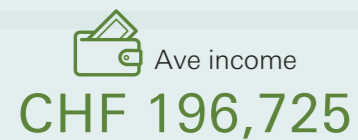
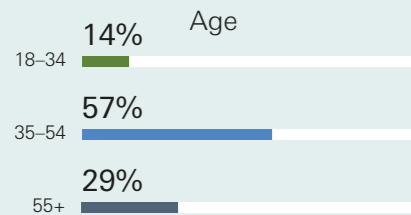
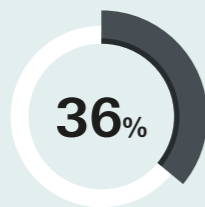


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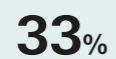
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Have kids



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Overall country ranking



1ST for Economics

19TH for Experience

24TH for Family



Boosting income



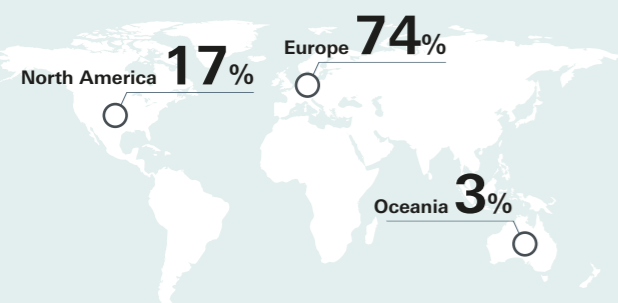
Low cost childcare



Employment status



Top regions of origin



Top 3 reasons for moving here

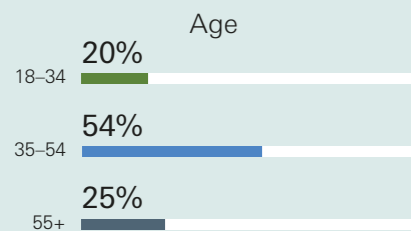
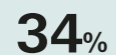


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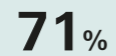
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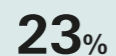
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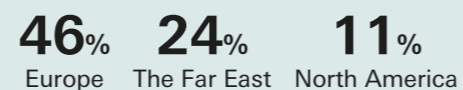
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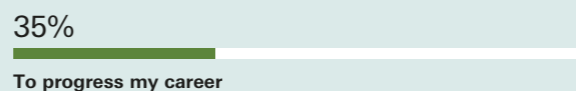
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Top 3 destinations



Top reason for moving away



Switzerland

Expats in Switzerland

Ranking 8th in the world overall, a new life in Switzerland provides plenty of benefits, including the highest average income in the world. But HSBC's research this year shows there are sacrifices to be made in return.

It's easy to assume that with such high earnings and the top spot in our global rankings for economics, a better salary would be the top reason for a move here, but expats in Switzerland think more long-term than that.

Often coming from the UK, North America and Germany, more people arrive seeking career progression or a better quality of life than simply a boost to their financial affairs. With three quarters saying the country is a good place for expats hoping to push their career forward, expats here find what they're looking for.

Half of the expats here have lived abroad before, and 89% have been overseas for more than five years. They're used to making the most of the life on offer and almost half (45%) have stayed in

Switzerland because of the quality of life here.

Expats in this country have huge faith in its stability. Nine out of ten are confident in the local economy and/or the nation's political stability, and half believe their job is more secure here than it was at home.

Family life doesn't always fare as well though. Ranked only 24th for family this year, 86% say raising children here is more expensive than they're used to and making friends among new playmates can be difficult. Expats can also find arranging childcare a challenge. With such a focus on career, expats in Switzerland are less likely to say they feel closer to their partner and children since the move than expats living elsewhere.

But the underlying effects of the move on children are remarkable. Alongside their parents - three quarters of whom say their own quality of life is better here - far more expat children are in better health, have greater wellbeing and a better quality of life than they did in the country they left behind.

More than half the expat parents living here say the quality of education available to their children is better than it was at home.

Swiss nationals abroad

Swiss nationals, a third of whom also have children, have a much more varied experience to deal with abroad.

Financially, for example, their salaries may have dropped by an average of 6% due to the move, but after the solid economic climate at home, 43% say the state of local economics is in fact their greatest financial concern.

Others seem to revel in that new fluidity and the opportunities it offers. More than a third moved overseas to challenge themselves, while 45% felt they could progress their careers better overseas. In fact, Swiss nationals abroad are twice as likely as other expats to be entrepreneurs.

Overall, the expat lifestyle works for those who have made the leap. Now living in countries including India, Hong Kong, South Africa, the USA and the UK, almost 90% have lived abroad at least twice before. Living abroad may be more of a challenge but the Swiss embrace it.