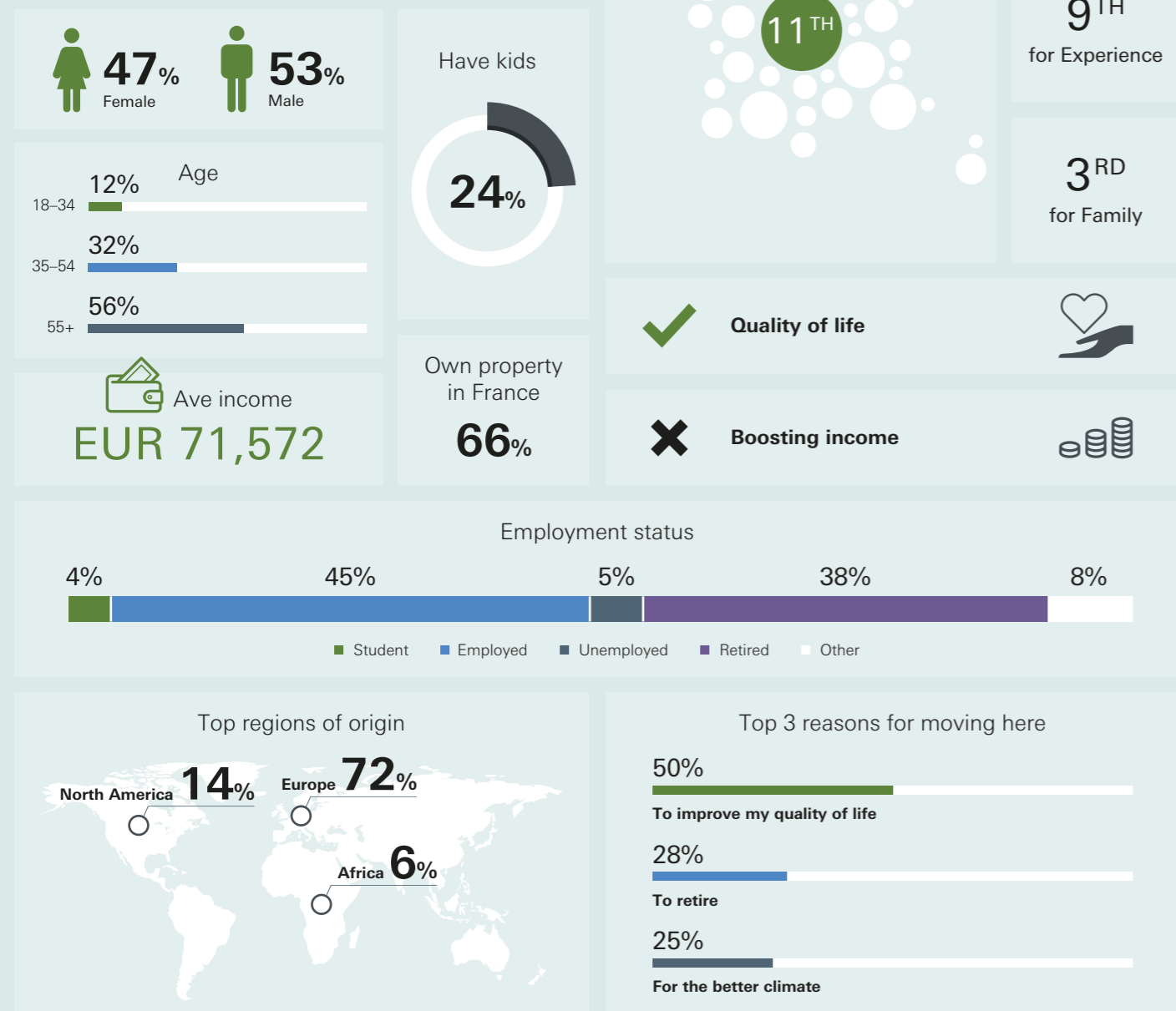


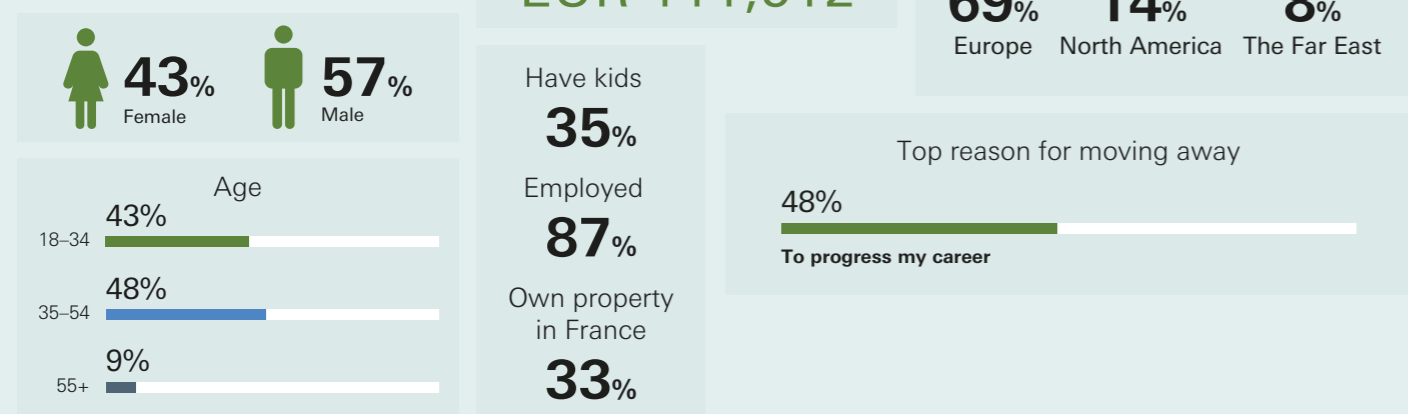
# Expats in France

Based on 432 interviews



## Expats from France

Based on 1027 interviews



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For the retired expat, France seems almost unbeatable. For some others groups, there's potential for improvement.

Most expats in France are over 55 and half are looking for a better quality of life than the one left behind in places like the UK, Ireland and the USA.

Expats here say their physical health is better, the environment is better, they feel safer and more secure. In other words, the overwhelming majority (73%) have found the quality of life they came looking for.

It's no surprise France ranks 9th in our global league table for experience. But at 3rd in the world, it's an even better destination for families. Expats say school and childcare is easy to set up, its better quality and often cheaper than at home. And like the adults, 64% say their children's health and wellbeing is better.

The expats who live in France are committed to the territory from the outset. Almost 90% speak French or are learning. They

integrate well with local people and two thirds have lived here for more than five years.

But France isn't as prominent as other destinations for economics. Our study breaks down the expat life into three key measures to produce national rankings. These economics, experience and family rankings combine to form each territory's overall position. Overall, France comes in at 11th thanks to its high family and experience scores, but only achieves 21st in this year's economics league table.

A third of expats (34%) arrive in France hoping to develop or find direction in their own or their partner's career or skillset. But they may have struggled.

This is simply not a nation internationally known for its boost to career or income and far fewer expats here report the improvement in leadership, efficiency, productivity or confidence in the workplace that expats elsewhere do.

Just one in ten (16%) believe France is a good destination for entrepreneurs compared with 39% of expats in general.

In fact, with a focus on a good life rather than an ambitious one, far fewer expats in France say the expat experience has made them

more competitive or productive in everyday life than the global expat average.

## French nationals abroad

With all that in mind, it makes sense that so many French nationals abroad are young professionals hoping to boost their careers.

They became expats for the challenge, to progress their careers, to study and develop their skills. A fifth were sent overseas by their employer and four in five say their salary has increased since the move – usually by around a quarter.

Understandably, just 12% think they could improve their quality of life by leaving France compared with 25% of expats globally. But half say they have more disposable income than at home, often providing better homes, the chance to save for the future and/or providing a buffer against the unexpected.

These are serial expats, gaining benefits from a wide range of experiences around the world. Currently settled in the UK, the USA, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore and plenty of other locations, their horizons are broad and their aspirations great.