

Survey Results for Briefing #3 ("The Greening of U.S. Retirement Destinations in Mexico: Emerging Issues and Trends in Coastal Communities")

Below are basic survey responses for Questions Q17, Q30, Q33, Q35 - Q36, Q39 - Q47, Q61, Q65 & Q83, based on the 842 participants of ICF's modified data set (prepared by Crossborder Group).

Q17 - If you were to purchase a home in Mexico, what key considerations do you consider important?							
		Neutral	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important		Total
Price	Frequency	45	6	164	489	138	842
	Percent	5.3	.7	19.5	58.1	16.4	100.0
Legal (including clarity of title)	Frequency	21	5	62	631	123	842
	Percent	2.5	.6	7.4	74.9	14.6	100
Locating in a planned unit development with infrastructure	Frequency	152	238	156	159	137	842
	Percent	18.1	28.3	18.5	18.9	16.3	100
Ease of day to day living	Frequency	63	10	257	397	115	842
	Percent	7.5	1.2	30.5	47.1	13.7	100
Proximity to key cultural amenities	Frequency	224	59	283	130	146	842
	Percent	26.6	7.0	33.6	15.4	17.3	100
Proximity to natural habitats	Frequency	201	40	268	198	135	842
	Percent	23.9	4.8	31.8	23.5	16.0	100
Proximity to other U.S./Canadian expatriates	Frequency	172	122	280	128	140	842
	Percent	20.4	14.5	33.3	15.2	16.6	100
Proximity to local Mexican community	Frequency	151	29	304	214	144	842
	Percent	17.9	3.4	36.1	25.4	17.1	100
Access to health care	Frequency	51	7	233	432	119	842
	Percent	6.1	.8	27.7	51.3	14.1	100
Safety	Frequency	40	4	188	472	138	842
	Percent	4.8	.5	22.3	56.1	16.4	100
Availability of water and other basic utilities	Frequency	22	3	129	574	114	842
	Percent	2.6	.4	15.3	68.2	13.5	100
Environmental considerations	Frequency	111	20	319	238	154	842
	Percent	13.2	2.4	37.9	28.3	18.3	100

Q30 - What key factors would lead you to leave Mexico?		
	Frequency	Percent
Escalating drug violence in my community	363	43.1
Noticeable increase in crime impacting American retirees or tourists	485	57.6
Declining quality of life due to increased urban growth	254	30.2
Declining environmental quality (increased sewage runoff, litter, water pollution)	375	44.5
Growing poverty	88	10.5
Increase in the cost of living	332	39.4

Q33 - What leisure activities have drawn you to Mexico's coast?		
	Frequency	Percent
Walking on the Beach	590	70.1
Relaxation	549	65.2
Fishing	250	29.7
Boating	179	21.3
Bird Watching	127	15.1
Golf	119	14.1
Skin Diving	94	11.2
Conservation	90	10.7
Scuba Diving	83	9.9
Yoga	73	8.7
Surfing	57	6.8
Windsurfing	17	2.0

Q35 - What aspects of your coastal lifestyle do you find attractive?		
	Frequency	Percent
Ocean views	683	81.1
Coastal leisure activities (fishing, boating, swimming, surfing, diving)	471	55.9
Biodiversity	282	33.5
Night life/Entertainment	138	16.4
Social activities	396	47.0

Q36 - What are the aspects of your coastal lifestyle that you find unattractive?		
	Frequency	Percent
Litter	464	55.1
Sewage runoff to beaches and/or oceans/sea	405	48.1
Unplanned urban growth	291	34.6
Traffic	253	30.0
Overdevelopment	221	26.2
Noise pollution	202	24.0
Visual pollution (including blockage of coastal view corridors)	193	22.9
Access to the beach has become more restricted	137	16.3
Rules and Regulations in my planned unit development are not enforced	105	12.5

Q39 - Have you considered the impact that you are having on the environment in your newly adopted Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	67	8.0
No	112	13.3
Yes	663	78.7
Total	842	100.0

Q40 - To what extent were issues of environmental sustainability important to you when you purchased/selected your home in Mexico?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	64	7.6
Neutral	186	22.1
Not Important	58	6.9
Somewhat Important	317	37.6
Very Important	217	25.8
Total	842	100.0

Q41 - When searching for a home, did you feel like you had options to choose from that were (or were marketed as) "green" or environmentally sustainable?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	72	8.6
Don't Know	163	19.4
No	475	56.4
Yes	132	15.7
Total	842	100.0

Q42 - Are your consumption patterns similar to those that you maintained in the United States?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	83	9.9
I consume less but I live better	420	49.9
I consume less in Mexico	296	35.2
I consume more in Mexico	43	5.1
Total	842	100.0

Q43 - Are you driving more or less in Mexico versus the United States or about the same? If so, by how much?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	68	8.1
I am driving about the same	155	18.4
I am driving less	533	63.3
I am driving more	39	4.6
I do not drive in Mexico	47	5.6
Total	842	100.0

Q44 - Do you consume more or less electricity in Mexico versus when you live in the United States or about the same?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	64	7.6
I consume about the same amount of electricity as I did back home	222	26.4
I consume less electricity than I did back home	447	53.1
I consume more electricity in Mexico than I did back home	83	9.9
I don't know how much electricity I use	26	3.1
Total	842	100.0

Q45 - Do you use more or less water in Mexico versus when you are in the United States or about the same?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	67	8.0
I don't know how much water I use	24	2.9
I use about the same amount of water	340	40.4
I use less water	349	41.4
I use more water than I did in the United States.	62	7.4
Total	842	100.0

Q46 - Do you recycle (bottles, cans, paper) in Mexico?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	67	8.0
I would if I could (no recycling services available)	387	46.0
No	127	15.1
Yes	261	31.0
Total	842	100.0

Q47 - Are you concerned about the impacts of climate change on your adopted Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
No Response	66	7.8
Concerned	214	25.4
Not Concerned	208	24.7
Somewhat Concerned	191	22.7
Very concerned	163	19.4
Total	842	100.0

Q61 - How do you customarily travel between Mexico and the US?		
	Frequency	Percent
Car	419	49.8
Airplane	431	51.2
Bus	7	.8
Boat/Yacht	2	.2
Other	3	.4

Q65 - What key social issues and challenges do you see in your Mexican community?		
	Frequency	Percent
Poverty	481	57.1
Stray dogs/cats	445	52.9
Economic challenges	414	49.2
Growing unemployment	380	45.1
Lack of educational opportunities for Mexico's children and youth	326	38.7
Substance abuse	321	38.1
Overfishing/Declining fish stocks	273	32.4
Environmental degradation	270	32.1
Growing official corruption	264	31.4
Teen pregnancy	195	23.2
Literacy	181	21.5
Lack of after school programs/childcare services	163	19.4
Diabetes	156	18.5
Lack of civic engagement	144	17.1
Juvenile delinquency	138	16.4
Squatter communities	113	13.4
Domestic violence	106	12.6
Loss of biodiversity	106	12.6
HIV/AIDS	75	8.9
Growing number of street children	51	6.1
There are no major social issues or challenges that I have observed	32	3.8
Tuberculosis	20	2.4

Q83 - How important are the following public policy issues to you as an American retiree living in Mexico?

		Neutral	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important	No Response	N/A	Total
Medicare reimbursability for health care services in Mexico	Frequency	47	27	138	497	122	11	842
	Percent	5.6	3.2	16.4	59.0	14.5	1.3	100.0
Tax deductibility of Mexican donations	Frequency	192	125	199	137	155	34	842
	Percent	22.8	14.8	23.6	16.3	18.4	4.0	100.0
Elder financial abuse	Frequency	184	81	180	138	186	73	842
	Percent	21.9	9.6	21.4	16.4	22.1	8.7	100.0
Elder abuse (including neglect and violence)	Frequency	170	77	193	154	182	66	842
	Percent	20.2	9.1	22.9	18.3	21.6	7.8	100.0
Consumer protection issues	Frequency	113	34	282	232	160	21	842
	Percent	13.4	4.0	33.5	27.6	19.0	2.5	100.0
Narco-violence	Frequency	75	33	239	315	158	22	842
	Percent	8.9	3.9	28.4	37.4	18.8	2.6	100.0
H1N1 Influenza	Frequency	205	122	210	119	163	23	842
	Percent	24.3	14.5	24.9	14.1	19.4	2.7	100.0
HIV/AIDS	Frequency	217	98	209	111	172	35	842
	Percent	25.8	11.6	24.8	13.2	20.4	4.2	100.0
Climate change	Frequency	156	81	233	186	162	24	842
	Percent	18.5	9.6	27.7	22.1	19.2	2.9	100.0