



MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2023

Data on international and internal migration of the population of the Republic of Croatia are presented for the period from 2014 to 2023 and data at the county level for the period from 2019 to 2023.

International migration

In 2023, a total of 69 396 persons immigrated to the Republic of Croatia and 39 218 persons emigrated from it. The Republic of Croatia had a positive net migration with foreign countries, which amounted to 30 178.

In 2023, a total of 15.6% of Croatian citizens and 84.4% of aliens immigrated into the Republic of Croatia, while 64.8% of Croatian citizens and 35.2% of aliens emigrated abroad.

In the total number of immigrants and emigrants, there is a significant share of aliens within the issued stay and work permits. The total number of immigrants from abroad includes displaced persons from Ukraine who were granted temporary protection in the Republic of Croatia.

Out of the total number of immigrants, 18.8% persons arrived from Ukraine and 12.2% of persons arrived from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Out of the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia, the majority of them, 28.3%, emigrated to Germany.

With regard to sex structure, there were more men (68.5%) in the total number of immigrants. Out of the total number of emigrants, there were also more men (63.1%). The largest number of persons who emigrated abroad were aged 20 to 39 years (44.8%).

In 2023, the greatest share in the total number of persons who immigrated to the Republic of Croatia was recorded in the City of Zagreb (20.5%), the County of Split-Dalmatia (12.3%) and the County of Istria (10.4%). The largest share in the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia to foreign countries was recorded in the City of Zagreb (21.3%), followed by the County of Split-Dalmatia (9.1%) and the County of Zagreb (8.0%).

Internal migration

In 2023, there were 73 186 persons who changed their place of residence within the Republic of Croatia.

The largest number of persons who migrated within the Republic of Croatia were aged 20 to 39 years (44.6%), while the share of women in the total number of persons who migrated was 53.9%.

Within the total number of persons who migrated on the territory of the Republic of Croatia in 2023, the largest number of persons (41.0%) migrated between counties, 37.7% of persons migrated between towns/municipalities of the same county and 21.3% of persons migrated between settlements of the same town/municipality.

The majority of migrations between towns/municipalities within the same county in 2023 were recorded in the County of Split-Dalmatia and the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar. The majority of migrations between counties were recorded in the City of Zagreb and the County of Zagreb.

Out of the total of twenty counties and the City of Zagreb, seven counties had a positive net migration between counties (the number of immigrants was larger than the number of emigrants) and the highest one was recorded in the County of Zagreb (2 081 persons). Thirteen counties and the City of Zagreb had a negative net migration between counties, the largest ones being recorded in the County of Vukovar-Srijem (-493 persons), the County of Osijek-Baranja (-484) and the County of Slavonki Brod-Posavina (-352 persons).

The total migration of population in 2023

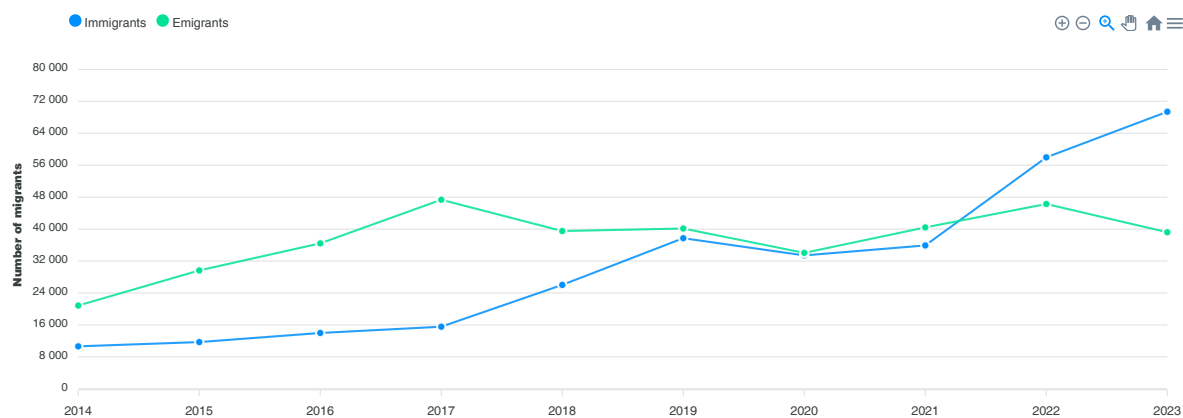
The largest positive total net migration of population in 2023 (the difference between the total number of immigrants from another county and abroad, and the total number of emigrants to another county and abroad) was recorded in the City of Zagreb (5 528 persons), the County of Istria (5 327 persons) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (4 739 persons). The largest negative total net migration of population was recorded in the County of Vukovar-Srijem (-706 persons), the County of Požeška-Slavonia (-612 persons) and the County of Osijek-Baranja (-531 persons).

I INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

1 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration
2014	10 638	20 858	-10 220
2015	11 706	29 651	-17 945
2016	13 985	36 436	-22 451
2017	15 553	47 352	-31 799
2018	26 029	39 515	-13 486
2019	37 726	40 148	-2 422
2020	33 414	34 046	-632
2021	35 912	40 424	-4 512
2022	57 972	46 287	11 685
2023	69 396	39 218	30 178

G-1 NET MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 2014 – 2023



2 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Country of citizenship	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Total	37 726	40 148	33 414	34 046	35 912	40 424	57 972	46 287	69 396	39 218
Croatia	9 882	32 453	8 460	20 886	10 622	25 950	10 340	32 739	10 852	25 427
Europe	24 194	7 224	22 220	11 988	20 223	12 704	34 367	11 255	38 054	10 526
European Union ¹⁾	2 314	971	3 814	923	4 753	987	5 167	960	4 649	457
Austria	132	63	224	66	317	64	306	32	282	12
Bulgaria	65	30	54	23	90	21	211	17	240	29
Czech Republic	42	19	137	28	159	16	140	24	130	4
France	100	58	116	34	303	46	287	33	198	18
Italy	307	131	376	140	449	156	590	167	467	73
Hungary	118	40	132	47	162	49	200	41	219	14
Netherlands	45	16	75	17	95	29	119	10	138	16
Germany	487	192	823	200	1 134	173	1 407	182	1 190	69
Poland	79	27	97	37	291	31	290	48	212	23
Romania	70	40	61	20	96	30	168	21	114	30
Slovakia	49	28	81	22	160	21	139	32	142	13
Slovenia	573	247	1 331	187	859	241	727	222	815	103
Sweden	52	36	67	33	107	24	105	24	114	7
Other European countries ¹⁾	21 880	6 253	18 406	11 065	15 470	11 717	29 200	10 295	33 405	10 069
Albania	1 304	292	1 091	680	1 024	764	1 131	787	1 219	687
Bosnia and Herzegovina	9 680	3 241	7 634	4 530	6 371	4 661	6 949	4 213	7 010	3 710
Montenegro	156	46	217	71	229	125	219	152	234	147
Kosovo	3 635	597	2 443	1 656	1 835	1 725	2 258	1 346	2 336	1 201
Russian Federation	146	47	177	73	156	84	558	57	727	165
North Macedonia ²⁾	1 462	391	1 106	805	1 027	743	1 578	589	2 118	738
Serbia	3 995	1 156	4 191	2 446	3 131	2 891	3 948	2 261	4 897	2 289
United Kingdom ¹⁾	196	47	277	32	187	39	134	33	122	41
Ukraine	1 071	364	951	640	735	538	11 121	534	13 101	316
Asia	3 084	231	2 159	871	4 358	1 454	11 874	1 980	17 923	2 813
Africa	139	24	135	58	177	65	675	59	1 673	110
North and Central America	235	119	277	150	293	175	343	143	371	164
South America	145	47	136	58	200	56	304	87	431	145
Oceania	37	22	22	24	38	15	65	19	86	32
Unknown	10	28	5	11	1	5	4	5	6	1

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3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY AGE AND SEX, 2023

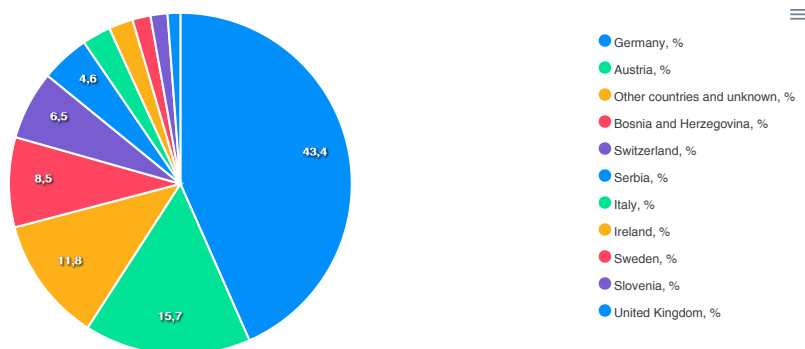
Age	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	69 396	47 552	21 844	39 218	24 746	14 472
0 – 4	1 612	830	782	1 036	507	529
5 – 9	1 693	845	848	1 390	697	693
10 – 14	1 580	826	754	1 100	541	559
15 – 19	2 665	1 766	899	1 659	938	721
20 – 24	8 302	6 059	2 243	3 896	2 589	1 307
25 – 29	10 424	7 602	2 822	5 110	3 389	1 721
30 – 34	9 964	7 318	2 646	4 494	3 099	1 395
35 – 39	9 286	6 894	2 392	4 066	2 822	1 244
40 – 44	6 985	5 177	1 808	3 820	2 570	1 250
45 – 49	4 915	3 368	1 547	3 611	2 365	1 246
50 – 54	3 885	2 463	1 422	2 888	1 810	1 078
55 – 59	2 855	1 695	1 160	2 237	1 396	841
60 – 64	2 253	1 215	1 038	1 517	867	650
65 – 69	1 438	769	669	1 021	514	507
70 – 74	846	424	422	792	375	417
75 and over	693	301	392	581	267	314

4 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/DESTINATION AND CITIZENSHIP, 2023

Country of origin/destination	Immigrants				Emigrants			
	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown
Total	69 396	10 852	58 538	6	39 218	25 427	13 790	1
Europe	47 247	9 940	37 305	2	34 155	24 002	10 153	-
European Union	11 493	7 085	4 406	2	18 722	18 370	352	-
Austria	1 060	763	296	1	4 014	3 998	16	-
Belgium	80	39	41	-	175	172	3	-
Bulgaria	191	7	184	-	33	12	21	-
Czech Republic	171	41	130	-	67	65	2	-
Denmark	89	60	29	-	137	135	2	-
France	240	65	175	-	176	164	12	-
Ireland	411	374	37	-	577	575	2	-
Italy	649	224	425	-	740	691	49	-
Luxembourg	23	14	9	-	46	46	-	-
Hungary	183	14	169	-	43	39	4	-
Netherlands	218	99	119	-	380	374	6	-
Germany	6 230	5 014	1 215	1	11 083	11 031	52	-
Poland	205	10	195	-	49	32	17	-
Romania	100	2	98	-	30	8	22	-
Slovakia	146	9	137	-	35	21	14	-
Slovenia	937	136	801	-	490	396	94	-
Spain	127	23	104	-	126	109	17	-
Sweden	268	159	109	-	435	432	3	-
Other European countries	35 754	2 855	32 899	-	15 433	5 632	9 801	-
Albania	1 209	3	1 206	-	687	1	686	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8 478	1 578	6 900	-	5 762	2 173	3 589	-
Montenegro	252	27	225	-	170	27	143	-
Kosovo	2 287	17	2 270	-	1 194	35	1 159	-
Norway	107	65	42	-	165	163	2	-
Russian Federation	472	39	433	-	149	12	137	-
North Macedonia ¹⁾	2 144	35	2 109	-	763	43	720	-
Serbia	5 419	481	4 938	-	3 433	1 159	2 274	-
Switzerland	519	421	98	-	1 672	1 659	13	-
United Kingdom ²⁾	285	164	121	-	345	315	30	-
Ukraine	13 078	3	13 075	-	299	1	298	-
Asia	17 857	123	17 732	2	2 828	139	2 689	-
Africa	1 662	24	1 638	-	117	19	98	-
North and Central America	761	468	293	-	626	501	125	-
Canada	253	208	45	-	199	174	25	-
USA	452	255	197	-	402	318	84	-
South America	452	67	385	-	132	9	123	-
Oceania	243	168	75	-	241	208	33	-
Australia	218	159	59	-	218	189	29	-
Unknown	1 174	62	1 110	2	1 119	549	569	1

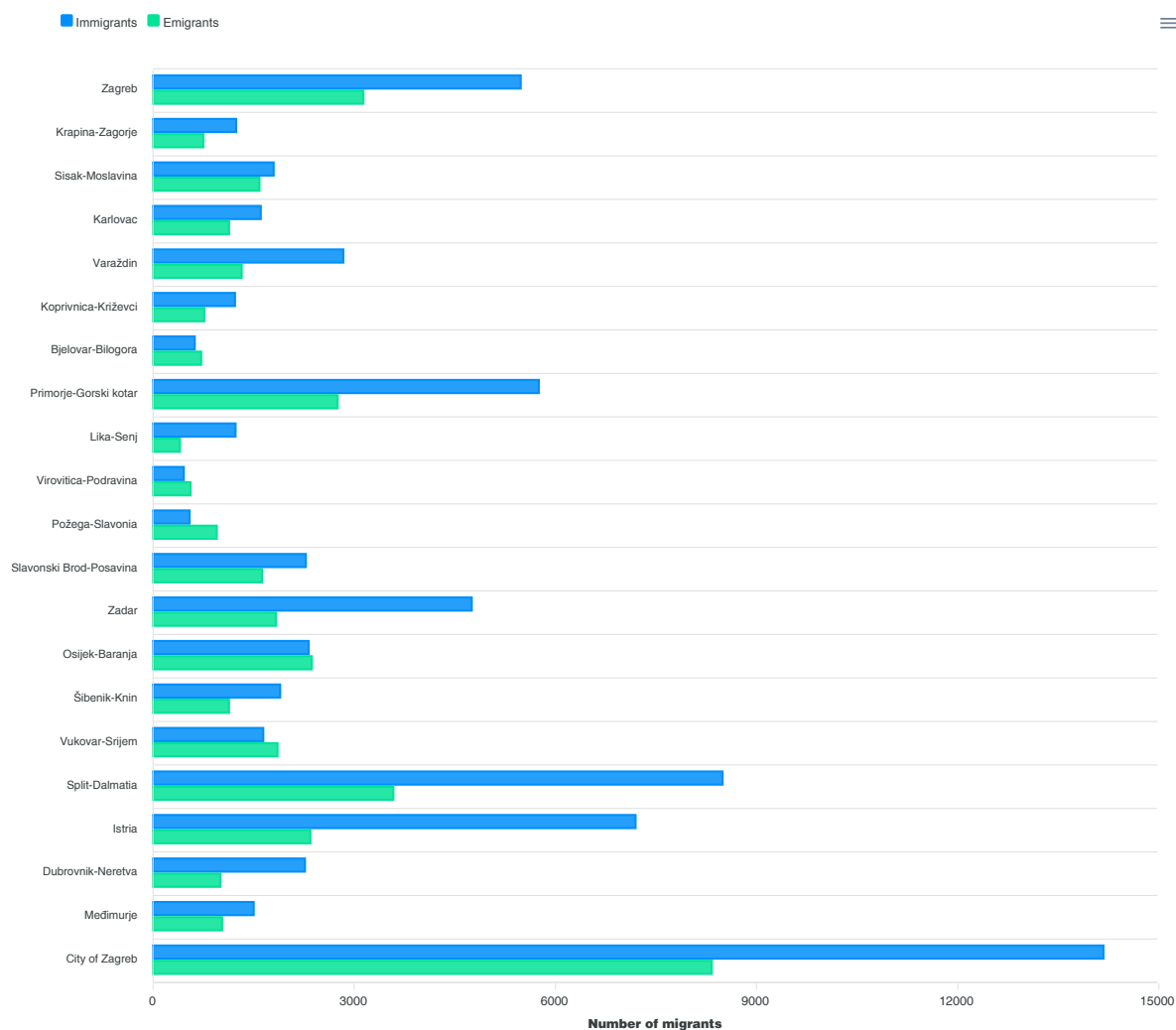
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G-2 CROATIAN CITIZENS EMIGRATED ABROAD, BY COUNTRY OF NEXT RESIDENCE, 2023

5 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY COUNTIES

County of	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Republic of Croatia	37 726	40 148	33 414	34 046	35 912	40 424	57 972	46 287	69 396	39 218
Zagreb	2 934	2 941	2 529	2 505	2 967	3 125	4 680	3 436	5 490	3 140
Krapina-Zagorje	855	633	1 046	713	1 058	1 069	1 024	1 235	1 240	750
Sisak-Moslavina	1 068	1 904	962	1 207	1 113	1 664	1 323	1 925	1 800	1 588
Karlovac	933	1 310	1 177	988	972	1 285	1 440	1 394	1 608	1 134
Varaždin	1 408	1 384	1 206	1 182	1 356	1 501	2 223	1 656	2 841	1 323
Koprivnica-Križevci	368	748	438	502	820	641	987	946	1 223	764
Bjelovar-Bilogora	294	920	335	634	321	757	466	852	622	718
Primorje-Gorski kotar	2 932	2 748	2 632	2 625	2 600	3 152	4 617	3 238	5 761	2 756
Lika-Senj	462	424	349	359	364	431	976	517	1 231	400
Virovitica-Podravina	268	998	258	562	278	651	454	758	458	559
Požega-Slavonia	373	1 078	375	712	451	814	547	1 070	544	951
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 184	2 073	927	1 436	1 039	1 860	1 549	2 157	2 281	1 625
Zadar	2 145	1 917	1 818	1 629	1 922	1 935	3 443	2 114	4 759	1 833
Osijek-Baranja	1 225	3 069	1 328	2 032	1 267	2 242	2 108	2 715	2 323	2 370
Šibenik-Knin	1 185	1 125	908	1 019	972	1 093	1 520	1 271	1 897	1 133
Vukovar-Srijem	1 164	2 510	940	1 953	1 074	1 940	1 492	2 373	1 645	1 858
Split-Dalmatia	4 414	2 714	3 209	3 265	3 582	3 421	6 822	3 974	8 505	3 588
Istria	3 977	2 582	3 813	2 600	3 046	2 694	5 463	2 739	7 205	2 349
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 025	725	1 600	1 112	1 188	1 563	1 712	1 378	2 268	1 006
Međimurje	867	1 088	866	1 003	1 123	1 195	1 498	1 513	1 502	1 030
City of Zagreb	7 645	7 257	6 698	6 008	8 399	7 391	13 628	9 026	14 193	8 343

G-3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES, 2023

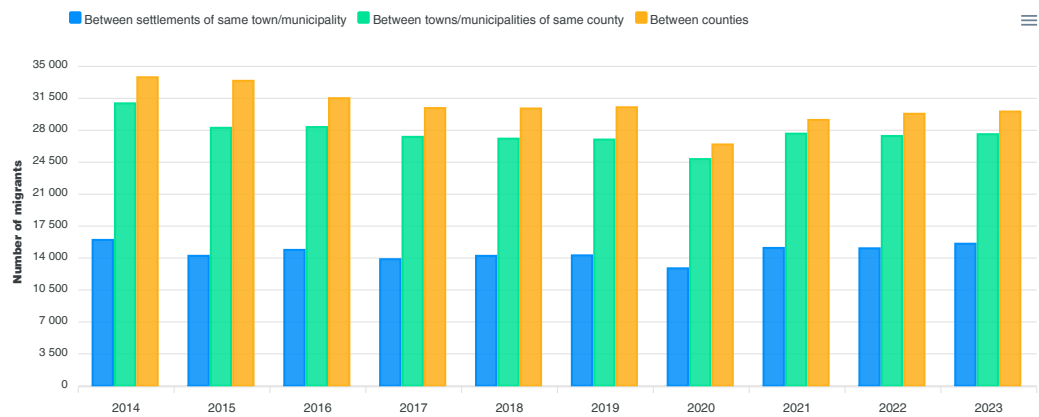


II INTERNAL MIGRATION

1 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY PLACE OF MIGRATION

	Total	Migrant population		
		Between settlements of same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of same county	Between counties
2014	80 736	15 983	30 947	33 806
2015	75 927	14 241	28 268	33 418
2016	74 752	14 890	28 350	31 512
2017	71 580	13 869	27 278	30 433
2018	71 703	14 238	27 081	30 384
2019	71 790	14 290	26 982	30 518
2020	64 155	12 870	24 841	26 444
2021	71 864	15 104	27 628	29 132
2022	72 243	15 063	27 374	29 806
2023	73 186	15 567	27 568	30 051

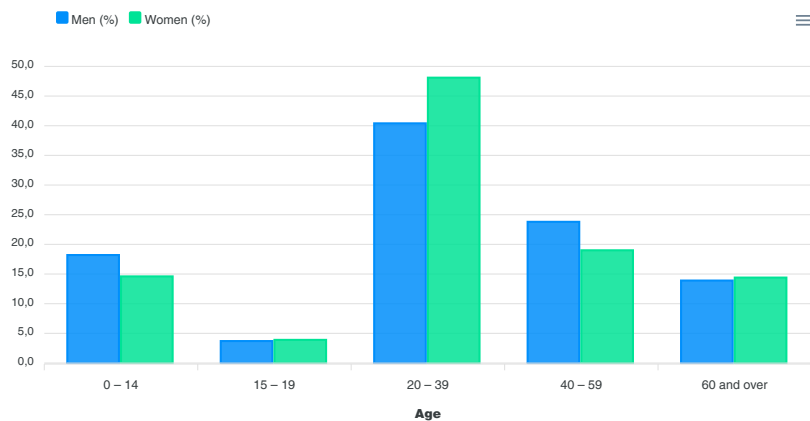
G-4 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2014 - 2023



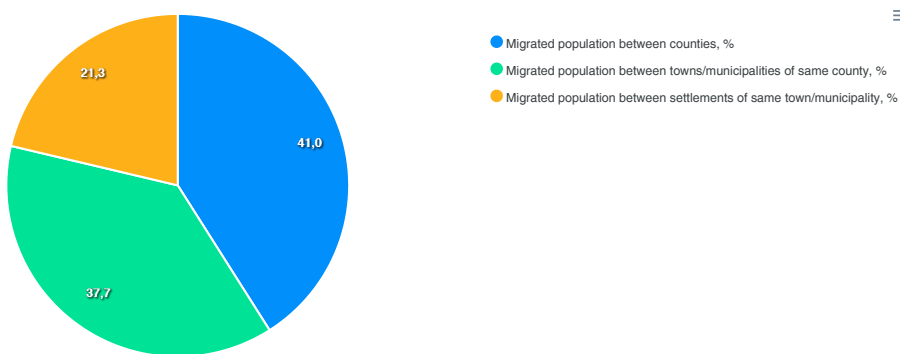
2 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE, SEX AND PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2023

Age	Sex	Total	Migrant population		
			Between settlements of same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of same county	Between counties
Total	Total	73 186	15 567	27 568	30 051
	Men	33 754	7 176	12 455	14 123
	Women	39 432	8 391	15 113	15 928
0 – 4	Total	5 266	1 226	2 162	1 878
	Men	2 721	633	1 131	957
	Women	2 545	593	1 031	921
5 – 9	Total	3 800	1 180	1 490	1 130
	Men	1 986	607	790	589
	Women	1 814	573	700	541
10 – 14	Total	2 807	894	1 111	802
	Men	1 433	453	566	414
	Women	1 374	441	545	388
15 – 19	Total	2 781	772	1 121	888
	Men	1 245	382	481	382
	Women	1 536	390	640	506
20 – 24	Total	5 367	981	2 066	2 320
	Men	1 899	345	688	866
	Women	3 468	636	1 378	1 454
25 – 29	Total	10 855	1 954	3 993	4 908
	Men	3 947	715	1 387	1 845
	Women	6 908	1 239	2 606	3 063
30 – 34	Total	9 500	1 808	3 462	4 230
	Men	4 347	813	1 522	2 012
	Women	5 153	995	1 940	2 218
35 – 39	Total	6 913	1 522	2 511	2 880
	Men	3 459	736	1 255	1 468
	Women	3 454	786	1 256	1 412
40 – 44	Total	5 189	1 188	1 950	2 051
	Men	2 668	581	972	1 115
	Women	2 521	607	978	936
45 – 49	Total	4 024	905	1 478	1 641
	Men	2 058	442	740	876
	Women	1 966	463	738	765
50 – 54	Total	3 314	669	1 237	1 408
	Men	1 723	336	615	772
	Women	1 591	333	622	636
55 – 59	Total	3 002	630	1 096	1 276
	Men	1 576	336	562	678
	Women	1 426	294	534	598
60 – 64	Total	3 098	651	1 137	1 310
	Men	1 541	310	580	651
	Women	1 557	341	557	659
65 – 69	Total	2 779	507	998	1 274
	Men	1 359	234	492	633
	Women	1 420	273	506	641
70 – 74	Total	2 013	334	724	955
	Men	940	144	343	453
	Women	1 073	190	381	502
75 and over	Total	2 478	346	1 032	1 100
	Men	852	109	331	412
	Women	1 626	237	701	688

G-5 MIGRATED POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE AND SEX, 2023



G-6 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2023



3 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES AND PLACE OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 2023

County of	Immigrants		Emigrants		Net migration between counties	Migrant population within county	
	Total	From another county	Total	Into another county		Between settlements of same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of same county
Republic of Croatia	73 186	30 051	73 186	30 051	0	15 567	27 568
Zagreb	8 279	5 086	6 198	3 005	2 081	1 744	1 449
Krapina-Zagorje	2 226	771	2 107	652	119	451	1 004
Sisak-Moslavina	2 693	948	2 973	1 228	-280	942	803
Karlovac	2 021	762	1 932	673	89	512	747
Varaždin	2 796	747	2 880	831	-84	636	1 413
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 890	596	2 055	761	-165	455	839
Bjelovar-Bilogora	2 333	778	2 469	914	-136	744	811
Primorje-Gorski kotar	5 879	1 757	5 844	1 722	35	695	3 427
Lika-Senj	963	451	972	460	-9	334	178
Virovitica-Podravina	1 308	442	1 518	652	-210	371	495
Požega-Slavonia	1 235	423	1 440	628	-205	335	477
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 814	714	2 166	1 066	-352	153	947
Zadar	3 324	1 462	3 001	1 139	323	318	1 544
Osijek-Baranja	4 877	1 309	5 361	1 793	-484	1 275	2 293
Šibenik-Knin	1 908	933	1 781	806	127	447	528
Vukovar-Srijem	2 161	773	2 654	1 266	-493	190	1 198
Split-Dalmatia	7 976	1 685	8 154	1 863	-178	1 213	5 078
Istria	4 591	1 459	4 120	988	471	891	2 241
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 128	541	2 452	865	-324	778	809
Međimurje	2 090	423	2 093	426	-3	380	1 287
City of Zagreb	10 694	7 991	11 016	8 313	-322	2 703 ¹⁾	-

1) Data for the City of Zagreb refer to migration between settlements within the City of Zagreb.

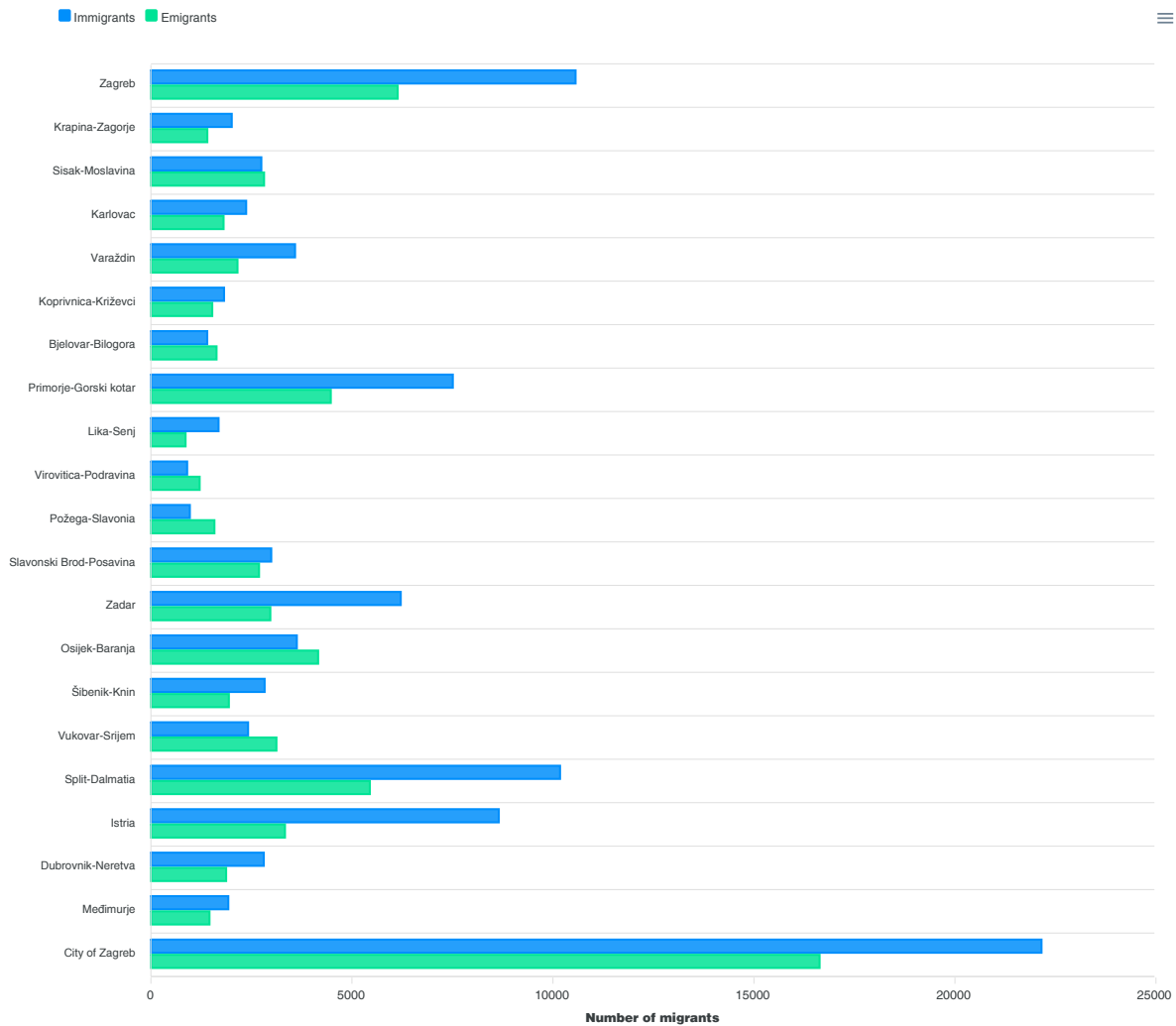
III TOTAL MIGRATION IN 2023

1 TOTAL NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS, BY COUNTIES, 2023

County of	Immigrants			Emigrants			Total net migration	Net migration between counties	Net migration with foreign countries
	Total	From another county	From abroad	Total	Into another county	Abroad			
Republic of Croatia	..1)	30 051	69 396	..1)	30 051	39 218	..1)	0	30 178
Zagreb	10 576	5 086	5 490	6 145	3 005	3 140	4 431	2 081	2 350
Krapina-Zagorje	2 011	771	1 240	1 402	652	750	609	119	490
Sisak-Moslavina	2 748	948	1 800	2 816	1 228	1 588	-68	-280	212
Karlovac	2 370	762	1 608	1 807	673	1 134	563	89	474
Varaždin	3 588	747	2 841	2 154	831	1 323	1 434	-84	1 518
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 819	596	1 223	1 525	761	764	294	-165	459
Bjelovar-Bilogora	1 400	778	622	1 632	914	718	-232	-136	-96
Primorje-Gorski kotar	7 518	1 757	5 761	4 478	1 722	2 756	3 040	35	3 005
Lika-Senj	1 682	451	1 231	860	460	400	822	-9	831
Virovitica-Podravina	900	442	458	1 211	652	559	-311	-210	-101
Požega-Slavonia	967	423	544	1 579	628	951	-612	-205	-407
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	2 995	714	2 281	2 691	1 066	1 625	304	-352	656
Zadar	6 221	1 462	4 759	2 972	1 139	1 833	3 249	323	2 926
Osijek-Baranja	3 632	1 309	2 323	4 163	1 793	2 370	-531	-484	-47
Šibenik-Knin	2 830	933	1 897	1 939	806	1 133	891	127	764
Vukovar-Srijem	2 418	773	1 645	3 124	1 266	1 858	-706	-493	-213
Split-Dalmatia	10 190	1 685	8 505	5 451	1 863	3 588	4 739	-178	4 917
Istria	8 664	1 459	7 205	3 337	988	2 349	5 327	471	4 856
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 809	541	2 268	1 871	865	1 006	938	-324	1 262
Međimurje	1 925	423	1 502	1 456	426	1 030	469	-3	472
City of Zagreb	22 184	7 991	14 193	16 656	8 313	8 343	5 528	-322	5 850

1) Data for Total are not presented since data on migrations within the Republic of Croatia were included as well.

G-7 TOTAL NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS, BY COUNTIES, 2023



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Data source

Surveys on internal and international migration of population of the Republic of Croatia are carried out based on data collected by the Ministry of the Interior.

The Permanent Residence Act (NN, Nos 144/12, 158/13 and 114/22) lays down the conditions governing the registration and deregistration of permanent and temporary residence of Croatian citizens. The Aliens Act (NN, Nos 133/20, 114/22 and 151/22) lays down the conditions of entry, movement, stay and work of aliens who are third-country nationals in the Republic of Croatia. The Act on Nationals of the European Economic Area Member States and Their Family Members (NN, Nos 66/19, 53/20, 144/20 and 114/22) regulate conditions for the entry, movement, stay and work of nationals of the European Economic Area (hereinafter referred to as: EEA) Member States and their family members.

Coverage and comparability

Since 2011, international migration statistics have been processed according to the methodology based on the UN Recommendations on Statistics of International Migration and the Regulation (EC) No 862/2007 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 July 2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.

The statistical definition of international migrant is based on the concept of usual residence. According to this concept, immigrants from abroad and emigrants to foreign countries are persons who have changed their country of usual residence for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least one year.

Data on migration encompass Croatian citizens and aliens who have been granted temporary or permanent stay in the Republic of Croatia.

According to the methodology that was used until 2010, the international migration statistics included the citizens of the Republic of Croatia and aliens with the granted permanent stay in the Republic of Croatia who registered or cancelled their place of permanent residence in the Republic of Croatia.

Due to the implementation of the Permanent Residence Act (NN, Nos 144/12, 158/13 and 114/22), data from 2013 onwards have included persons who were absent for more than a year from their permanent residence for temporary stay outside the Republic of Croatia and reported their absence to the Ministry of the Interior.

Definitions and explanations

Migration is the spatial movement of people.

A **migrant** is a person who changed a place of residence (immigrant, emigrant).

Internal migration of population is the change of a place of residence on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

International migration of population is the change of a country of usual residence.

The **internal migration statistics** collects and processes data on migration flows of population on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, that is, the data on number and characteristics of persons who changed their place of residence in a given calendar year.

The **international migration statistics** collects and processes data on international migration flows, that is, the data on number and characteristics of persons who changed their country of usual residence in a given calendar year.

Place of permanent residence, according to Article 2 of the Permanent Residence Act, is a place and address in the Republic of Croatia where a person settled with an intention of staying permanently in order to exercise their rights and commitments related to life interests such as family, professional, economic, social, cultural and other interests.

Place of temporary residence, according to Article 2 of the Permanent Residence Act, is a place and address in the Republic of Croatia where a person resides temporarily but without an intention of settling there.

Citizenship is defined as person's permanent legal relation with a state, which admits a special legal status to a person. Croatian citizenship can be obtained according to the Croatian Citizenship Act (NN, Nos 53/91, 70/91, 28/92, 113/93, 4/94, 130/11, 110/15, 102/19 and 138/21) by origin, birth on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, naturalisation and on the basis of international contracts. Citizenship of the Republic of Croatia terminates: by discharge, renouncement and in accordance with international agreements.

Alien, according to Article 3 of the Aliens Act, is any person who is not a Croatian national, but has the nationality of one of the Member States of the European Economic Area (EEA), the Swiss Confederation, the nationality of third-country or is a stateless person.

EEA national means an alien having the nationality of one of the EEA Member States (the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland).

Third-country national is alien who is not national of the EEA Member States or the Swiss Confederation.

Third country shall mean a state other than an EEA Member State or the Swiss Confederation.

Temporary stay, according to Article 57 of the Aliens Act, shall be granted to a third-country national who intends to stay or stays in the Republic of Croatia for the following purposes:

1. Family reunification
2. Secondary school education and university studies
3. Scientific research
4. Humanitarian grounds
5. Life partnership
6. Work
7. Work of posted workers
8. Stay of persons with long-term residence in another EEA Member State
9. Other purposes
10. Stay of digital nomads.

According to Article 61 of the Aliens Act, a temporary stay permit shall be issued for the term of validity of up to one year.

According to Article 15 of the Act on nationals of the European Economic Area Member States and their family members, EEA national who intends to stay in the Republic of Croatia for more than three months have to register their temporary stay. A national of an EEA Member State may register temporary stay for the purpose of:

1. Work
2. University studies or vocational training
3. Other purpose
4. Family reunification
5. Life partnership.

Permanent stay, according to Article 3 of the Aliens Act, shall mean legal stay granted to certain categories of third-country nationals staying in the Republic of Croatia for a period shorter than five years (the conditions for granting permanent stay are prescribed by law).

According to Article 27 of the Act on nationals of the European Economic Area Member States and their family members, EEA nationals are entitled to permanent stay after five years of uninterrupted legal stay in the Republic of Croatia. The Law prescribes specific exceptions, that is, categories of persons who can exercise the right to permanent residence even if they have legally stayed in the Republic of Croatia for a shorter period of time.

Net migration of population (migration balance) is the difference between the number of immigrants and emigrants of a particular area or country in a given period of time. The contribution of migration to overall population growth or decline is due to positive or negative net migration (net migration is positive when the number of immigrants exceeds the number of emigrants, or net migration is negative when the opposite is true).

Total net migration of population of the county is the difference between the total number of immigrants from another county and abroad and the total number of emigrants to another county and abroad.

Age of migrants is presented as an age reached at the moment of migration. Each age group includes persons who reached age within limits of an interval. For example, the age group from 15 to 19 years includes all persons who have reached 15 years and more, but have not yet turned 20.

Territorial constitution

Data on migration are presented by territorial constitution as on 31 December 2023, according to the Act on the Territories of Counties, Towns and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (NN, Nos 86/06, 125/06, 16/07, 95/08, 46/10, 145/10, 37/13, 44/13 and 110/15).

Abbreviations

EC	European Community
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
UN	United Nations
USA	United States of America

Symbols

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