Expat Explorer Survey

Expat Explorer Achieving ambitions abroad

26,871 expats from across the world completed the Expat Explorer survey between March and April 2016. The survey was conducted by YouGov, on behalf of HSBC Expat

1. The best places for expats to live and work

Singapore is the best place for expats

- 75% rate the quality of education as better than at home
- 73% feel confident about the local economy
- 66% have a better overall quality of life than they would in their home country

USD139,000 is the average gross personal income for expats in Singapore annually, compared to the global average of USD97,000

2. Global expat key findings

- 87% in Switzerland feel confident about the country’s political stability
- 83% in New Zealand say the environment is better than in their home country
- 75% of expat parents in Sweden agree their children’s quality of life has improved
- 75% in Switzerland say the earning prospects are better there than in their home country
- 49% of expat millennials are more fulfilled at work than they were in their home country

3. About the respondents

- 43% Female
- 57% Male
- 18-34: 31%
- 35-64: 44%
- 55+: 25%

Country of origin:
- UK: 23%
- USA: 9%
- India: 8%

Top occupations:
- Finance: 14%
- Education: 12%
- IT: 10%

To see how countries compare in this year’s Expat Explorer survey, visit the interactive tool: www.expatexplorer.hsbc.com/survey