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Living & Working in...



SICILY



Italy

Southern Italy

Welcome to Sicily!

Island region in Southern Italy known for its amazing landscapes, with rich blend of Greek, Roman, Arab and Norman influences.

Sicily has a population of 4.779.371 people and a total area of around 25,824 square kilometers.

Located in the Central Mediterranean Sea, just off the "toe" of Italy's boot, from which it is separated by the narrow Strait of Messina.

Surrounded by the Aeolian Islands, the Egadi Islands, Pantelleria, Ustica and the Pelagians and dominated by Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano.

Characterized by rugged mountainous terrain, fertile agricultural plains, and a stunning coastline.



Main cities

- **Palermo:** over 625,000 residents.

Administrative capital, cultural hub, and economic center. A lively urban center rich in heritage

- **Catania:** over 297,000 residents

Industrial, university and baroque city in Sicily's eastern coast, located near Mount Etna.

- **Messina:** over 216,000 residents

Gateway to mainland Italy, “the door of Sicily” with strong maritime activity, cruise tourism and touristic cities in its province.

- **Siracusa:** over 115,000 residents

Historic city with Greek and Baroque heritage.

Ragusa, Caltanissetta, Agrigento, Trapani and Enna Medium size centres, whose economy is mainly based on agricultural, livestock farming, fishing and tourism.



Strenghts & Lifestyle Perks

Sicily is an **open-air museum** with its Greek temples, Norman cathedrals, Baroque towns and ancient traditions that make daily life culturally rich.

Lower cost of living and slower pace compared to big northern Italy cities.

Sicilian cuisine is famous worldwide for dishes like arancini, cannoli, and fresh seafood.

Amazing landscapes ...beaches, volcanoes, wonderful archipelagos, and countryside ideal for outdoor living.

Sicily is sun-drenched most of the year, with a **climate ideal for outdoor lifestyles**.



Economy & Labour Market

- In 2024, Sicily's GDP growth was +1,3 %, higher than the national average, demonstrating the dynamism of the island's economy. Employment growth +1,5%

Key Sectors:

- **Agriculture/ Agribusiness:** Citrus fruits, olives, grapes, wheat, vegetables, legumes and increasingly exotic crops due to climate shifts.
- **Tourism:** A major driver, thanks to UNESCO sites, beaches, and gastronomy.
- **Public sector & services** like information, communication and manufacturing activities: Significant employment source.
- **Emerging sectors:** Renewable energy, Innovative Agrifood, Digitalization and Tech innovation, Cultural industries.

Skills in High Demand

- Skilled workers in metalworking and advanced manufacturing
- Specialized food industry manufacturing workers
- Craftsmen and workers specialized in construction
- Commercial and service sector technicians
- Personal care services sector workers
- Operators and employees in catering sector
- Technicians in mechanics, electronics, engineering and automation



Educational System

High Schools

- Academic
- Secondary, technical and professional education Institutes.
- Higher education institutes (ITS Academy) with specialist courses ranging from energy efficiency to various technologies up to the agri-food system.

Universities

- **University of Palermo** offers a wide range of degree courses covering all fields of knowledge Strong in Medicine, Nursing and Physiotherapy, Engineering and Sport Sciences.
- **University of Catania** offers a wide range of undergraduate and post graduate degrees and a great number of study courses. Strong in Engineer, IT and ICT technologies, Economics, Medicine Health professions.
- **University of Messina** known for Law, Economics, Medicine, Engineering, Political Sciences. It is active in Erasmus and international exchange.
- **Kore University of Enna** is a private university with a focus on innovation, Psychology, Education and Aerospace engineering.

All these institutions support higher education, committing to preparing students for a competitive job market and attract students from across Italy and abroad.



Public Employment Services

Public Employment Services (Servizi Centri per l'Impiego) are located in each provincial capital and provide services, all free of charge, also through the 49 local employment centers (Centri per l'Impiego) spread across the island.

Key Services provided for both Jobseekers and the Employers:

- Ordinary Placement which welcomes all workers.
 - Targeted placement for disabled workers and other protected groups.
 - Service for Employers dealing directly with employers
- Orientation and career guidance.
- Job matching and placement.
 - Initiatives relating to youth policies and implementation of interventions.
 - Skills assessment and training (upskilling, reskilling)
 - Support for professional mobility through the EURES network with cooperation for accessing EU mobility programs.
 - Promotion and support for self-employment and self-enterprise.
 - Traineeships and apprenticeships promotion and other services.



How to get in touch

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