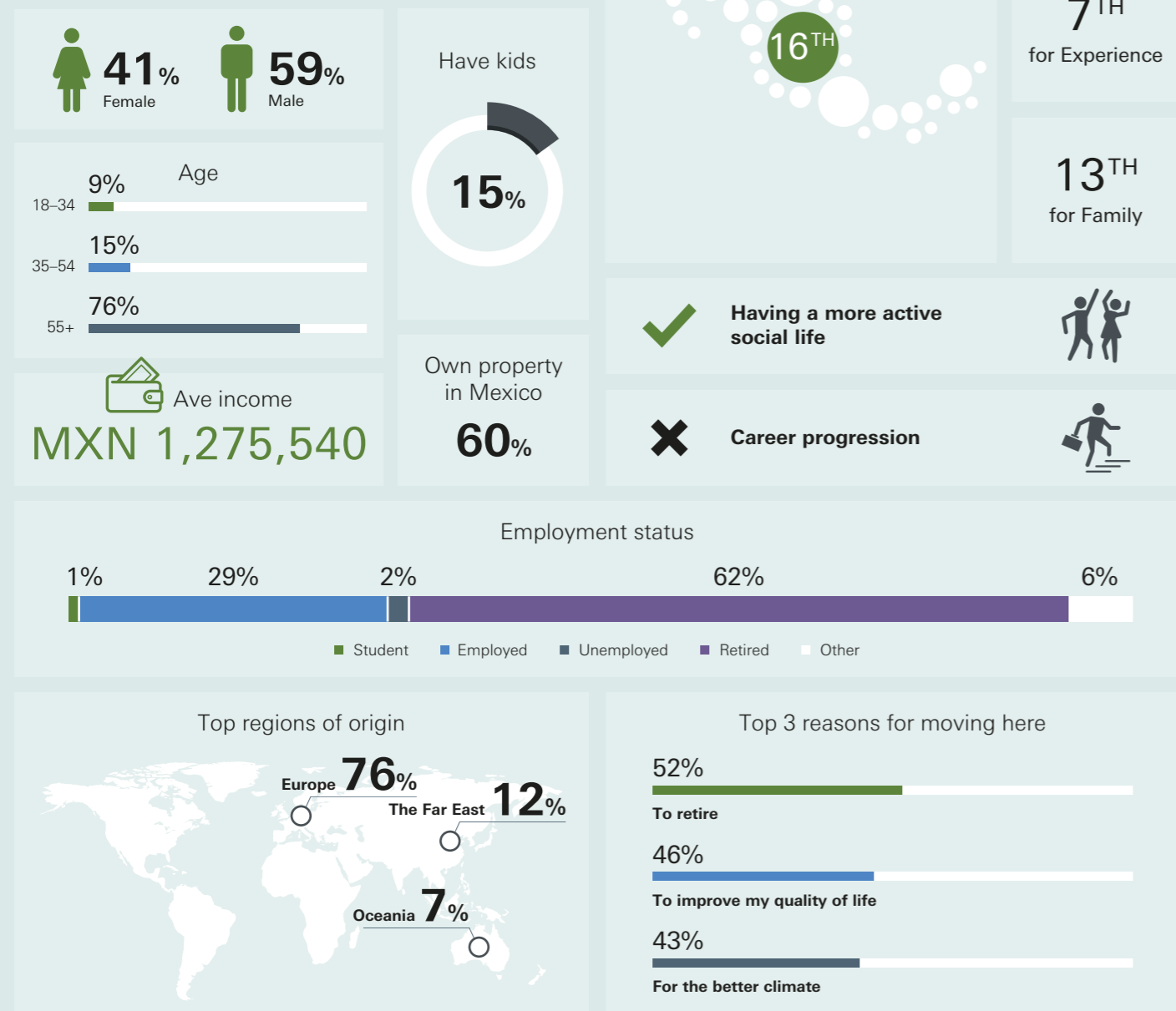


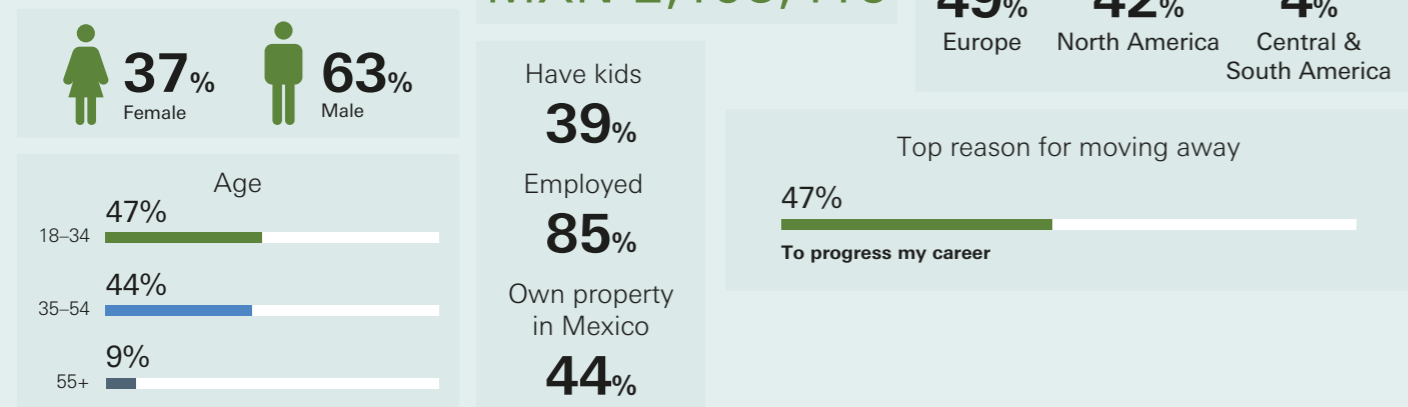
# Expats in Mexico

Based on 606 interviews



## Expats from Mexico

Based on 143 interviews



# Mexico

## Expats in Mexico

If any nation broadcasts a positive outlook to the world that nation is Mexico, despite a drop to 25th for economics this year.

The expats here are an experienced, mature group, often older than the average expat. Few have the responsibility or expense of family and almost two thirds are retired, with a lifetime of earning and saving for that retirement behind them.

Those who do work here are often concerned about job security and fewer chances to acquire new skills. Only 22% of expats feel Mexico is a good place to progress their career compared with 56% of expats elsewhere and just 16% think their earning prospects are better compared with a global average of more than half (51%). In fact, earnings here are MXN 766,000/USD 40,000 a year lower than the global expat average.

But the low cost of living means expats here are positive about their financial futures. Almost half say they are 'comfortable', and a third are 'optimistic' and/or

'confident'. More than half have faith in the local economy. In fact, two thirds say they can save more in Mexico than they did at home.

They put their money to good use too. Yes, they live in better quality homes, have more domestic staff and take more holidays since moving here. But they also feel strongly about the local community.

Twice as many expats here are donating more to charity, participating in local activities and supporting causes than the average expat elsewhere in the world. In many ways, they could be paying society back for its warm welcome and social inclusion.

More than half have a more active social life here than they did at home and 60% say Mexico welcomes everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances. These kinds of figures help explain Mexico's 7th place in our experience league table this year.

When they do return home – typically to the USA, Canada, the UK, France and South American countries - expats leaving Mexico go feeling more adaptable, tolerant and open-minded than before. Almost 40% - twice the global average – say they are happier.

## Mexican nationals abroad

It would be easy to assume that

Mexican expats have left simply to pursue the earnings potential other expats enjoy.

It's true that, with more than a fifth working in financial services, their average salary has increased by more than a third, usually because the same job pays more in their new home.

But their new life overseas isn't primarily driven by money and more than a third went abroad to challenge themselves.

These are determined, smart people who relish the opportunities available to them.

More than half have a postgraduate degree, three quarters are employed full-time and a staggering 99% speak a second language. With that kind of profile, it makes sense that almost half went overseas to study and a fifth were sent by an employer.

Two thirds have been abroad for more than five years and almost half have stayed to progress their careers or make the most of the quality of life.

Just like the expats now living in their home country, the Mexican expat experience is undoubtedly a positive one. Around eight in every ten would recommend their host country – usually the USA or UK - to anyone thinking of moving.