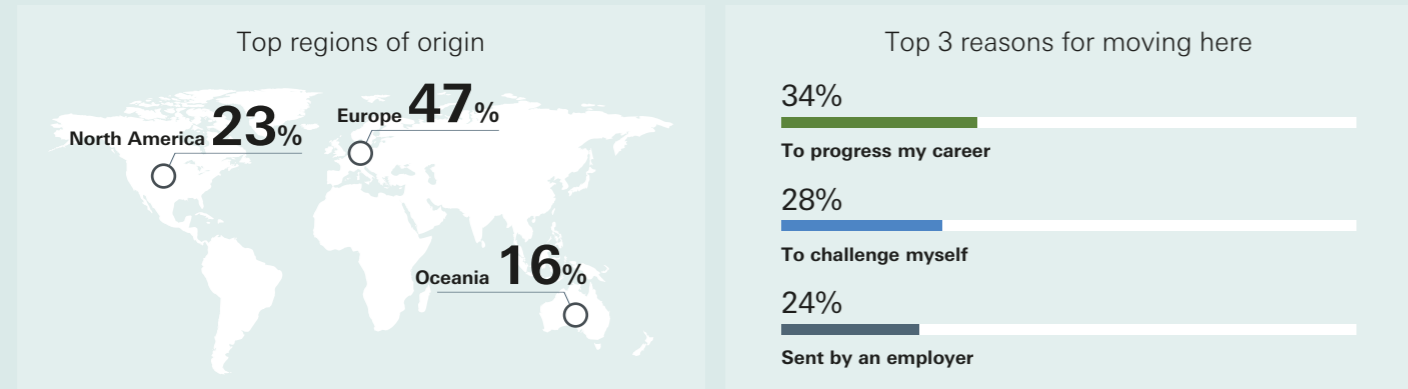
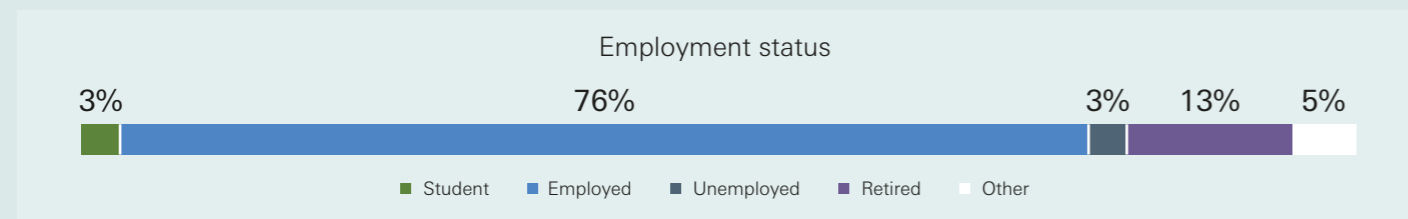
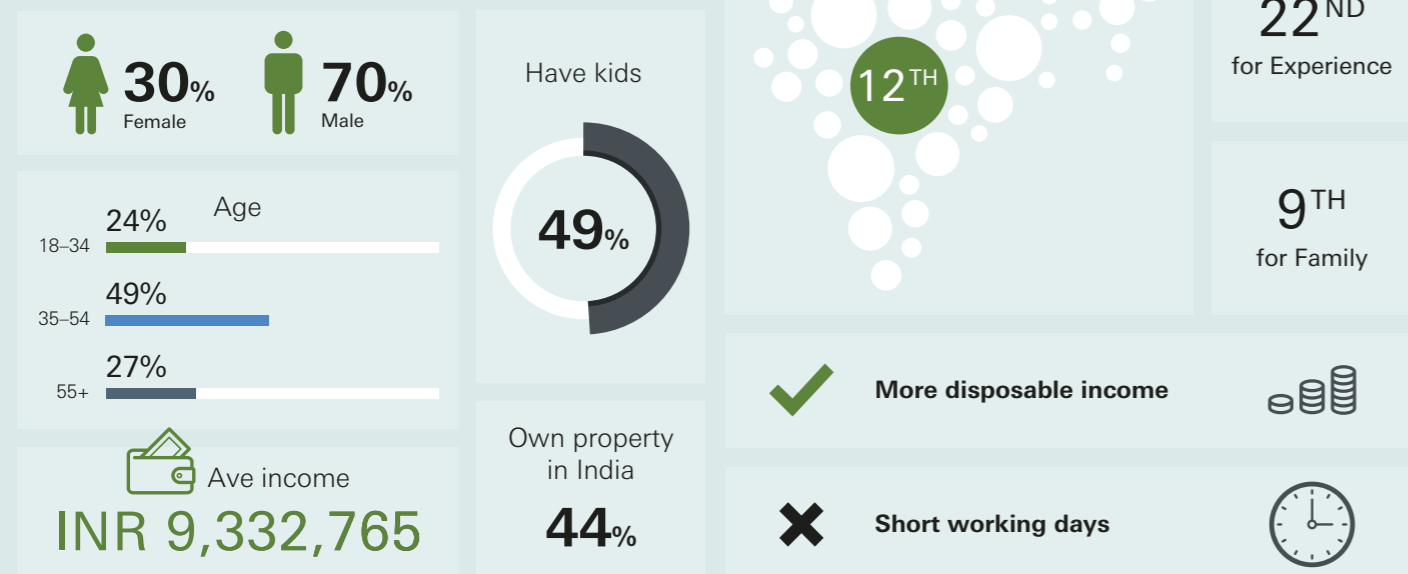


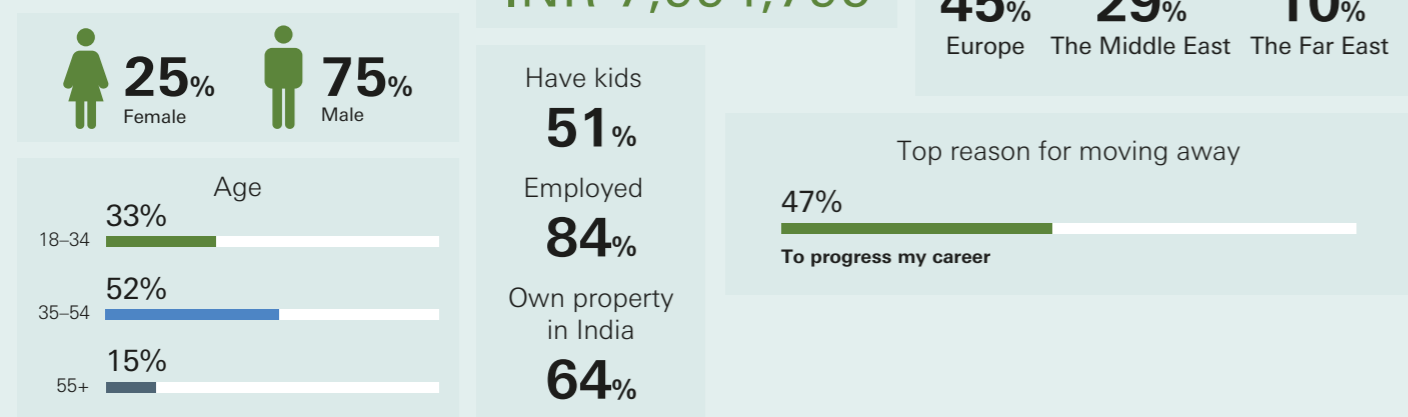
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Based on 232 interviews



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Many countries claim to welcome people from all walks of life and backgrounds, but expats in India really are a varied group.

They come from all over the world to live, work and study here with significant numbers from Australia, the UK, USA, Canada, France, Germany and the Netherlands. There is a broad outlook and they consider themselves global citizens or expats as much as a citizen of their native country.

Half have children, one of the highest proportions in the world. And with India currently ranked 9th in the world for families, two thirds say the move has brought them closer to them.

Family is clearly central to the expat experience in India, but there's a strong link between moving here and work too.

Highly educated, and often working in engineering or manufacturing industries, 34% moved to progress their career and 22% to develop their skillset. Some struggle with the new way of working though, and 41% say they work longer hours – almost twice the global average.

Their salaries are only slightly better than at home, rising by 2% compared with a 25% global average. But with a lower cost of living than they're used to most have more disposable income than they did at home.

More than half (54%) of expats here are confident that their life in India can help build their personal wealth. They have significant confidence and optimism in their financial futures, and their present is shaping up nicely too.

Two thirds enjoy immersing themselves in the local culture and their financial gain has allowed more expats in India than elsewhere to support causes, participate in local community events and donate to charity.

It could be part of the reason three quarters of expats say they felt at home here within a year. Half even said it took less than six months. But many don't put down roots. Only 40% have been here for more than five years and half (48%) prefer to own property in their home nation so they will have somewhere to live when they eventually touch back down.

## Indian nationals abroad

Indians overseas also seem pre-occupied with property at home. A quarter own three or more somewhere in the world. With almost half moving to improve their earnings, the average income has risen 31% and almost two thirds spend it on homes in India. Half plan to live there when they go home and 40% have friends or family currently staying there.

With more than half (55%) relying on friends and family for financial advice compared with 40% of expats in general, the expat life for an Indian abroad often involves a tightknit group of people.