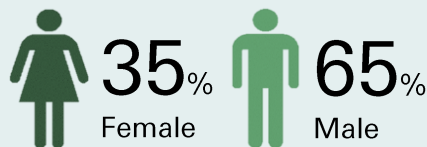
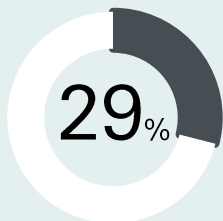


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Based on 222 interviews



Have kids



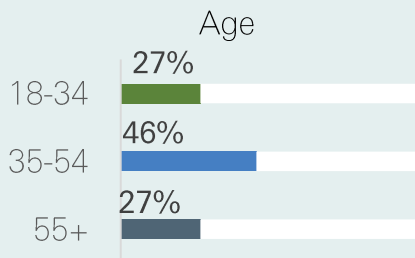
Overall territory ranking



15TH for Economics

3RD for Experience

16TH for Family



Own property in Taiwan

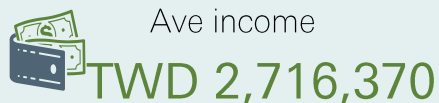
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More disposable income



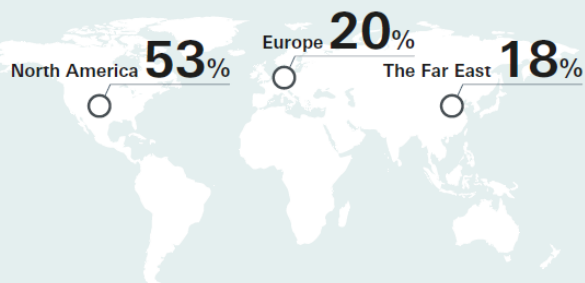
Short working days



Employment status



Top of regions of origin



Top 3 reasons for moving





Taiwan

Expats in Taiwan

Taiwan might be the expat world's best kept secret. While other nations grab the headlines for the financial returns or bask in their reputation for a great experience, Taiwan has risen through the league tables to become a serious contender for the best international way of life overall – including financial, personal, career and family wellbeing. But there are still aspects of the expat life here that could be improved.

Coming in 9th overall this year, Taiwan now ranks 3rd in the world for superior expat experience thanks to a 7-place gain since 2017.

Expats living in this territory are often from similar backgrounds. They are highly educated and almost half now work in education themselves. A third moved to Taiwan to challenge themselves while a quarter came to boost their career.

But Taiwan only comes in 15th for economics and the expats working here earn around USD 18,000 less than other expats. They are more likely to be worried, pessimistic or unsure of their financial future.

For now though, the cost of living means most have more disposable income than they did at home and they often use the money to take more holidays, live in better property, pay off their debts and build up emergency funds. In fact, almost half (44%) say living in Taiwan can help them build their personal wealth.

The expat working life here is mixed too. Almost half (44%) say they work more evenings and weekends than they used to. But more than a third are now happier at work and the move has made many more adaptable (61%), confident (54%) and productive (41%) in their professional lives.

Usually from Canada, the USA and UK, almost 60% have been here for more than 5 years. They have stayed to continue pushing themselves personally and professionally but also for the quality of life.

The rich local culture adds to their experience and three quarters say they enjoy immersing themselves in it. Their native language may be English but almost 60% also speak Mandarin or Cantonese. The vast majority are integrating well with local people and have found it easy to make new friends here.

In general, life is better than it was at home for almost 60% of expats in Taiwan. Perhaps that's why half felt at home here within six months of arriving.