

The Impact of COVID-19 on Expat Life



Impact on Current Expat Stays

- 18%** decided not to move back home in the near future
- 8%** changed plans to move to another foreign country
- 6%** will move to another foreign country
- 5%** will move back home sooner than originally planned
- 63%** were not affected in any of the above ways

Impact on Expatriation Plans of Locals

- 35%** changed plans to move abroad
- 18%** moved back home sooner than originally planned
- 9%** decided to move abroad
- 39%** were not affected in any of the above ways



Main Reason for Moving Back Home

- 26%** wanted to be closer to family/friends
- 19%** lost a job / business opportunity
- 13%** concerned about personal and/or family's health
- 11%** felt lonely and socially isolated
- 9%** worried about the healthcare system
- 7%** were sent back home by employer
- 3%** with a partner who lost a job / business opportunity
- 2%** were sent back home by partner's employer
- 10%** other

Main Reason for Changing Plans

- 35%** discouraged by travel restrictions
- 20%** uncomfortable moving abroad during such uncertain times
- 11%** couldn't find a job abroad
- 7%** had to abandon plans to open own business / work as a freelancer abroad
- 6%** concerned about personal and/or my family's health
- 5%** wanted to stay close to family/friends
- 4%** with an employer who stopped all relocation plans
- 4%** with an employer who put the relocation on hold
- 3%** worried about the healthcare system abroad
- 5%** other

