

Emigration (Part 2)

Why would people choose to leave Vietnam? The decision is always personal, and others disagree, but there are some common themes. Vietnam is growing quickly, but per capita income is lower than other countries in the region and many times lower than developed countries. Working in a country with a higher level of income can therefore be a fast way to accumulate savings. Vietnam also has the fastest growth in ultra-rich people in the world according to research by Wealth-X; the gap between rich and poor in Vietnam is therefore increasing, and many people seek to emigrate for better opportunities.

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Perhaps the most common reason is to provide a brighter future for children. Vietnam suffers at times from excessive bureaucracy, corruption, and authoritarianism; the education and health systems are also outdated, and the costs may not be worth the services received. Pollution is alarming in both urban and rural areas, food can be unsafe, and the sociocultural environment is seen by some to be worsening. Many people believe that their children have little future in such a country, so they seek to emigrate, even knowing the difficulties of doing so.

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What problems does Vietnam have that might make people want to leave?

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What reasons are there not to leave Vietnam?