in terms of financial stability and familiarity, but it may leave you feeling unfulfilled if you yearn for change. Ultimately, consider what you might regret more: taking a chance on a new adventure or staying in a comfortable but potentially stagnant situation. Reflect on what aligns best with your core values and long-term aspirations.

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*This tool does not make a decision for you. It provides clarity on alignment so that **you** can make the most informed and authentic choice.*

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