



MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2024

Data on international and internal migration of the population of the Republic of Croatia for the period from 2015 to 2024 and data at the county level for the period from 2020 to 2024 are presented.

International migration

In 2024, a total of **70 391** persons immigrated to the Republic of Croatia and **38 997** persons emigrated from it. The Republic of Croatia had a positive net migration with foreign countries, which amounted to **31 394**.

In 2024, a total of **18.9%** of Croatian citizens and **81.1%** of aliens immigrated into the Republic of Croatia, while **51.7%** of Croatian citizens and **48.3%** 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, 14.2% persons arrived from Nepal and 11.3% of persons arrived from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Out of the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia, the majority of them, 21.1%, emigrated to Germany.

With regard to sex structure, there were more men (73.6%) in the total number of immigrants. Out of the total number of emigrants, there were also more men (67.8%). The largest number of persons who emigrated abroad were aged 20 to 39 years (48.6%).

In 2024, the greatest share in the total number of persons who immigrated to the Republic of Croatia was recorded in the City of Zagreb (21.7%), the County of Split-Dalmatia (11.3%) and the County of Istria (10.0%). The largest share in the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia to foreign countries was recorded in the City of Zagreb (20.1%), followed by the County of Split-Dalmatia (8.3%) and the County of Zagreb (7.9%).

Internal migration

In 2024, there were 71 575 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 54.0%.

Within the total number of persons who migrated on the territory of the Republic of Croatia in 2024, 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 2024 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, six 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 (1 903 persons). Fourteen counties and the City of Zagreb had a negative net migration between counties, the largest ones being recorded in the County of Vukovar-Srijem (-523 persons), the City of Zagreb (-440 persons) and the County of Slavonski Brod-Posavina (-357 persons).

The total migration of population in 2024

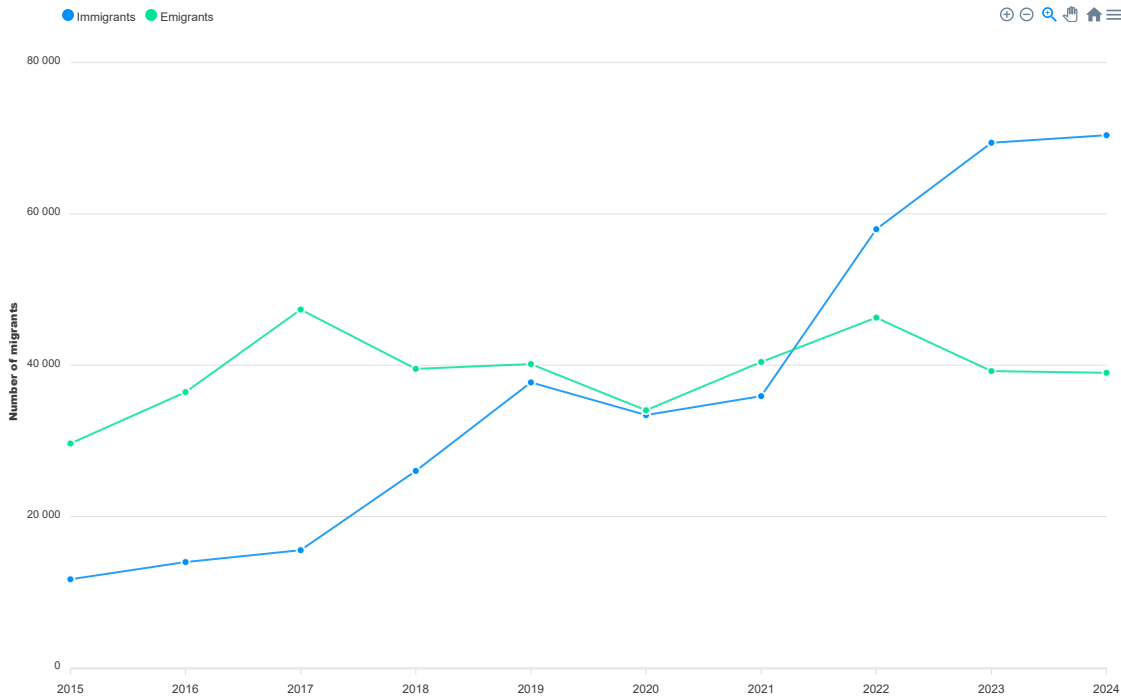
The largest positive total net migration of population in 2024 (the difference between the total number of immigrants from another county and abroad, and the total number of emigrants to another county and abroad) was recorded in the City of Zagreb (7 010 persons), the County of Zagreb (4 814 persons) and the County of Istria (4 783 persons). The largest negative total net migration of population was recorded in the County of Vukovar-Srijem (-374 persons), the County of Požega-Slavonia (-314 persons) and the County of Osijek-Baranja (-314 persons).

I INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

1 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration
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
2024	70 391	38 997	31 394

G-1 NET MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 2015 – 2024



2 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Country of citizenship	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Total	33 414	34 046	35 912	40 424	57 972	46 287	69 396	39 218	70 391	38 997
Croatia	8 460	20 886	10 622	25 950	10 340	32 739	10 852	25 427	13 290	20 147
Europe	22 220	11 988	20 223	12 704	34 367	11 255	38 054	10 526	26 875	13 196
European Union	3 814	923	4 753	987	5 167	960	4 649	457	4 819	362
Austria	224	66	317	64	306	32	282	12	276	12
Bulgaria	54	23	90	21	211	17	240	29	227	21
Czech Republic	137	28	159	16	140	24	130	4	141	14
France	116	34	303	46	287	33	198	18	191	10
Italy	376	140	449	156	590	167	467	73	410	42
Hungary	132	47	162	49	200	41	219	14	266	22
Netherlands	75	17	95	29	119	10	138	16	126	5
Germany	823	200	1 134	173	1 407	182	1 190	69	1 207	63
Poland	97	37	291	31	290	48	212	23	220	15
Romania	61	20	96	30	168	21	114	30	154	24
Slovakia	81	22	160	21	139	32	142	13	145	8
Slovenia	1 331	187	859	241	727	222	815	103	995	80
Sweden	67	33	107	24	105	24	114	7	128	9
Other European countries	18 406	11 065	15 470	11 717	29 200	10 295	33 405	10 069	22 056	12 834
Albania	1 091	680	1 024	764	1 131	787	1 219	687	939	785
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 634	4 530	6 371	4 661	6 949	4 213	7 010	3 710	6 510	3 931
Montenegro	217	71	229	125	219	152	234	147	253	179
Kosovo	2 443	1 656	1 835	1 725	2 258	1 346	2 336	1 201	1 885	1 639
Russian Federation	177	73	156	84	558	57	727	165	452	310
North Macedonia	1 106	805	1 027	743	1 578	589	2 118	738	2 084	1 097
Serbia	4 191	2 446	3 131	2 891	3 948	2 261	4 897	2 289	5 071	3 011
United Kingdom ¹⁾	277	32	187	39	134	33	122	41	137	57
Ukraine	951	640	735	538	11 121	534	13 101	316	3 530	806
Asia	2 159	871	4 358	1 454	11 874	1 980	17 923	2 813	26 601	4 926
Africa	135	58	177	65	675	59	1 673	110	2 567	321
North and Central America	277	150	293	175	343	143	371	164	426	194
South America	136	58	200	56	304	87	431	145	537	169
Oceania	22	24	38	15	65	19	86	32	87	44
Unknown	5	11	1	5	4	5	6	1	8	-

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3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY AGE AND SEX, 2024

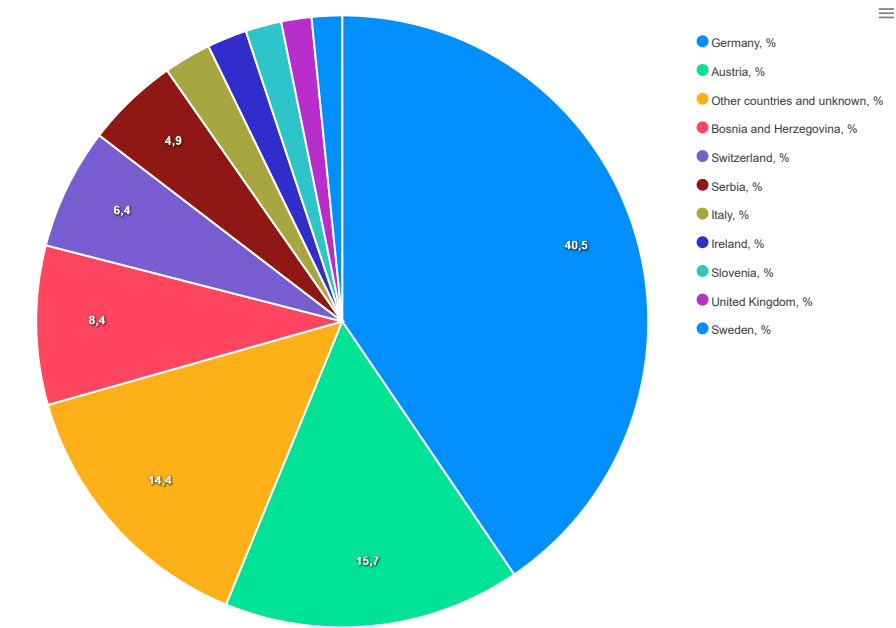
Age	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	70 391	51 789	18 602	38 997	26 429	12 568
0 – 4	1 108	546	562	998	513	485
5 – 9	953	484	469	1 331	687	644
10 – 14	805	439	366	804	423	381
15 – 19	2 209	1 570	639	1 324	766	558
20 – 24	9 170	7 020	2 150	4 280	3 157	1 123
25 – 29	11 937	9 079	2 858	5 454	3 935	1 519
30 – 34	11 177	8 587	2 590	4 847	3 528	1 319
35 – 39	9 741	7 743	1 998	4 356	3 272	1 084
40 – 44	7 325	5 806	1 519	3 931	2 855	1 076
45 – 49	4 866	3 625	1 241	3 355	2 324	1 031
50 – 54	3 554	2 413	1 141	2 721	1 753	968
55 – 59	2 632	1 661	971	2 082	1 341	741
60 – 64	2 026	1 196	830	1 354	816	538
65 – 69	1 434	837	597	880	458	422
70 – 74	767	427	340	678	328	350
75 and over	687	356	331	602	273	329

4 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/DESTINATION AND CITIZENSHIP, 2024

Country of origin/destination	Immigrants				Emigrants			
	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown
Total	70 391	13 290	57 093	8	38 997	20 147	18 850	-
Europe	38 256	12 319	25 934	3	31 493	18 578	12 915	-
European Union	13 722	9 184	4 536	2	14 366	14 017	349	-
Austria	1 429	1 116	313	-	3 181	3 165	16	-
Belgium	113	70	43	-	141	133	8	-
Bulgaria	156	1	155	-	22	3	19	-
Czech Republic	187	44	142	1	73	58	15	-
Denmark	97	78	19	-	115	114	1	-
France	268	100	168	-	178	171	7	-
Ireland	496	458	38	-	425	421	4	-
Italy	625	277	348	-	551	512	39	-
Luxembourg	34	33	1	-	34	34	-	-
Hungary	217	17	200	-	48	31	17	-
Netherlands	237	123	114	-	305	303	2	-
Germany	7 563	6 336	1 227	-	8 233	8 167	66	-
Poland	215	21	194	-	48	35	13	-
Romania	143	4	139	-	32	11	21	-
Slovakia	161	16	145	-	30	22	8	-
Slovenia	1 140	162	977	1	450	378	72	-
Spain	134	49	85	-	95	90	5	-
Sweden	367	249	118	-	323	314	9	-
Other European countries	24 534	3 135	21 398	1	17 127	4 561	12 566	-
Albania	933	2	931	-	785	1	784	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 940	1 625	6 315	-	5 561	1 687	3 874	-
Montenegro	243	15	228	-	197	21	176	-
Kosovo	1 799	18	1 781	-	1 610	16	1 594	-
Norway	134	101	33	-	151	149	2	-
Russian Federation	261	18	243	-	183	14	169	-
North Macedonia	2 117	43	2 074	-	1 119	28	1 091	-
Serbia	5 525	457	5 068	-	4 026	983	3 043	-
Switzerland	741	611	130	-	1 304	1 296	8	-
United Kingdom ¹⁾	331	201	130	-	365	321	44	-
Ukraine	3 454	5	3 448	1	783	2	781	-
Asia	26 524	130	26 391	3	5 026	160	4 866	-
Philippines	4 457	2	4 455	-	714	2	712	-
India	5 253	2	5 251	-	1 203	4	1 199	-
Nepal	10 012	-	10 012	-	1 305	-	1 305	-
Africa	2 545	31	2 514	-	321	10	311	-
North and Central America	915	540	375	-	589	430	159	-
Canada	312	238	74	-	176	158	18	-
USA	527	295	232	-	388	269	119	-
South America	557	62	495	-	166	17	149	-
Oceania	291	206	85	-	190	150	40	-
Australia	254	183	71	-	171	141	30	-
Unknown	1 303	2	1 299	2	1 212	802	410	-

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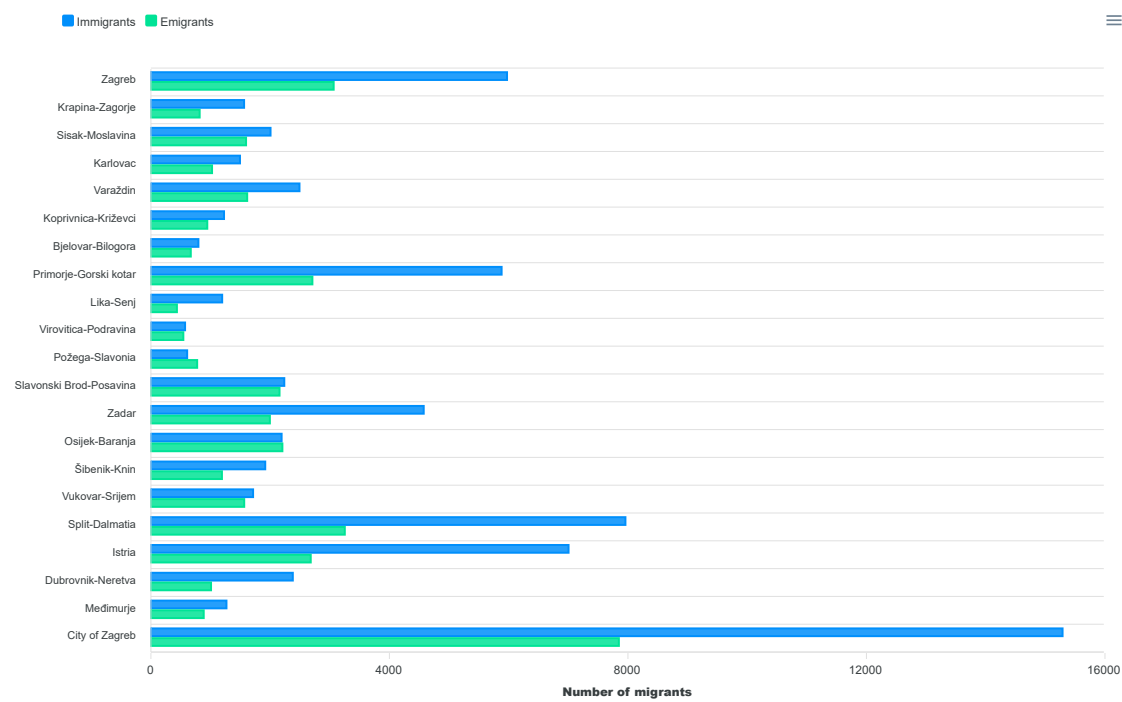
G-2 CROATIAN CITIZENS EMIGRATED ABROAD, BY COUNTRY OF NEXT RESIDENCE, 2024



5 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY COUNTIES

County of	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Republic of Croatia	33 414	34 046	35 912	40 424	57 972	46 287	69 396	39 218	70 391	38 997
Zagreb	2 529	2 505	2 967	3 125	4 680	3 436	5 490	3 140	5 978	3 067
Krapina-Zagorje	1 046	713	1 058	1 069	1 024	1 235	1 240	750	1 563	817
Sisak-Moslavina	962	1 207	1 113	1 664	1 323	1 925	1 800	1 588	2 007	1 596
Karlovac	1 177	988	972	1 285	1 440	1 394	1 608	1 134	1 494	1 025
Varaždin	1 206	1 182	1 356	1 501	2 223	1 656	2 841	1 323	2 493	1 615
Koprivnica-Križevci	438	502	820	641	987	946	1 223	764	1 226	945
Bjelovar-Bilogora	335	634	321	757	466	852	622	718	796	668
Primorje-Gorski kotar	2 632	2 625	2 600	3 152	4 617	3 238	5 761	2 756	5 887	2 710
Lika-Senj	349	359	364	431	976	517	1 231	400	1 195	435
Virovitica-Podravina	258	562	278	651	454	758	458	559	572	543
Požega-Slavonia	375	712	451	814	547	1 070	544	951	607	775
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	927	1 436	1 039	1 860	1 549	2 157	2 281	1 625	2 238	2 158
Zadar	1 818	1 629	1 922	1 935	3 443	2 114	4 759	1 833	4 579	1 996
Osijek-Baranja	1 328	2 032	1 267	2 242	2 108	2 715	2 323	2 370	2 193	2 206
Šibenik-Knin	908	1 019	972	1 093	1 520	1 271	1 897	1 133	1 918	1 191
Vukovar-Srijem	940	1 953	1 074	1 940	1 492	2 373	1 645	1 858	1 714	1 565
Split-Dalmatia	3 209	3 265	3 582	3 421	6 822	3 974	8 505	3 588	7 966	3 254
Istria	3 813	2 600	3 046	2 694	5 463	2 739	7 205	2 349	7 011	2 682
Dubrovnik-Neretva	1 600	1 112	1 188	1 563	1 712	1 378	2 268	1 006	2 381	1 008
Međimurje	866	1 003	1 123	1 195	1 498	1 513	1 502	1 030	1 267	885
City of Zagreb	6 698	6 008	8 399	7 391	13 628	9 026	14 193	8 343	15 306	7 856

G-3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES, 2024

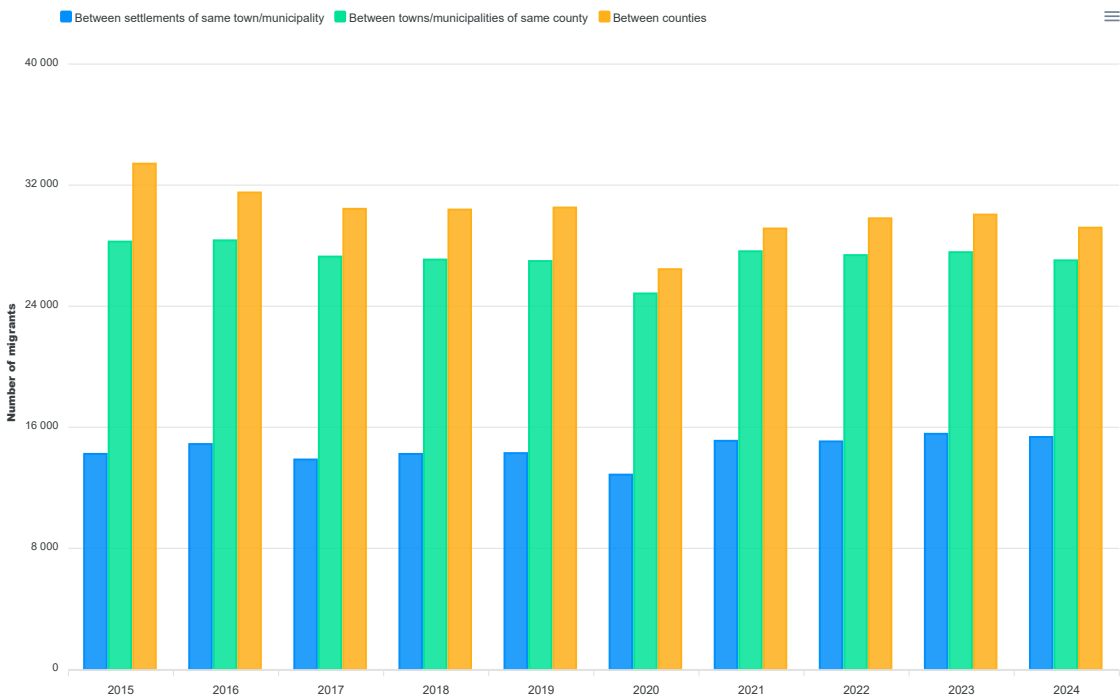


II INTERNAL MIGRATION

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
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
2024	71 575	15 357	27 028	29 190

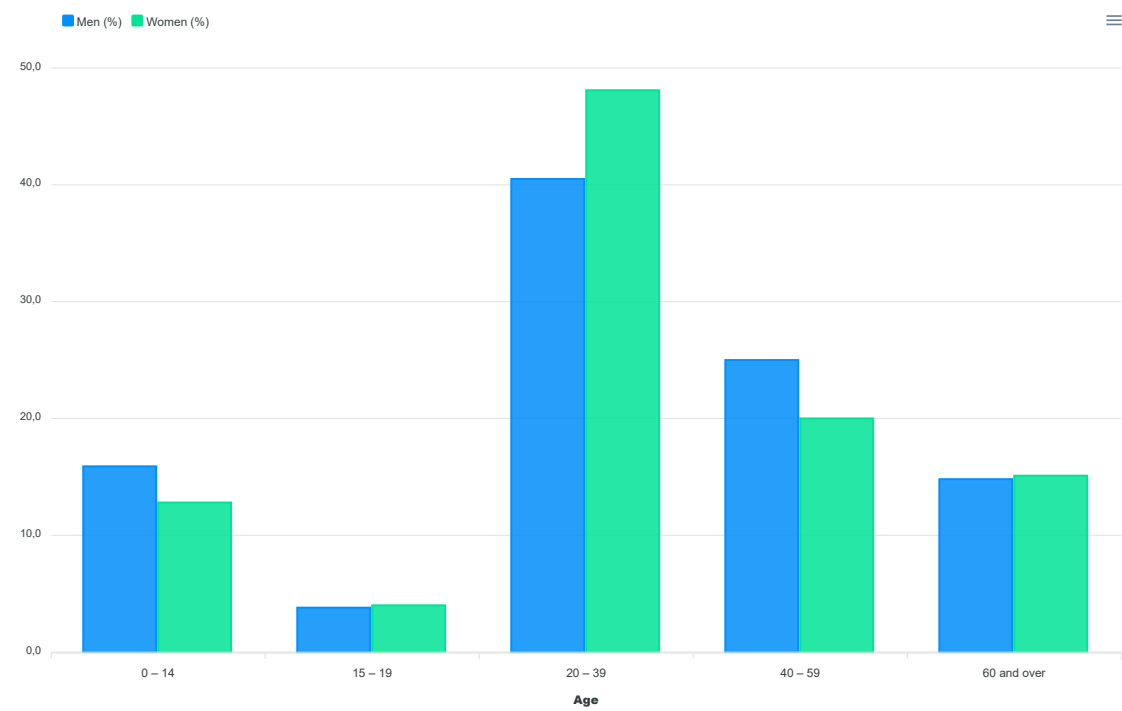
G-4 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2015 – 2024



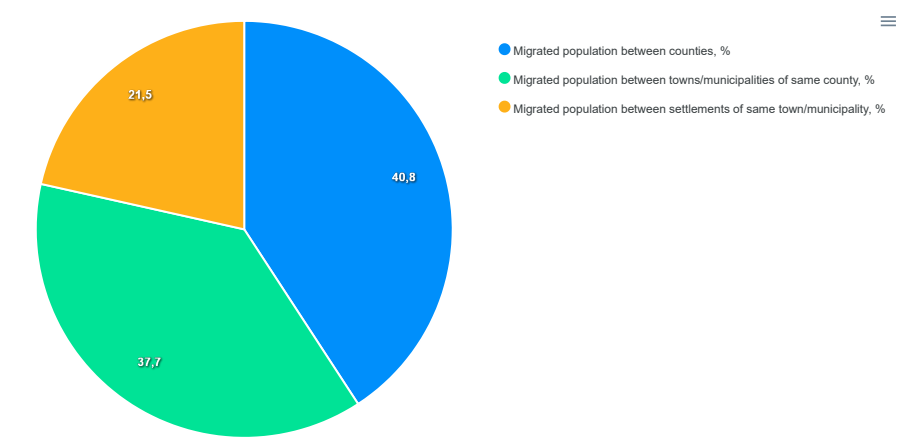
2 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE, SEX AND PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2024

Age	Sex	Total	Migrant population		
			Between settlements of same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of same county	Between counties
Total	Total	71 575	15 357	27 028	29 190
	Men	32 948	7 077	12 256	13 615
	Women	38 627	8 280	14 772	15 575
0 – 4	Total	3 619	855	1 530	1 234
	Men	1 910	463	790	657
	Women	1 709	392	740	577
5 – 9	Total	3 762	1 095	1 492	1 175
	Men	1 909	559	756	594
	Women	1 853	536	736	581
10 – 14	Total	2 813	897	1 058	858
	Men	1 421	433	554	434
	Women	1 392	464	504	424
15 – 19	Total	2 782	768	1 104	910
	Men	1 246	363	465	418
	Women	1 536	405	639	492
20 – 24	Total	5 645	1 106	2 057	2 482
	Men	2 059	429	686	944
	Women	3 586	677	1 371	1 538
25 – 29	Total	10 601	1 973	3 903	4 725
	Men	3 893	726	1 363	1 804
	Women	6 708	1 247	2 540	2 921
30 – 34	Total	8 923	1 805	3 286	3 832
	Men	4 018	812	1 453	1 753
	Women	4 905	993	1 833	2 079
35 – 39	Total	6 739	1 474	2 495	2 770
	Men	3 381	716	1 272	1 393
	Women	3 358	758	1 223	1 377
40 – 44	Total	5 176	1 195	1 978	2 003
	Men	2 624	562	1 003	1 059
	Women	2 552	633	975	944
45 – 49	Total	4 123	950	1 559	1 614
	Men	2 146	506	789	851
	Women	1 977	444	770	763
50 – 54	Total	3 520	662	1 389	1 469
	Men	1 841	326	700	815
	Women	1 679	336	689	654
55 – 59	Total	3 153	650	1 186	1 317
	Men	1 622	337	605	680
	Women	1 531	313	581	637
60 – 64	Total	2 966	564	1 111	1 291
	Men	1 502	275	566	661
	Women	1 464	289	545	630
65 – 69	Total	2 729	523	957	1 249
	Men	1 364	255	488	621
	Women	1 365	268	469	628
70 – 74	Total	2 041	335	765	941
	Men	945	163	365	417
	Women	1 096	172	400	524
75 and over	Total	2 983	505	1 158	1 320
	Men	1 067	152	401	514
	Women	1 916	353	757	806

G-5 MIGRATED POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE AND SEX, 2024



G-6 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2024



3 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES AND PLACE OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 2024

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	71 575	29 190	71 575	29 190	0	15 357	27 028
Zagreb	8 040	4 959	6 137	3 056	1 903	1 637	1 444
Krapina-Zagorje	2 090	786	1 975	671	115	444	860
Sisak-Moslavina	2 440	853	2 764	1 177	-324	866	721
Karlovac	1 736	682	1 803	749	-67	463	591
Varaždin	2 798	772	2 818	792	-20	646	1 380
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 803	628	1 830	655	-27	404	771
Bjelovar-Bilogora	2 008	636	2 222	850	-214	597	775
Primorje-Gorski kotar	5 815	1 654	5 845	1 684	-30	784	3 377
Lika-Senj	1 001	458	949	406	52	355	188
Virovitica-Podravina	1 044	322	1 295	573	-251	293	429
Požega-Slavonia	1 166	416	1 312	562	-146	320	430
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 902	660	2 259	1 017	-357	242	1 000
Zadar	3 622	1 661	3 051	1 090	571	320	1 641
Osijek-Baranja	4 464	1 273	4 765	1 574	-301	1 059	2 132
Šibenik-Knin	2 054	997	1 804	747	250	514	543
Vukovar-Srijem	2 006	653	2 529	1 176	-523	190	1 163
Split-Dalmatia	8 216	1 658	8 562	2 004	-346	1 369	5 189
Istria	4 473	1 349	4 019	895	454	874	2 250
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 263	589	2 457	783	-194	839	835
Međimurje	2 089	361	2 194	466	-105	419	1 309
City of Zagreb	10 545	7 823	10 985	8 263	-440	2 722 ¹⁾	-

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

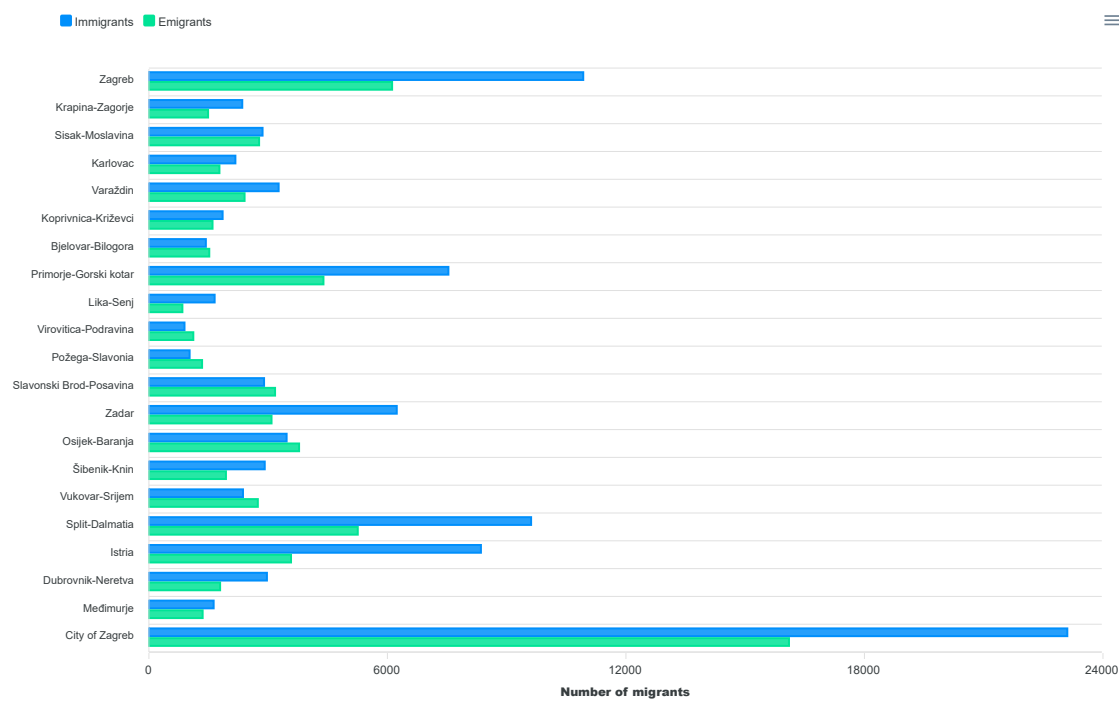
III TOTAL MIGRATION IN 2024

1 TOTAL NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS, BY COUNTIES, 2024

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)	29 190	70 391	1)	29 190	38 997	1)	0	31 394
Zagreb	10 937	4 959	5 978	6 123	3 056	3 067	4 814	1 903	2 911
Krapina-Zagorje	2 349	786	1 563	1 488	671	817	861	115	746
Sisak-Moslavina	2 860	853	2 007	2 773	1 177	1 596	87	-324	411
Karlovac	2 176	682	1 494	1 774	749	1 025	402	-67	469
Varaždin	3 265	772	2 493	2 407	792	1 615	858	-20	878
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 854	628	1 226	1 600	655	945	254	-27	281
Bjelovar-Bilogora	1 432	636	796	1 518	850	668	-86	-214	128
Primorje-Gorski kotar	7 541	1 654	5 887	4 394	1 684	2 710	3 147	-30	3 177
Lika-Senj	1 653	458	1 195	841	406	435	812	52	760
Virovitica-Podravina	894	322	572	1 116	573	543	-222	-251	29
Požega-Slavonia	1 023	416	607	1 337	562	775	-314	-146	-168
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	2 898	660	2 238	3 175	1 017	2 158	-277	-357	80
Zadar	6 240	1 661	4 579	3 086	1 090	1 996	3 154	571	2 583
Osijek-Baranja	3 466	1 273	2 193	3 780	1 574	2 206	-314	-301	-13
Šibenik-Knin	2 915	997	1 918	1 938	747	1 191	977	250	727
Vukovar-Srijem	2 367	653	1 714	2 741	1 176	1 565	-374	-523	149
Split-Dalmatia	9 624	1 658	7 966	5 258	2 004	3 254	4 366	-346	4 712
Istria	8 360	1 349	7 011	3 577	895	2 682	4 783	454	4 329
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 970	589	2 381	1 791	783	1 008	1 179	-194	1 373
Međimurje	1 628	361	1 267	1 351	466	885	277	-105	382
City of Zagreb	23 129	7 823	15 306	16 119	8 263	7 856	7 010	-440	7 450

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, 2024



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 and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 311/76 on the compilation of statistics on foreign workers.

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, 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 2024, 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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