



MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2025

Data on the international and internal migration of the population of the Republic of Croatia for the period from 2016 to 2025 and data at the county level for the period from 2021 to 2025 are presented.

International migration

In 2025, a total of **56 665** persons immigrated to the Republic of Croatia and **37 485** persons emigrated from it. The Republic of Croatia had a positive net migration with foreign countries, which amounted to **19 180**.

In 2025, a total of **29.7%** of Croatian citizens and **70.3%** of aliens immigrated into the Republic of Croatia, while **35.0%** of Croatian citizens and **65.0%** of aliens emigrated abroad.

In the total number of immigrants and emigrants, there is a significant share of aliens who have been 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 to the Republic of Croatia, 17.0% of persons arrived from Germany, 11.1% of persons arrived from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and 11.1% from Nepal. Out of the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia, the majority of them, 16.6%, emigrated to Germany.

With regard to sex structure, there was a higher share of men (66.3%) in the total number of immigrants. In the total number of emigrants, there was a higher share of men (73.7%) as well. The largest number of persons who emigrated abroad were aged 20 to 39 years (54.2%).

In 2025, the largest shares in the total number of persons who immigrated to the Republic of Croatia were recorded in the City of Zagreb (18.3%), the County of Split-Dalmatia (11.0%), and the County of Istria (10.5%). The largest share in the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia to foreign countries was recorded in the City of Zagreb (21.1%), followed by the County of Zagreb (8.5%), the County of Istria (8.3%), and the County of Split-Dalmatia (8.3%).

Internal migration

In 2025, there were 73 838 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 (46.7%), while the share of women in the total number of persons who migrated was 54.3%.

Within the total number of persons who migrated on the territory of the Republic of Croatia in 2025, the largest number of persons (40.8%) migrated between counties, 37.7% of persons migrated between towns/municipalities of the same county, and 21.5% of persons migrated between settlements of the same town/municipality.

The majority of migrations between towns/municipalities within the same county in 2025 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 20 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 (1 937 persons). Thirteen counties and the City of Zagreb had a negative net migration between counties, the highest ones being recorded in the County of Slavonski Brod-Posavina (-522 persons) and the County of Vukovar-Srijem (-463 persons).

The total migration of the population in 2025

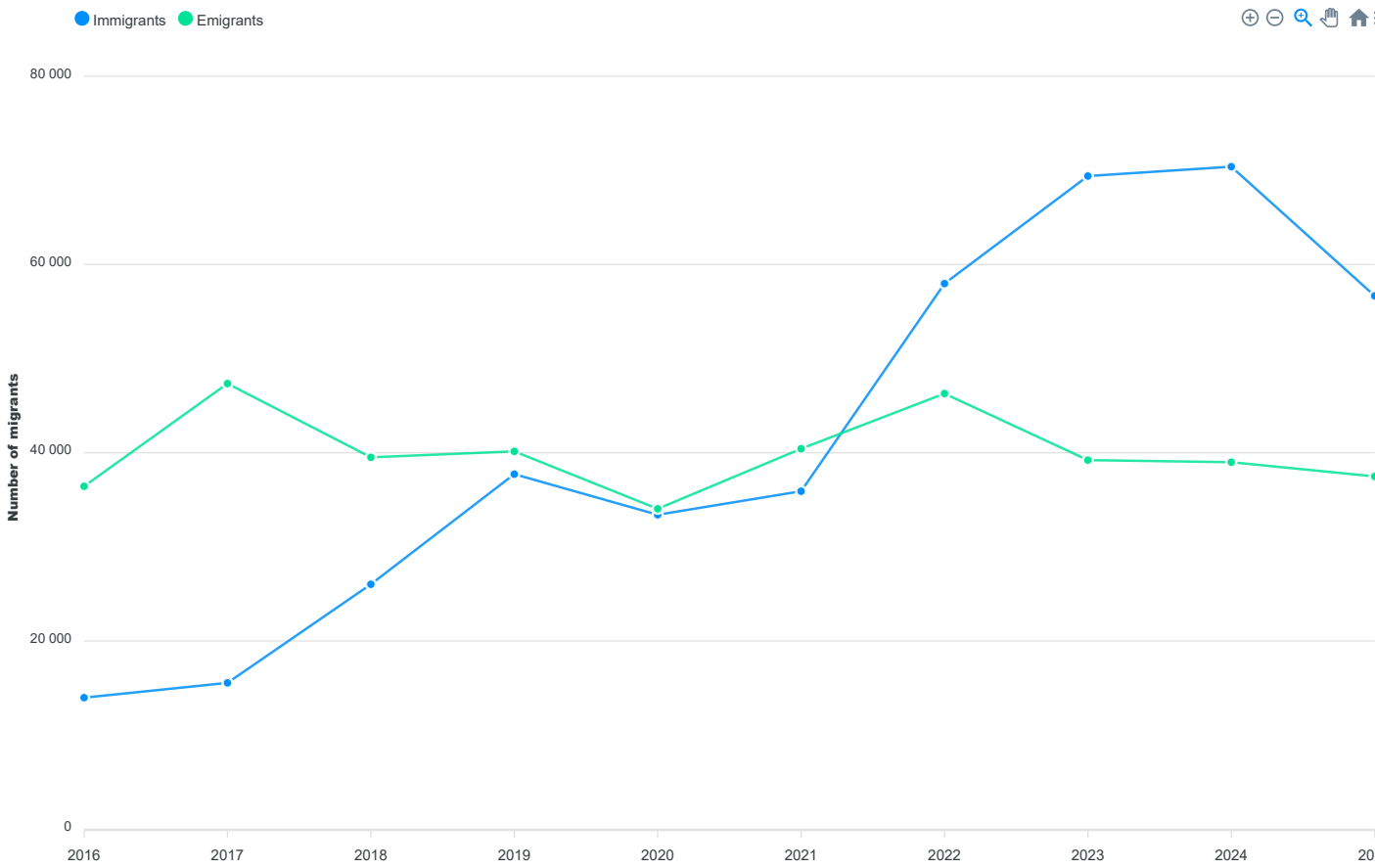
The largest positive total net migration of the population in 2025 (the difference between the total number of immigrants from another county and abroad, and the total number of emigrants to another county and abroad) was recorded in the County of Zagreb (3 475 persons) and the County of Istria (3 275 persons). The largest negative total net migration of the population was recorded in the County of Sisak-Moslavina (-558 persons) and the County of Slavonski Brod-Posavina (-205 persons).

I INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

1 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2016 – 2025

	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration
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
2024	70 391	38 997	31 394
2025	56 665	37 485	19 180

G-1 NET MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 2016 – 2025



2 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION, BY COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP, 2021 – 2025

Country of citizenship	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Total	35 912	40 424	57 972	46 287	69 396	39 218	70 391	38 997	56 665	37 485
Croatia	10 622	25 950	10 340	32 739	10 852	25 427	13 290	20 147	16 843	13 138
Europe	20 223	12 704	34 367	11 255	38 054	10 526	26 875	13 196	21 818	13 945
European Union	4 753	987	5 167	960	4 649	457	4 819	362	4 942	492
Austria	317	64	306	32	282	12	276	12	288	23
Bulgaria	90	21	211	17	240	29	227	21	249	33
Czech Republic	159	16	140	24	130	4	141	14	148	7
France	303	46	287	33	198	18	191	10	148	7
Italy	449	156	590	167	467	73	410	42	409	58
Hungary	162	49	200	41	219	14	266	22	263	28
Netherlands	95	29	119	10	138	16	126	5	123	15
Germany	1 134	173	1 407	182	1 190	69	1 207	63	1 291	93
Poland	291	31	290	48	212	23	220	15	216	18
Romania	96	30	168	21	114	30	154	24	156	22
Slovakia	160	21	139	32	142	13	145	8	143	17
Slovenia	859	241	727	222	815	103	995	80	977	144
Sweden	107	24	105	24	114	7	128	9	104	2
Other European countries	15 470	11 717	29 200	10 295	33 405	10 069	22 056	12 834	16 876	13 453
Albania	1 024	764	1 131	787	1 219	687	939	785	631	826
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 371	4 661	6 949	4 213	7 010	3 710	6 510	3 931	4 915	4 391
Montenegro	229	125	219	152	234	147	253	179	194	180
Kosovo	1 835	1 725	2 258	1 346	2 336	1 201	1 885	1 639	1 387	1 317
Russian Federation	156	84	558	57	727	165	452	310	335	243
North Macedonia	1 027	743	1 578	589	2 118	738	2 084	1 097	1 636	1 252
Serbia	3 131	2 891	3 948	2 261	4 897	2 289	5 071	3 011	3 705	3 664
United Kingdom	187	39	134	33	122	41	137	57	139	69
Ukraine	735	538	11 121	534	13 101	316	3 530	806	3 167	466
Asia	4 358	1 454	11 874	1 980	17 923	2 813	26 601	4 926	16 036	9 190
Africa	177	65	675	59	1 673	110	2 567	321	957	670
North and Central America	293	175	343	143	371	164	426	194	431	217
South America	200	56	304	87	431	145	537	169	528	287
Oceania	38	15	65	19	86	32	87	44	52	37
Unknown	1	5	4	5	6	1	8	-	-	1

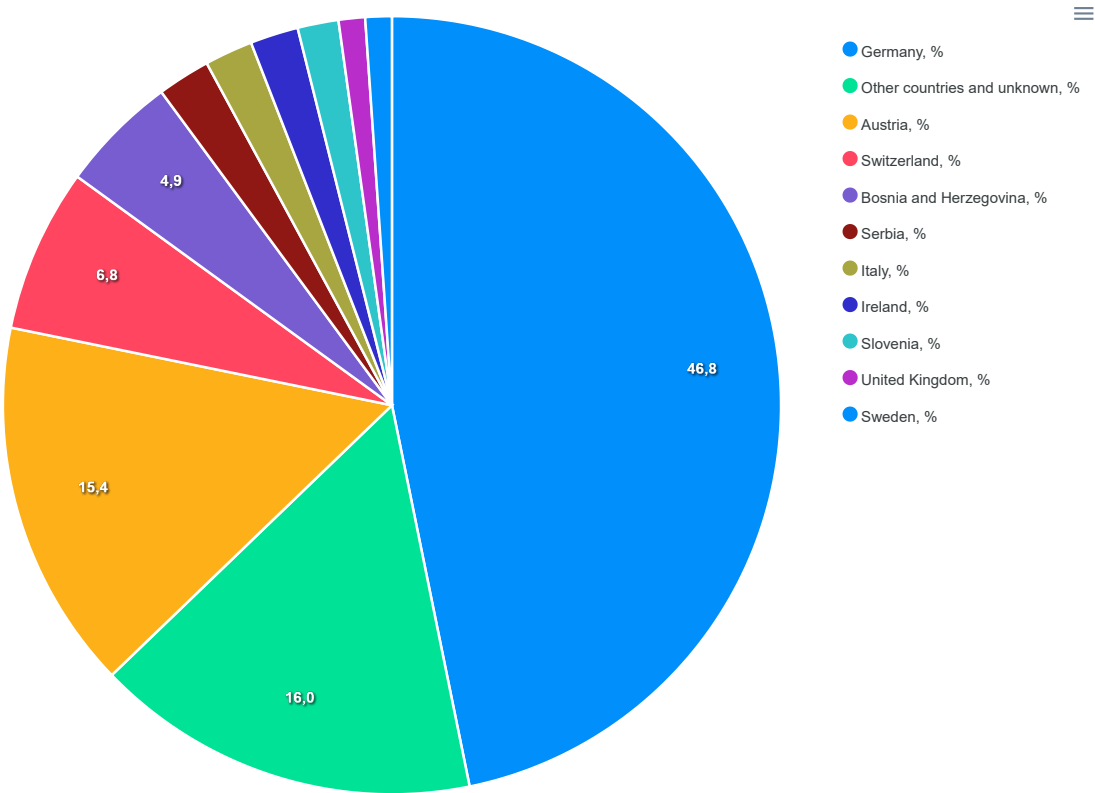
3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION, BY AGE AND SEX, 2025

Age	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	56 665	37 596	19 069	37 485	27 643	9 842
0 – 4	1 085	547	538	539	248	291
5 – 9	1 079	575	504	1 071	548	523
10 – 14	952	504	448	542	312	230
15 – 19	1 823	1 175	648	928	600	328
20 – 24	6 379	4 316	2 063	4 324	3 409	915
25 – 29	8 434	5 670	2 764	5 980	4 582	1 398
30 – 34	8 386	5 879	2 507	5 289	4 056	1 233
35 – 39	7 427	5 291	2 136	4 724	3 757	967
40 – 44	5 673	4 099	1 574	4 049	3 235	814
45 – 49	4 296	2 954	1 342	3 228	2 430	798
50 – 54	3 089	1 935	1 154	2 392	1 725	667
55 – 59	2 602	1 572	1 030	1 804	1 234	570
60 – 64	2 143	1 239	904	1 142	732	410
65 – 69	1 650	995	655	633	374	259
70 – 74	864	437	427	402	196	206
75 and over	783	408	375	438	205	233

4 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/DESTINATION AND CITIZENSHIP, 2025

Country of origin/destination	Immigrants				Emigrants			
	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown
Total	56 665	16 843	39 822	-	37 485	13 138	24 346	1
Europe	36 327	15 775	20 552	-	25 572	11 880	13 692	-
European Union	16 821	12 278	4 543	-	10 231	9 763	468	-
Austria	2 033	1 733	300	-	2 053	2 022	31	-
Belgium	137	90	47	-	95	93	2	-
Bulgaria	183	8	175	-	23	1	22	-
Czech Republic	209	61	148	-	34	27	7	-
Denmark	100	71	29	-	73	73	-	-
France	241	132	109	-	76	68	8	-
Ireland	686	645	41	-	269	265	4	-
Italy	633	307	326	-	323	269	54	-
Luxembourg	45	43	2	-	40	39	1	-
Hungary	246	35	211	-	31	17	14	-
Netherlands	303	190	113	-	223	211	12	-
Germany	9 628	8 334	1 294	-	6 238	6 145	93	-
Poland	205	10	195	-	34	20	14	-
Romania	132	7	125	-	22	1	21	-
Slovakia	148	11	137	-	29	13	16	-
Slovenia	1 152	215	937	-	371	225	146	-
Spain	173	58	115	-	87	79	8	-
Sweden	382	283	99	-	151	149	2	-
Other European countries	19 506	3 497	16 009	-	15 341	2 117	13 224	-
Albania	607	1	606	-	824	-	824	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6 306	1 575	4 731	-	4 988	647	4 341	-
Montenegro	208	34	174	-	181	9	172	-
Kosovo	1 244	20	1 224	-	1 301	8	1 293	-
Norway	162	128	34	-	97	92	5	-
Russian Federation	160	12	148	-	130	2	128	-
North Macedonia	1 620	35	1 585	-	1 260	9	1 251	-
Serbia	4 275	579	3 696	-	3 954	284	3 670	-
Switzerland	932	819	113	-	913	897	16	-
United Kingdom	384	251	133	-	211	148	63	-
Ukraine	2 991	5	2 986	-	453	2	451	-
Asia	16 027	152	15 875	-	9 233	119	9 114	-
Philippines	4 500	2	4 498	-	971	1	970	-
India	2 420	2	2 418	-	2 192	-	2 192	-
Nepal	6 264	-	6 264	-	2 628	-	2 628	-
Africa	942	37	905	-	649	3	646	-
North and Central America	974	627	347	-	380	204	176	-
Canada	315	258	57	-	95	65	30	-
USA	571	360	211	-	252	133	119	-
South America	545	47	498	-	281	6	275	-
Oceania	253	204	49	-	96	70	26	-
Australia	222	179	43	-	82	60	22	-
Unknown	1 597	1	1 596	-	1 274	856	417	1

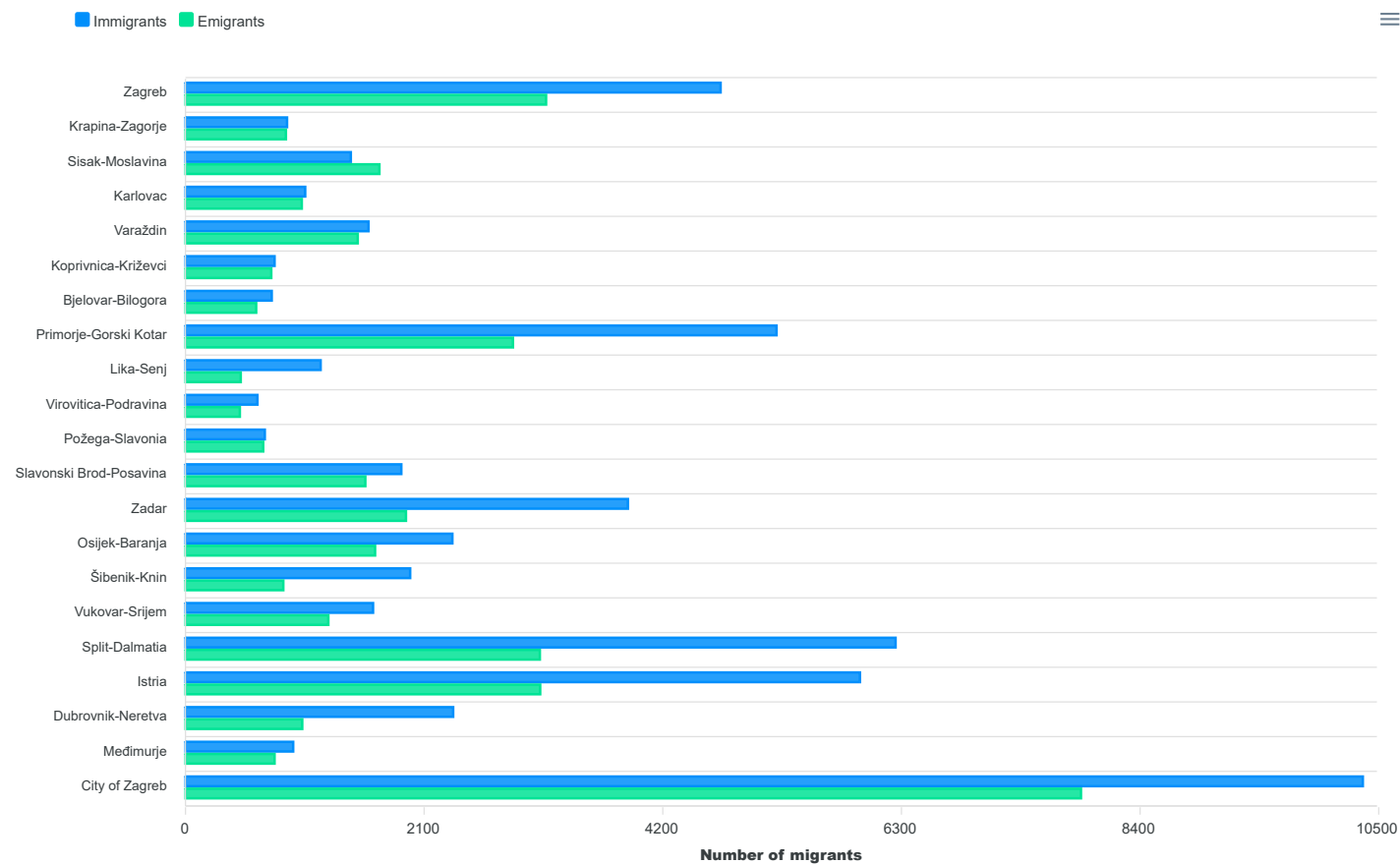
G-2 CROATIAN CITIZENS EMIGRATED ABROAD, BY COUNTRY OF NEXT RESIDENCE, 2025



5 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION, BY COUNTIES, 2021 – 2025

County of	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Republic of Croatia	35 912	40 424	57 972	46 287	69 396	39 218	70 391	38 997	56 665	37 485
Zagreb	2 967	3 125	4 680	3 436	5 490	3 140	5 978	3 067	4 715	3 177
Krapina-Zagorje	1 058	1 069	1 024	1 235	1 240	750	1 563	817	894	884
Sisak-Moslavina	1 113	1 664	1 323	1 925	1 800	1 588	2 007	1 596	1 456	1 708
Karlovac	972	1 285	1 440	1 394	1 608	1 134	1 494	1 025	1 054	1 024
Varaždin	1 356	1 501	2 223	1 656	2 841	1 323	2 493	1 615	1 612	1 517
Koprivnica-Križevci	820	641	987	946	1 223	764	1 226	945	784	755
Bjelovar-Bilogora	321	757	466	852	622	718	796	668	759	622
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	2 600	3 152	4 617	3 238	5 761	2 756	5 887	2 710	5 208	2 885
Lika-Senj	364	431	976	517	1 231	400	1 195	435	1 190	486
Virovitica-Podravina	278	651	454	758	458	559	572	543	633	478
Požega-Slavonia	451	814	547	1 070	544	951	607	775	698	684
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 039	1 860	1 549	2 157	2 281	1 625	2 238	2 158	1 901	1 584
Zadar	1 922	1 935	3 443	2 114	4 759	1 833	4 579	1 996	3 898	1 942
Osijek-Baranja	1 267	2 242	2 108	2 715	2 323	2 370	2 193	2 206	2 351	1 670
Šibenik-Knin	972	1 093	1 520	1 271	1 897	1 133	1 918	1 191	1 979	861
Vukovar-Srijem	1 074	1 940	1 492	2 373	1 645	1 858	1 714	1 565	1 652	1 258
Split-Dalmatia	3 582	3 421	6 822	3 974	8 505	3 588	7 966	3 254	6 257	3 122
Istria	3 046	2 694	5 463	2 739	7 205	2 349	7 011	2 682	5 943	3 125
Dubrovnik-Neretva	1 188	1 563	1 712	1 378	2 268	1 006	2 381	1 008	2 358	1 028
Međimurje	1 123	1 195	1 498	1 513	1 502	1 030	1 267	885	948	784
City of Zagreb	8 399	7 391	13 628	9 026	14 193	8 343	15 306	7 856	10 375	7 891

G-3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES, 2025

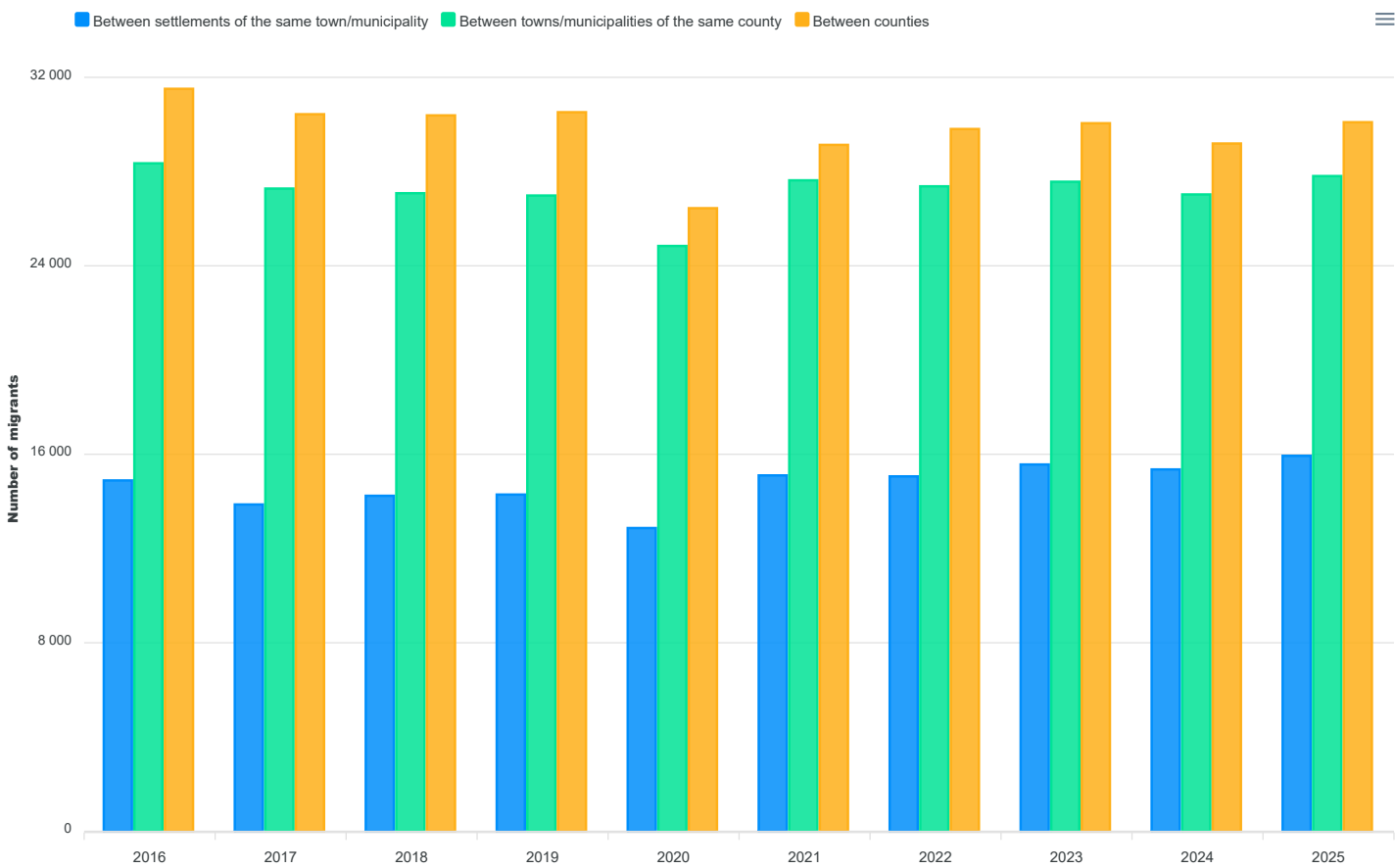


II INTERNAL MIGRATION

1 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2016 – 2025

	Total	Migrant population		
		Between settlements of the same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of the same county	Between counties
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
2024	71 575	15 357	27 028	29 190
2025	73 838	15 935	27 809	30 094

G-4 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2016 – 2025

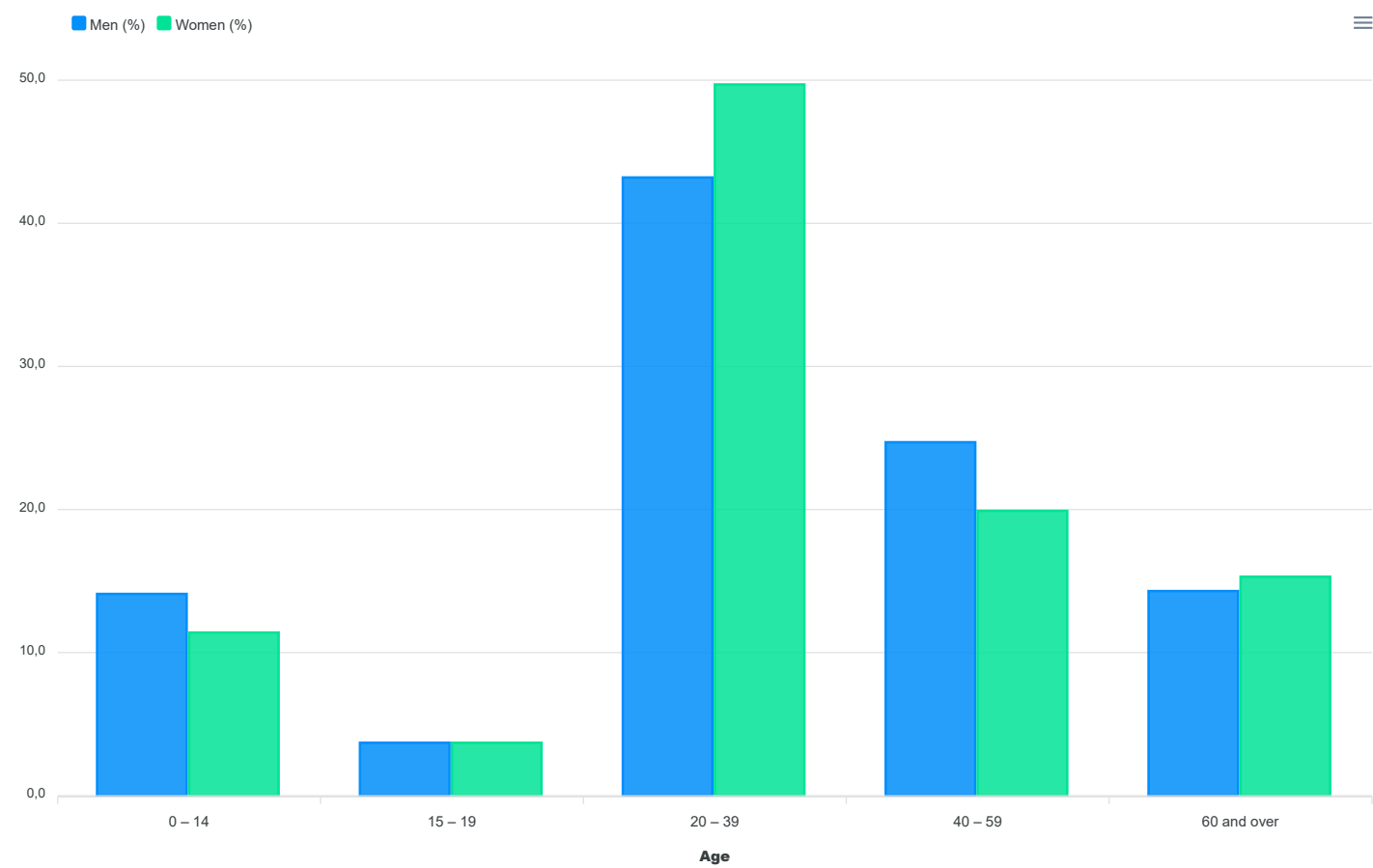


2 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE, SEX AND PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2025

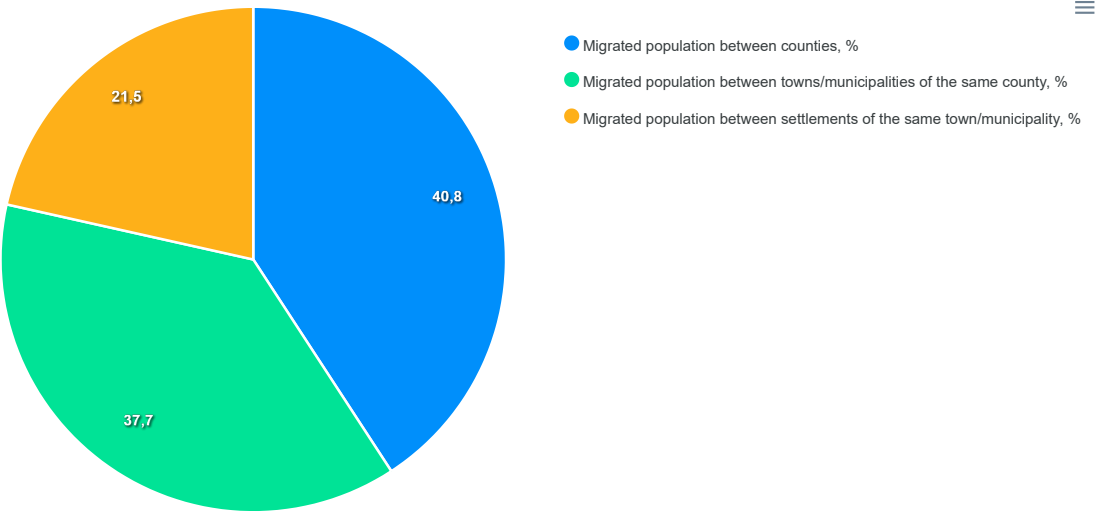
Age	Sex	Total	Migrant population		
			Between settlements of the same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of the same county	Between counties
Total	Total	73 838	15 935	27 809	30 094
	Men	33 758	7 363	12 489	13 906
	Women	40 080	8 572	15 320	16 188
0 – 4	Total	2 678	690	1 077	911
	Men	1 381	349	567	465
	Women	1 297	341	510	446
5 – 9	Total	3 861	1 167	1 488	1 206
	Men	1 974	603	773	598
	Women	1 887	564	715	608
10 – 14	Total	2 794	872	1 090	832
	Men	1 413	438	563	412
	Women	1 381	434	527	420
15 – 19	Total	2 714	726	1 070	918
	Men	1 246	349	496	401
	Women	1 468	377	574	517
20 – 24	Total	5 820	1 051	2 237	2 532
	Men	2 151	422	773	956
	Women	3 669	629	1 464	1 576
25 – 29	Total	11 754	2 183	4 418	5 153
	Men	4 354	839	1 545	1 970
	Women	7 400	1 344	2 873	3 183
30 – 34	Total	10 007	2 004	3 569	4 434
	Men	4 635	925	1 640	2 070
	Women	5 372	1 079	1 929	2 364
35 – 39	Total	6 906	1 582	2 491	2 833
	Men	3 424	767	1 249	1 408
	Women	3 482	815	1 242	1 425
40 – 44	Total	5 305	1 233	1 976	2 096
	Men	2 671	602	954	1 115
	Women	2 634	631	1 022	981
45 – 49	Total	4 216	952	1 596	1 668
	Men	2 167	472	812	883
	Women	2 049	480	784	785
50 – 54	Total	3 613	769	1 376	1 468
	Men	1 857	362	690	805
	Women	1 756	407	686	663
55 – 59	Total	3 189	656	1 210	1 323
	Men	1 647	335	611	701
	Women	1 542	321	599	622
60 – 64	Total	2 898	612	1 072	1 214
	Men	1 415	287	516	612
	Women	1 483	325	556	602
65 – 69	Total	2 668	471	990	1 207
	Men	1 301	242	484	575
	Women	1 367	229	506	632

70 – 74	Total	2 006	347	767	892
	Men	911	147	361	403
	Women	1 095	200	406	489
75 and over	Total	3 409	620	1 382	1 407
	Men	1 211	224	455	532
	Women	2 198	396	927	875

G-5 MIGRATED POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE AND SEX, 2025



G-6 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2025



3 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF THE POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES AND PLACE OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 2025

County of	Immigrants		Emigrants		Net migration between counties	Migrant population within county	
	Total	From another county	Total	Into another county		Between settlements of the same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of the same county
Republic of Croatia	73 838	30 094	73 838	30 094	0	15 935	27 809
Zagreb	8 125	5 010	6 188	3 073	1 937	1 648	1 467
Krapina-Zagorje	2 258	851	2 157	750	101	459	948
Sisak-Moslavina	2 456	895	2 762	1 201	-306	843	718
Karlovac	1 690	655	1 817	782	-127	449	586
Varaždin	2 795	767	2 811	783	-16	628	1 400
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 772	533	2 000	761	-228	421	818
Bjelovar-Bilogora	2 142	701	2 353	912	-211	592	849
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	6 082	1 782	5 974	1 674	108	786	3 514
Lika-Senj	986	488	914	416	72	333	165
Virovitica-Podravina	1 185	344	1 505	664	-320	333	508
Požega-Slavonia	1 273	464	1 404	595	-131	310	499
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 963	606	2 485	1 128	-522	297	1 060
Zadar	3 406	1 544	3 015	1 153	391	341	1 521
Osijek-Baranja	4 766	1 312	5 061	1 607	-295	1 144	2 310
Šibenik-Knin	2 074	945	1 933	804	141	503	626
Vukovar-Srijem	2 102	742	2 565	1 205	-463	195	1 165
Split-Dalmatia	8 309	1 792	8 489	1 972	-180	1 351	5 166
Istria	4 832	1 458	4 375	1 001	457	993	2 381
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 298	627	2 523	852	-225	866	805
Međimurje	2 024	385	2 120	481	-96	336	1 303
City of Zagreb	11 300	8 193	11 387	8 280	-87	3 107 ¹⁾	-

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

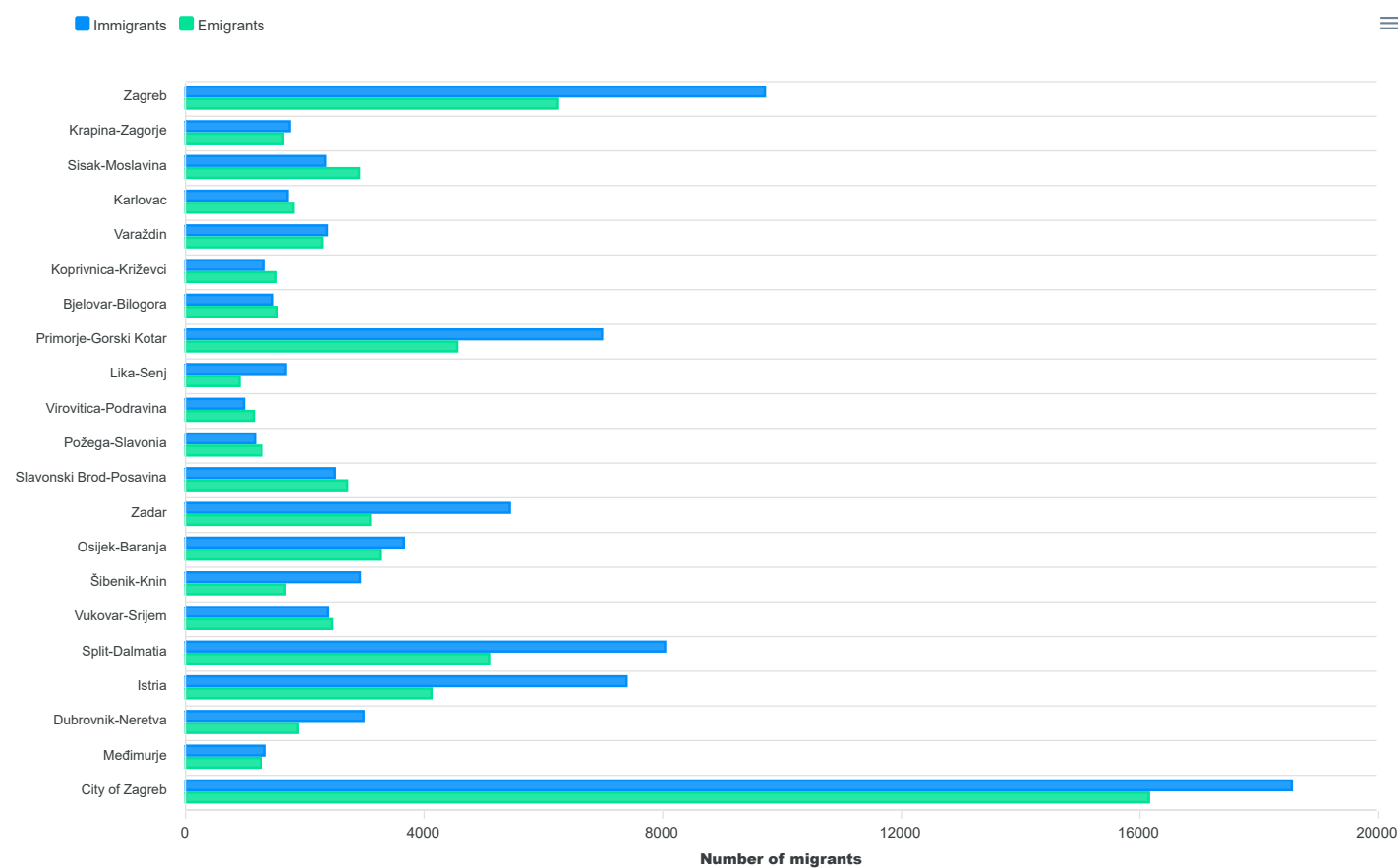
III TOTAL MIGRATION IN 2025

1 TOTAL NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS, BY COUNTIES, 2025

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)	30 094	56 665	1)	30 094	37 485	1)	0	19 180
Zagreb	9 725	5 010	4 715	6 250	3 073	3 177	3 475	1 937	1 538
Krapina-Zagorje	1 745	851	894	1 634	750	884	111	101	10
Sisak-Moslavina	2 351	895	1 456	2 909	1 201	1 708	-558	-306	-252
Karlovac	1 709	655	1 054	1 806	782	1 024	-97	-127	30
Varaždin	2 379	767	1 612	2 300	783	1 517	79	-16	95
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 317	533	784	1 516	761	755	-199	-228	29
Bjelovar-Bilogora	1 460	701	759	1 534	912	622	-74	-211	137
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	6 990	1 782	5 208	4 559	1 674	2 885	2 431	108	2 323
Lika-Senj	1 678	488	1 190	902	416	486	776	72	704
Virovitica-Podravina	977	344	633	1 142	664	478	-165	-320	155
Požega-Slavonia	1 162	464	698	1 279	595	684	-117	-131	14
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	2 507	606	1 901	2 712	1 128	1 584	-205	-522	317
Zadar	5 442	1 544	3 898	3 095	1 153	1 942	2 347	391	1 956
Osijek-Baranja	3 663	1 312	2 351	3 277	1 607	1 670	386	-295	681
Šibenik-Knin	2 924	945	1 979	1 665	804	861	1 259	141	1 118
Vukovar-Srijem	2 394	742	1 652	2 463	1 205	1 258	-69	-463	394
Split-Dalmatia	8 049	1 792	6 257	5 094	1 972	3 122	2 955	-180	3 135
Istria	7 401	1 458	5 943	4 126	1 001	3 125	3 275	457	2 818
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 985	627	2 358	1 880	852	1 028	1 105	-225	1 330
Međimurje	1 333	385	948	1 265	481	784	68	-96	164
City of Zagreb	18 568	8 193	10 375	16 171	8 280	7 891	2 397	-87	2 484

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, 2025



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Data source

Surveys on the internal and international migration of the 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, 151/22 and 40/25) 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 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers.

The statistical definition of an 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 migrations 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, 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 the population is the change of a place of residence on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

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

The **internal migration statistics** collects and processes data on the migration flows of the population on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, that is, the data on the 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 the international migration flows, that is, the data on the 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 a 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 is terminated by discharge, renouncement and in accordance with international agreements.

Alien, according to Article 3 of the Aliens Act, 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 a 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 an alien who is not a 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
3. University studies
4. Scientific research
5. Humanitarian grounds
6. Life partnership
7. Work
8. Work of posted workers coming from another EEA Member State or the Swiss Confederation for more than 90 days in any 180-day period

9. Stay of persons with long-term residence in another EEA Member State
10. Other purposes
11. Stay of digital nomads
12. Immigration and the return of Croatian emigrants.

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. The period of validity of a temporary stay permit may differ depending on the purpose of stay, in accordance with the Act.

According to Article 15 of the Act on Nationals of the European Economic Area Member States and Their Family Members, an EEA national who intends to stay in the Republic of Croatia for more than three months has to register a temporary stay. A national of an EEA Member State may register a temporary stay for the purpose of:

1. Work
2. University studies or vocational training
3. Other purposes
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 the 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 the 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 an age within the 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 2025, 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, 45/13 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

-	no occurrence
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