

The Future of Working Abroad



Average Age

41.3 years old



Gender Split*

50% female 49% male



Relationship Status

60% in a relationship 40% single



Employment Status

89% work full time 11% work part time



Top Industries

- 13% manufacturing & engineering
- 9% education (incl. language education)
- 9% IT



Reasons for Moving Abroad

- 52% job-related reason**
- 9% to live in my partner's home country / for love
- 9% looking for an adventure / a personal challenge



Gross Yearly Income

- 21% less than 25,000 USD
- 57% 25,000–100,000 USD
- 21% more than 100,000 USD



Level of Education

- 57% postgraduate / master's degree (or similar)
- 27% bachelor's degree (or similar)
- 10% PhD (or similar)
- 4% commercial / technical / vocational training
- 3% high school graduate (or similar)
- 1% no degree at all



Top 3 Things Most Liked about the Current Job

- 33% good work-life balance
- 28% flexible working hours
- 27% opportunity to work remotely / from home



Top 3 Things Most Important for a Dream Job***

- 63% good work-life balance
- 54% good compensation and/or benefits
- 29% creative/interesting tasks



Remote Work

- 79% are able to work remotely
- 21% cannot work remotely
- 20% want the opportunity to work remotely / from home in their dream job
- 62% of expats who can work remotely like it

* Respondents also had the option to self describe — so the total may not always add up to 100%.

** 17% found a job on their own, 17% were sent by their employer, 17% were recruited internationally, 1% to start their own business

*** Note: This includes working expats and expats looking for a job.

