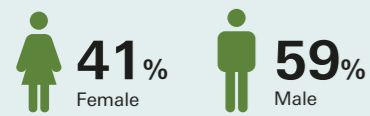
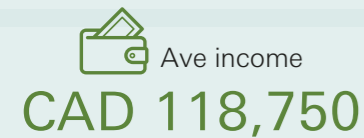
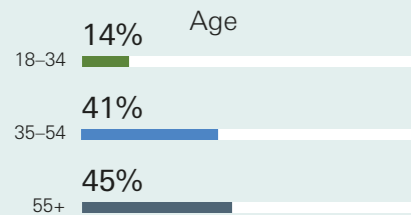
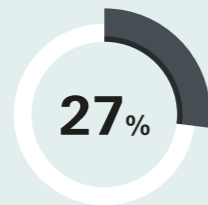


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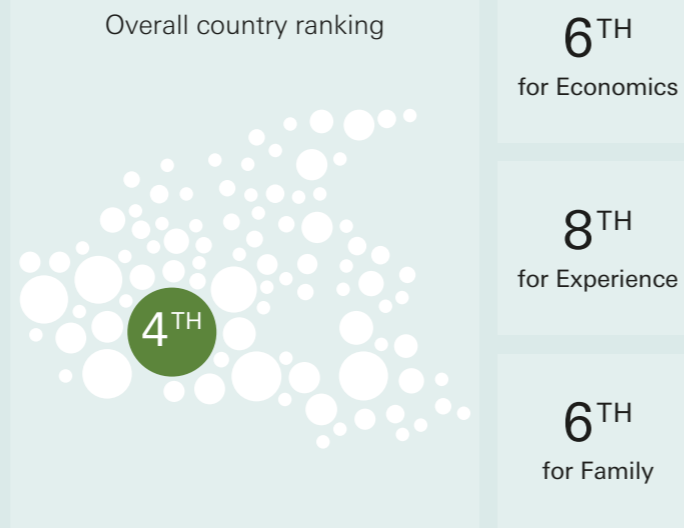
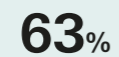
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Have kids



Own property in Canada



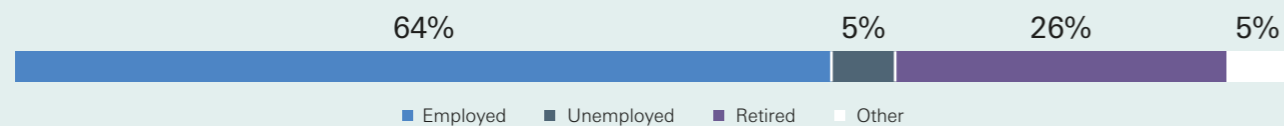
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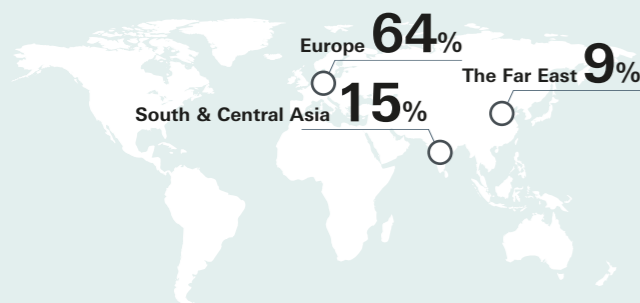
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Employment status



Top regions of origin



Top 3 reasons for moving here

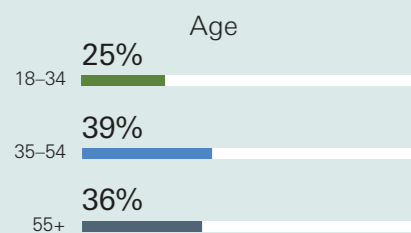
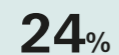


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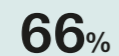
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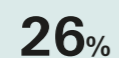
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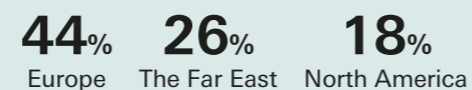
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Top 3 destinations



Top reason for moving away



Canada

Expats in Canada

Famed the world over for its friendliness and impressive landscapes, Canada has attracted expats for more than 150 years¹. But does it still live up to its reputation?

The nation has plenty going for it. It comes in 6th in the world rankings for economics and family this year, as well as 8th for experience. Together, these rankings make Canada the 4th best country in the world overall for expats.

Those expats are usually drawn from Europe, South and Central Asia and North America - particularly the UK, India and the USA. A huge majority (68% compared with the global average of 47%) say Canada is more welcoming than their home nation and 70% feel safer here than they did at home.

With a strong economic and political climate, almost two thirds are first-time expats keen to boost their quality of life.

Getting out and about in air that's less polluted than at home, half of expats here say their physical

health has improved and most believe their Canadian life has made them more active.

Our data shows the move has given seven in every ten expats, including those with families, a better quality of life. It's a life they stay to enjoy. A quarter (25%) have been here for more than 30 years and most (60%) of the expats living here see themselves as citizens of Canada rather than the country they came from.

In fact, when you grow up in Canada, your home nation can be hard to beat and the Canadian expat experience is mixed. Typically travelling to the UK, Mexico, the USA, Hong Kong and China, only 26% feel their overall quality of life is better than it was in Canada. Two in five don't feel as safe or secure in their new home and 68% say the natural environment isn't as good.

Their social lives make up for it. Canadians abroad are more likely than most expats to have wider social circles in their new home, and three quarters found it easy to settle into their new host territory. More than half (55%) have found a long-term partner while overseas.

But a top-notch Canadian life may not always start out that way for foreign arrivals.

Those wide-open spaces come with a climate to be reckoned with

- something that clearly plays on the minds of expats. More than half (55%) say getting used to that is a big part of feeling at home here compared with only 43% of expats living elsewhere, including in some equally tough environments. But the obstacles aren't just physical.

Remarkably, our data this year suggests the famously social, friendly side of Canadian life may not deliver for all newcomers.

The territory has slipped by three places for experience since 2017. Only 43% of expats here found it easier to make friends in Canada, and when they do make them, more than a quarter (26%) say they have a more active social life than at home. Both figures may sound high but they're actually lower than the global average.

Expats in Canada also say it takes a little longer to settle here than on average. Though half (56%) say they felt at home in less than a year, globally the figure was closer to two thirds (62%).

Almost one in five (17%) said it took more than two years to settle in compared with only 11% globally. Perhaps the nation's famous reputation for friendliness means expats here have brought unachievable expectations with them.