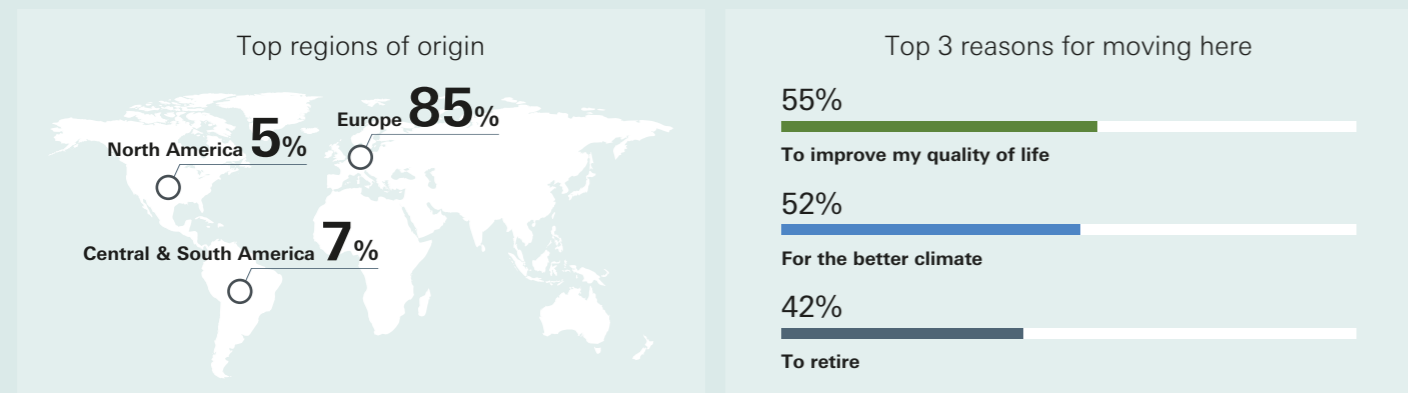
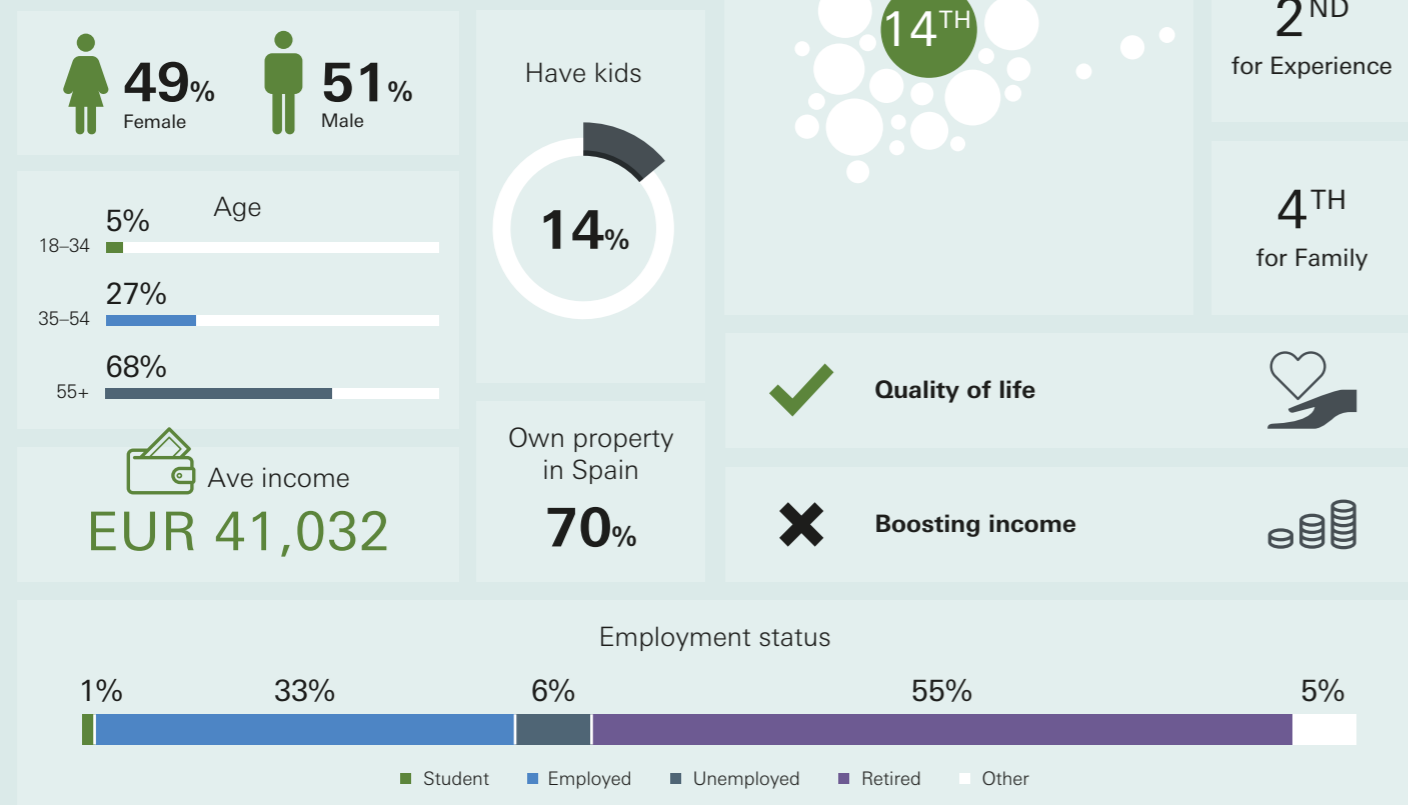


Expats in Spain

Based on 532 interviews



Expats from Spain

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The Spanish lifestyle is famous the world over, but there's more than just a sunny social life on offer here.

Ranked 2nd in the world for experience and 14th overall, the country appeals to those with the time to enjoy it. Most (55%) of the expats living here are retired and less than a fifth (17%) are in full-time employment.

More than half were so convinced they could improve their quality of life by living here that they packed up and moved thousands of miles – often living abroad for the first time in their lives. More than half were also attracted to the climate.

Spain delivers on its promises. Three quarters of the expats here have lived in the country for at least five years and most have stayed because their quality of life is so good.

Three quarters speak the local language or are learning, and just as many enjoy immersing themselves in the local culture. More than half now have a more active social life than they did at home.

By far the largest group of expats living here comes from the UK (69%). But with a notable presence among Argentinian, French, German, Italian, Dutch and American citizens, everyday life here appeals to a wide range of backgrounds.

But dismissing Spain as simply a destination for later life could mean missing out on the strong family lifestyle the country can offer.

There are plenty of reasons Spain ranks a strong 4th in the world for family, not least the way the move helps strengthen relationships.

Almost 60% of expats with children say the move has brought them closer together and around 50% say the same about their partner. Additionally, half of all expats here have found a long-term partner while living in Spain.

It seems the only drawback to life in Spain is a financial one. Currently ranking just 27th out of 31 territories for economics, those who do work here earn USD 58,000 less than the average expat. Only 13% feel Spain offers them better earning prospects than their home nation. In fact, the average salary has dropped by 2% since arriving.

It means far fewer expats in Spain can invest in property, pay off debts, save or invest for their

children's future than expats elsewhere.

These are all motivations for Spaniards moving overseas.

Spanish nationals abroad

More than half are professionally established, well-educated adults. In fact, 62% of the entire Spanish expat population have a postgraduate degree - almost twice the global expat average.

Wherever they end up, these individuals are consistently more impressed with the work culture, job security, work/life balance, and economic stability of their host country than back home.

More than 70% say their host country offers good career and earnings prospects and, despite being lower than the global average, their income is up 30% since the move.

It means 60% have more disposable income thanks to that income boost and half can put more money aside for the future.

The benefits and opportunities on offer overseas mean Spanish expats aren't tempted home easily. They often keep their wealth with them in their host country and remain abroad, with four in five having been expats for more than five years.