



European Migration Network

Ad-Hoc Query on Trends in International Migration

Requested by UK EMN NCP on 27th November 2009

Responses from Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Germany, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovak Republic, Spain, UK ,
Sweden
(13 in Total)

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1. Background Information

UK international migration estimates cover the flows of long-term migrants between the UK and the rest of the world. These long-term migrants are defined as people who intend to change their place of usual residence for a period of at least one year.

In the United Kingdom, data from the International Passenger Survey (IPS) are the prime source for these estimates, but they are supplemented with data on asylum seekers, people migrating to and from the Republic of Ireland, and people whose length of stay has changed from their original intentions.

The Home Office's Migration Statistics unit [HO MS] is responsible for national statistics relating to migration and asylum, using administrative data collected by the UK Border Agency, as well as data published by ONS, other government departments and internationally. HO MS is currently seeking to identify trends in international migration across other EU Member States, in particular those trends that have developed in relation to the recent global economic downturn.

For this reason, we would like to request responses to the following questions with regard to other EU Member States:

- 1. Please provide information on current levels of migration. In particular, please provide estimates for net migration, and total inflows and outflows for 2008 (as well as figures for 2007 and/or earlier years for comparison). Where possible comment on trends for your own nationals.**




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- 2. Please indicate whether the available evidence suggests whether the global economic downturn (and recovery from the downturn) has affected net migration levels, and if it is likely to affect future levels of migration.**

Please include in your answer details of the source(s) used in providing these estimates.

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2. Responses¹

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	Belgium	Yes	<p>1. Current trends in migration</p> <p>2007 data are the last available for Belgium. They can be summarised as follow (for a more complete analysis, see the last Statistical report of the EMN):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration to Belgium reached a record high in 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 146,409 people (including Belgian citizens) immigrated to Belgium in 2007 (137,699 in 2006). ii. Non-Belgian immigrants rose from 101.872 in 2006 to 109.926 in 2008. iii. The increase between 2006 and 2007 was important for all categories (Belgian citizens, EU15, EU10, EU2, non-EU27), but it was particularly striking for Romania and Bulgaria due to the enlargement (+111%, from 8,762 to 11,965). • Emigration from Belgium also reached a record high in 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 91,052 people (including Belgian citizens) emigrated from Belgium (88,163 in 2006) ii. Non-Belgian citizens emigrants were stable (45,437 in 2007 compared with 45,573 in 2006), but still very high (the second highest figure since 1950). <p>Net migration to Belgium was +55,357 in 2007, compared with +49,536 in 2006. It also reached a record high.</p>						
	Bulgaria								
	Czech Republic	Yes	<p>1) Whereas the number of foreign nationals residing in the Czech Republic was growing steadily over the last years, the 2009 statistics showed a decrease, albeit little (1,1%), for the first time since 2000.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>to date:</th> <th>number of foreign nationals with legal residence:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>December 31, 2006</td> <td>321 456</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 31, 2007</td> <td>392 087</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	to date:	number of foreign nationals with legal residence:	December 31, 2006	321 456	December 31, 2007	392 087
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	Denmark						
	Germany	Yes	<p>Current trends in migration in Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 2008, about 682,100 inflows (of nationals and non-nationals) in Germany were registered (preliminary data for 2008), compared to 680,766 in 2007 (2006: 661,855 inflows). Of all inflows in 2008, about 573,800 concerned non-nationals and 108,300 nationals. (2007: 574,752 inflows of non-nationals and 106,014 inflows of Germans). - In 2008, about 737,900 outflows were counted, an increase in comparison to 2007, where 636,854 outflows were registered (2006: 639,064 outflows). The rise in 2008 was partly caused by revisions of the local registers (due to the introduction of a new tax identification number). Therefore, the number of outflows in 2008 is not comparable to previous years. Of all outflows in 2008, about 563,100 concerned non-nationals and 174,800 nationals (2007: 475,749 outflows of non-nationals and 161,105 outflows of Germans). - Net migration to Germany was -55,700 in 2008 (net migration of non-nationals: +10,700; net migration of nationals: -66,400), compared to +43,912 in 2007. 				
	Estonia		<p>According to Statistics Estonia data, Estonia's net migration with respect to other countries has been constantly negative in 2000-2008. In time period 2000-2007 a total 10 326 persons, or 1 291 persons per year, came to Estonia in that period, 0.1 % of the population per year. A total of 26 518 persons per year, emigrated from Estonia. While immigration has grown steadily over the years, emigration has been rather irregular, for example in 2004 was rapid increase in immigration after Estonia's accession to the EU. Even though the total number of emigrants from Estonia is higher than respective number of immigrants (in 2008 the net migration -797, in 2007 -643), there are some countries with a positive net migration in recent years. For example, emigration was still dominant in relation to Russia in 2001 (net migration -661) but the net migration became positive in 2005 (net migration +9) and immigration was clearly dominating by 2007 (net migration +430), the similar situation was with Ukraine and Latvia. The net migration in relation to old MS of the EU, on the other hand, has remained negative. Estonia's total population has decreased during the last years considered by around 1.2% as a result of registered external migration.</p> <p>According to Statistics Estonia 2% of Estonian population moved to live in other countries during the last years. It means that emigration decreases the Estonian population by 0,2% per year. The main country of destination for Estonians was Finland, about 20 000 emigrants during the last eight years, Finland is followed by Russia (3 601 persons) and Germany (1 217 persons).</p> <p>The most important country of origin for immigrants was Finland (31% of immigrants), the second important country of origin was Russia (24% of the immigrants). A considerable number of people also arrived from Ukraine, Germany, Sweden, Latvia and the United Kingdom.</p>				

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	France	Yes	<p>1. In France, there are no available data for emigration. On the other hand, data for net inflows and outflows are given by the INSEE (National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies) which is the national entity responsible for statistics. The only available information we have is the net migration to France, which was + 76 000 in 2008, compared with + 71 000 in 2007 and + 90 000 in 2006 (according to the INSEE). Estimates for 2009 will be known in the early weeks of January.</p> <p>2. The impact of the economic downturn on net migration levels is limited. Durable inflows have slightly suffered from the crisis, and in 2009 inflows should be slightly inferior to the ones of 2008 (probably -1 % to -2 %). However, short-term inflows (less than 3 months) have been sensibly impacted (provisional statistics assess that short-term inflows have decreased of more than 10 %, which had not occurred since a long time).</p>																																																																																									
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	Latvia	Yes	In 2008 migration the population of Latvia decreased by 2542 persons compared to reduction of 642 persons in 2007. As one can see, registered migration does not show a real picture of net migration due to the fact that Latvian nationals do not register their emigration from Latvia. In 2008 3465 persons arrived in Latvia from 73 countries, while 6007 persons left Latvia for a permanent stay in 90 other countries. Emigration to Ireland during 2008 increased 6.5 times if compared to 2007, to UK – 1.7 times, to Germany – 1.4 times, to																																																																																									

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			Ukraine – 1.2 times. Main aim of majority of Latvian population departing abroad temporary is to find there a better paid job.																																																	
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				Year	Number of immigrants (total)	Foreign citizens	Lithuanian citizens	Lithuanian citizens (%)
				2005	6789	2084	4705	69 %
				2006	7745	2237	5058	71 %
				2007	8609	2468	6141	71%
				2008	9297	2960	6337	68%
				2009 (until 1 December)	6804			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Steadily increasing from 2005 - Clear drop (approx. 30%) in 2009 (due to economic downturn) <p>The biggest share (68% in 2008) of immigrants are Lithuanian citizens returning home</p>				
	Luxembourg							
	Hungary	Yes	According to the data provided by the Central Statistical Office, in 2006, the total inflow was 23 569, whilst the total outflow was 3956, therefore the net migration was 19 613. In 2007, the total inflow was +22 607, whilst the total outflow was 4133, therefore the net migration was +18 474. Due to the legislative changes in 2007, for the time being we have no data on the inflow, outflow and net migration for 2008 and for 2009.					
	Malta							
	Netherlands							
	Austria	No	The NCP answered the question but requested no further dissemination of the answer.					
	Poland							
	Portugal							
	Romania							
	Slovenia							
	Slovak Republic	Yes	<p>Migration statistics in the Slovak Republic is based on the administrative records.</p> <p>Migration of the Slovak nationals (source of the data "Statistical reports on migration" which is the description of the report for the Population Register).</p>					


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Selected indicators	Year	
	2007	2008
Immigration	1 417	1 350
Emigration	1 574	1 547
Net migration	-157	-197

Migration of foreigners (source of data "Foreigners register")		
Selected indicators	Year	
	2007	2008
Immigration	14 848	16 470
Emigration	1 996	3 310
Net migration	12 852	13 160

	Finland		
	Sweden	Yes	<p>1. Current trends in migration</p> <p>For Sweden, the latest statistics are summarised. Emi-/immigration are based on official statistics from Statistics Sweden, permits (work and study) are statistics from the Swedish Migration Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emigration from the Sweden was little changed for the year 2008 and 2007: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 45,300 people emigrated from the Sweden in 2008, and 45,400 in 2007. ii. Non-Swedish citizens emigrating rose from 19,242 in 2007 to 26,052 in 2008.. • 101,100 people immigrated to Sweden in 2008, the second highest figure on record. Of all immigrants in 2008, a total of 101.100 (82 per cent) were non-Swedish citizens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Non EU immigration was little changed – 50,959 in 2008, compared with 50,107 in 2007 – but still relatively high numbers ii. 14,100 was granted first permit for study in 2008 compared with 11,700 in 2007 iii. 22,900 was granted first permit for work in 2008 compared with 18,700 in 2007







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			Net migration to Sweden was +55,900 in 2008, compared with +54,000 in 2007
	United Kingdom		<p>1. Current trends in migration</p> <p>For the United Kingdom, the latest statistics are summarised below²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emigration from the UK reached a record high in 2008: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An estimated 427,000 people emigrated from the UK in 2008, up from 341,000 in 2007. ii. Non-British citizens emigrating rose from 169,000 in 2007 to 255,000 in 2008. iii. For A8 citizens, long-term emigration more than doubled, from 25,000 in 2007 to 69,000 in 2008. • An estimated 590,000 people immigrated to the UK in 2008, the second highest figure on record. Of all immigrants in 2008, a total of 505,000 (86 per cent) were non-British citizens. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Non EU immigration was little changed – 307,000 in 2008, compared with 305,000 in 2007 ii. 175,000 immigrated for formal study in 2008 compared with 148,000 in 2007 iii. immigration for work related reasons fell from 242,000 in 2007 to 220,000 in 2008 • Net migration to the UK was +163,000 in 2008, compared with +233,000 in 2007

		Wider Dissemination?	2. Please indicate whether the available evidence suggests whether the global economic downturn (and recovery from the downturn) has affected net migration levels, and if it is likely to affect future levels of migration.
	Belgium	Yes	Preliminary data suggests that the economic downturn indeed has affected migration levels, in the sense that we see a large decrease of issued visa for labour migration in 2009 (-30%). However, there is not all an indication that other categories of migration (family reunification, students, etc) has decreased.
	Bulgaria		
	Czech Republic	No	The NCP answered the question but requested no further dissemination of the answer.












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	Germany	Yes	Compared with the previous year, first data for 2009 indicate a slight decrease in labor migration from third countries. On the other hand there is an increase in family reunification. Because of the marginal decrease in migration despite the economic crisis it is expected that there will be no drastic changes in the near future.																																												
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	Spain	Yes	<p>2. Impact of the global economic downturn / recovery</p> <p>Although the specific effect of the global economic downturn on migration flows is difficult to measure, the National Statistics Institute has developed the Short-term Projection of Population, including projection for foreign migration flows in Spain for the period 2009-2018:</p> <p>“Foreign migration constitutes the most volatile and uncertain component of future demographic development. In recent years, it has been the key factor in the population increase in Spain, representing between 75.6% and 92.8% of the annual growth between 2002 and 2008. Nonetheless, and according to the projection compiled by the National Statistics Institute, the immigration flow will decrease in the coming years, from the historical annual maximum of 958 thousand immigrants registered in 2007 to 345 thousand in 2012. The net migration projected for the 2009-2018 period will stand below 80 thousand net migrants in all years.</p> <p>Projected hypothesis of foreign migration in Spain</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Immigrants</th> <th>Emigrants</th> <th>Migratory Balance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2009</td> <td>504,803</td> <td>428,936</td> <td>75,867</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2010</td> <td>406,874</td> <td>387,235</td> <td>19,639</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2011</td> <td>370,443</td> <td>354,217</td> <td>16,226</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2012</td> <td>344,856</td> <td>333,226</td> <td>11,630</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>350,553</td> <td>321,504</td> <td>29,050</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2014</td> <td>357,648</td> <td>316,812</td> <td>40,836</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2015</td> <td>366,140</td> <td>316,306</td> <td>49,834</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2016</td> <td>376,029</td> <td>317,733</td> <td>58,297</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2017</td> <td>387,316</td> <td>320,096</td> <td>67,220</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2018</td> <td>400,000</td> <td>322,954</td> <td>77,046</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: Short-Term Projection of Population</p>	Year	Immigrants	Emigrants	Migratory Balance	2009	504,803	428,936	75,867	2010	406,874	387,235	19,639	2011	370,443	354,217	16,226	2012	344,856	333,226	11,630	2013	350,553	321,504	29,050	2014	357,648	316,812	40,836	2015	366,140	316,306	49,834	2016	376,029	317,733	58,297	2017	387,316	320,096	67,220	2018	400,000	322,954	77,046
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	France		No reply to this question.
	Italy		
	Cyprus		
	Latvia	Yes	The global economic downturn has influenced levels of migration as number of immigrants from third-countries and EU area is decreasing and number of persons who emigrate from Latvia – increasing.
	Lithuania	Yes	Due to the economic downturn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emigration from Lithuania is increasing (an increase of approx. 30% if compared to 2008). Precipitate emigration/unsafe migration tendencies are showing up (according to IOM Vilnius). - Emigration to Lithuania is decreasing (approx. 30% if compared to 2008). - The number of work permits to foreigners has dropped drastically (1893 in 2009 June-September, 7819 in 2008, 5686 in 2007)
	Luxembourg		
	Hungary	Yes	Due to the above-mentioned fact, for the time being the effect of the economic downturn can only be measured on the basis of database which includes the number of work permits. According to the number of permits issued by the Employment Centres, the total number of foreign workers in Hungary was 55 230 in 2007 while it was 42 457 in 2008 which shows a significant decrease of 27%. In the first half of 2009, 16 247 work permit were issued which shows a 32,5% decrease in comparison to the number of work permits issued during the first half of 2008. Concerning the total number of work permits, registrations, green card certificates issued and notifications made in the first half of 2009, 51,2 % of the foreign employees (8 319 persons) were Romanian which shows a slight, 5,4% decrease in comparison to the first half of 2008. The presence of Romanians in the labour market of Hungary is significant and the economic crisis did not affect their number. In the first half of 2009, 13,9% of the foreign employees (2 251 persons) were Ukrainian which shows a significant decrease of 45,9% in comparison to the first half of 2008. In the first half of 2009, 5,1 % of the foreign employees (830 persons) were Slovakian which shows a particularly significant decrease of 80%. The total number of work permits, registrations, green card certificates issued and notifications made in the first half of 2009 decreased with 50% in the construction sector (2 689) and processing industry (2 062), whilst it doubled in the agriculture sector.
	Malta		
	Netherlands		
	Austria	No	The NCP answered the question but requested no further dissemination of the answer.
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	Portugal		
	Romania		
	Slovenia		
	Slovak Republic	Yes	Slovak Republic is generally considered by majority of the migrants as a country of transit. Based on the statistics on the migration of the Slovak citizens of 2008 it is evident that the migration of the Slovak citizens has a stagnant trend regarding the number of emigrated Slovak citizens. The rising trend in the immigrated foreign migrants is evident. Despite of the rising trend also in the emigrated foreign migrants the net migration of the foreign migrants is slightly rising.
	Finland		
	Sweden	Yes	The impact on current recession is assed to lower the migration from EU member states. The Migration of third country nationals for work purpose will not increase. As a whole the migration for third country national is not assessed to decrease mostly due to the relatively high influx of family reunification and asylum migration.
	United Kingdom	Yes	<p>2. Impact of the global economic downturn / recovery</p> <p>The impact of the current recession in the United Kingdom is unclear. Work conducted by University College London (UCL)³ on the impact of previous recession on levels of net migration in the UK concludes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a short-term period of falling immigration can be expected before immigration levels rise again to pre-recession levels, and (ii) after an initial short burst of higher emigration, there is likely to be a period of lower emigration of both British and non-British nationals. <p>In contrast, a report by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR)⁴ predicts the recession will have a longer-term effect. It estimates that by 2015, the recession could result in net migration to UK being 50,000 lower than in the no recession case.</p>

³ See <http://www.policy-network.net/uploadedFiles/Publications/Publications/On%20the%20move%20-%20Labour%20migration%20in%20times%20of%20recession.pdf>

⁴ See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/projectionsmigration>