



MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2021

Data on international and internal migration of the population of the Republic of Croatia are presented for the period from 2012 to 2021 and data at the county level for the period from 2017 to 2021.

International migration

In 2021, a total of 35 912 persons immigrated to the Republic of Croatia and 40 424 persons emigrated from it. The Republic of Croatia had a negative net migration with foreign countries, which amounted to -4 512.

In 2021, a total of 29.6% of Croatian citizens and 70.4% of aliens immigrated into the Republic of Croatia, while 64.2% of Croatian citizens and 35.8% 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.

Out of the total number of immigrants, 22.4% of persons arrived from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Out of the total number of emigrants from the Republic of Croatia, 32.3% of persons emigrated to Germany.

With regard to sex structure, there were more men (72.7%) in the total number of immigrants. Out of the total number of emigrants, there were also more men (63.5%). The largest number of persons who emigrated abroad were aged 20 – 39 (45.9%).

In 2021, the greatest share in the total number of persons who immigrated to the Republic of Croatia was recorded in the City of Zagreb (23.4%) and the County of Split-Dalmatia (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 (18.3%), followed by the County of Split-Dalmatia (8.5%) and the County of Primorje-Gorski kotar (7.8%).

Internal migration

In 2021, there were 71 864 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 – 39 (45.9%), while the share of women in the total number of persons who migrated was 54.6%.

Within the total number of persons who migrated on the territory of the Republic of Croatia in 2021, the largest number of persons (40.5%) migrated between counties, 38.5% of persons migrated between towns/municipalities of the same county and 21.0% of persons migrated between settlements of the same town/municipality.

The majority of migrations between towns/municipalities within the same county in 2021 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 (1 904 persons). Thirteen counties and the City of Zagreb had a negative net migration between counties, the largest ones being recorded in the County of Slavonski Brod-Posavina (-447 persons) and the county of Vukovar-Sirmium (-395 persons).

The total migration of population in 2021

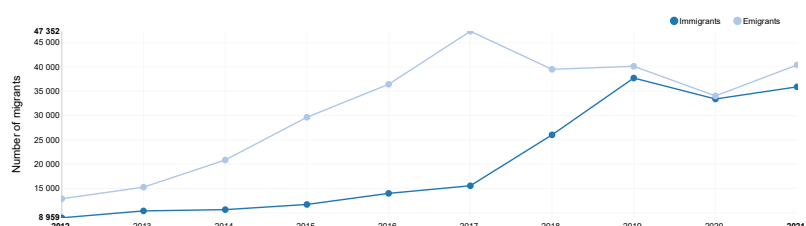
The largest positive total net migration of population in 2021 (the difference between the total number of immigrants from another county and abroad, and the total number of emigrants to another county and abroad) was recorded in the County of Zagreb (1 746 persons). The largest negative total net migration of population was recorded in the County of Slavonski Brod-Posavina (-1 268 persons), the County of Vukovar-Sirmium (-1 261 persons) and the County of Osijek-Baranja (-1 222 persons).

I INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

1 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net migration
2012	8 959	12 877	-3 918
2013	10 378	15 262	-4 884
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

G-1 NET MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 2012 – 2021



2 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Country of citizenship	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Total	15 553	47 352	26 029	39 515	37 726	40 148	33 414	34 046	35 912	40 424
Croatia	7 911	45 367	8 619	36 413	9 882	32 453	8 460	20 886	10 622	25 950
Europe	6 891	1 661	16 109	2 769	24 194	7 224	22 220	11 988	20 223	12 704
European Union ¹⁾	2 087	647	2 108	753	2 314	971	3 814	923	4 753	987
Austria	116	20	130	55	132	63	224	66	317	64
Bulgaria	45	18	45	23	65	30	54	23	90	21
Czech Republic	52	12	61	24	42	19	137	28	159	16
France	85	51	91	30	100	58	116	34	303	46
Italy	304	134	266	99	307	131	376	140	449	156
Hungary	99	51	83	45	118	40	132	47	162	49
Netherlands	55	8	70	26	45	16	75	17	95	29
Germany	462	94	453	129	487	192	823	200	1 134	173
Poland	57	18	79	19	79	27	97	37	291	31
Romania	47	36	38	36	70	40	61	20	96	30
Slovakia	55	20	49	18	49	28	81	22	160	21
Slovenia	513	105	535	172	573	247	1 331	187	859	241
Sweden	63	18	58	25	52	36	67	33	107	24
Other European countries ¹⁾	4 804	1 014	14 001	2 016	21 880	6 253	18 406	11 065	15 470	11 717
Albania	207	6	642	87	1 304	292	1 091	680	1 024	764
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2 946	482	7 932	1 161	9 680	3 241	7 634	4 530	6 371	4 661
Montenegro	48	20	79	25	156	46	217	71	229	125
Kosovo	255	64	1 394	87	3 635	597	2 443	1 656	1 835	1 725
Russian Federation	132	51	108	48	146	47	177	73	156	84
North Macedonia ²⁾	205	71	798	96	1 462	391	1 106	805	1 027	743
Serbia	553	185	2 161	294	3 995	1 156	4 191	2 446	3 131	2 891
United Kingdom ¹⁾	100	28	134	40	196	47	277	32	187	39
Ukraine	223	76	618	134	1 071	364	951	640	735	538
Asia	401	192	880	153	3 084	231	2 159	871	4 358	1 454
Africa	70	28	83	22	139	24	135	58	177	65
North and Central America	165	75	202	90	235	119	277	150	293	175
South America	75	16	86	38	145	47	136	58	200	56
Oceania	34	5	39	16	37	22	22	24	38	15
Unknown	6	8	11	14	10	28	5	11	1	5

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3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY AGE AND SEX, 2021

Age	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	35 912	26 101	9 811	40 424	25 669	14 755
0 - 4	800	401	399	845	454	391
5 - 9	654	354	300	1 489	744	745
10 - 14	579	278	301	1 330	686	644
15 - 19	1 358	981	377	1 528	841	687
20 - 24	4 689	3 362	1 327	4 250	2 766	1 484
25 - 29	5 079	3 851	1 228	5 064	3 275	1 789
30 - 34	4 604	3 606	998	4 833	3 338	1 495
35 - 39	4 182	3 307	875	4 389	3 089	1 300
40 - 44	3 565	2 868	697	4 183	2 806	1 377
45 - 49	2 896	2 238	658	3 609	2 341	1 268
50 - 54	2 169	1 639	530	2 895	1 856	1 039
55 - 59	1 631	1 125	506	2 188	1 427	761
60 - 64	1 362	804	558	1 320	827	493
65 - 69	1 203	662	541	1 065	525	540
70 - 74	655	383	272	803	402	401
75 and over	486	242	244	633	292	341

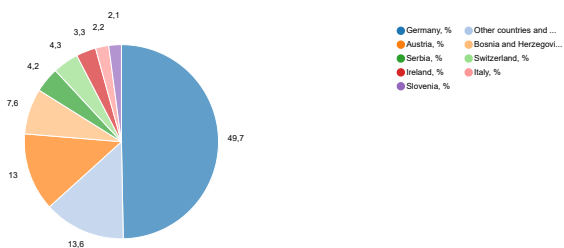
4 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN/DESTINATION AND CITIZENSHIP, 2021

Country of origin/destination	Immigrants				Emigrants			
	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown	Total	Croatian citizens	Aliens	Unknown
Total	35 912	10 622	25 289	1	40 424	25 950	14 469	5
Europe	29 048	9 248	19 799	1	37 623	25 023	12 596	4
European Union	10 655	6 151	4 503	1	20 884	19 938	946	-
Austria	928	586	342	-	3 425	3 364	61	-
Belgium	79	32	47	-	173	162	11	-
Czech Republic	200	38	161	1	108	91	17	-
Denmark	51	35	16	-	154	150	4	-
France	335	66	269	-	182	148	34	-
Ireland	437	413	24	-	866	858	8	-
Italy	657	264	393	-	733	581	152	-
Luxembourg	20	14	6	-	64	62	2	-
Hungary	159	44	115	-	83	45	38	-
Netherlands	166	90	76	-	382	357	25	-
Germany	5 371	4 225	1 146	-	13 077	12 906	171	-
Poland	293	11	282	-	57	28	29	-
Romania	83	5	78	-	37	8	29	-
Slovakia	183	20	163	-	42	21	21	-
Slovenia	1 005	161	844	-	804	548	256	-
Spain	214	27	187	-	84	64	20	-
Sweden	192	98	94	-	518	497	21	-
Other European countries	18 393	3 097	15 296	-	16 739	5 085	11 650	4
Albania	1 023	1	1 022	-	768	5	763	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8 055	1 786	6 269	-	6 613	1 978	4 633	2
Montenegro	255	30	225	-	158	35	123	-
Kosovo	1 811	32	1 779	-	1 696	23	1 673	-
Norway	93	56	37	-	197	181	16	-
Russian Federation	162	25	137	-	99	20	79	-
North Macedonia ¹⁾	1 051	36	1 015	-	779	36	743	-
Serbia	3 743	577	3 166	-	3 999	1 083	2 914	2
Switzerland	478	377	101	-	1 125	1 114	11	-
United Kingdom ²⁾	338	160	178	-	589	555	34	-
Ukraine	735	5	730	-	545	6	539	-
Asia	4 436	148	4 288	-	1 598	173	1 425	-
Africa	214	61	153	-	74	13	61	-
North and Central America	781	516	265	-	589	436	153	-
Canada	280	233	47	-	154	136	18	-
USA	470	280	190	-	409	281	128	-
South America	250	60	190	-	60	8	52	-
Oceania	136	105	31	-	82	65	17	-
Australia	122	97	25	-	67	55	12	-
Unknown	1 047	484	563	-	398	232	165	1

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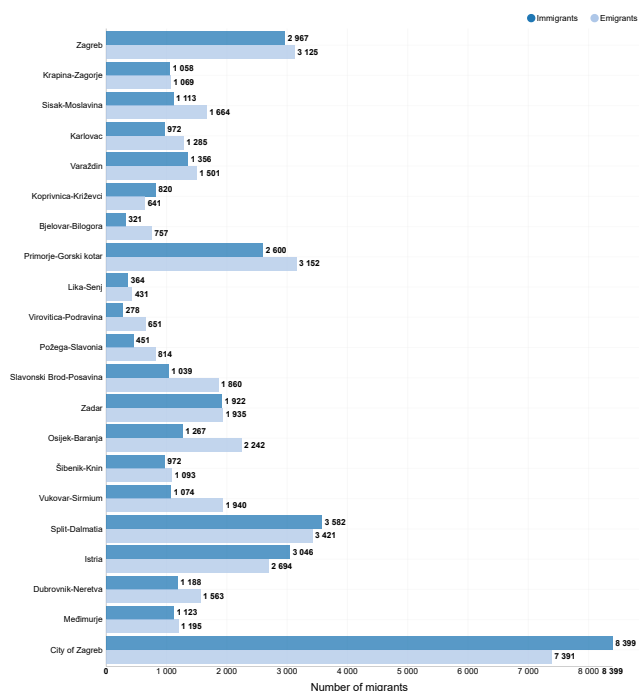
G-2 CROATIAN CITIZENS EMIGRATED ABROAD, BY COUNTRY OF NEXT RESIDENCE, 2021



5 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION, BY COUNTIES

County of	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021	
	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants	Immigrants	Emigrants
Republic of Croatia	15 553	47 352	26 029	39 515	37 726	40 148	33 414	34 046	35 912	40 424
Zagreb	830	3 201	1 741	2 828	2 934	2 941	2 529	2 505	2 967	3 125
Krapina-Zagorje	192	593	314	619	855	633	1 046	713	1 058	1 069
Sisak-Moslavina	502	3 211	795	2 130	1 068	1 904	962	1 207	1 113	1 664
Karlovac	421	1 194	680	994	933	1 310	1 177	988	972	1 285
Varaždin	343	1 346	718	1 172	1 408	1 384	1 206	1 182	1 356	1 501
Koprivnica-Križevci	185	989	271	827	368	748	438	502	820	641
Bjelovar-Bilogora	162	1 016	217	869	294	920	335	634	321	757
Primorje-Gorski kotar	1 479	2 962	2 278	2 890	2 932	2 748	2 632	2 625	2 600	3 152
Lika-Senj	178	608	328	443	462	424	349	359	364	431
Virovitica-Podravina	167	1 322	180	1 009	268	998	258	562	278	651
Požega-Slavonia	166	1 564	299	1 172	373	1 078	375	712	451	814
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	348	3 271	807	2 258	1 184	2 073	927	1 436	1 039	1 860
Zadar	732	1 367	1 289	1 370	2 145	1 917	1 818	1 629	1 922	1 935
Osijek-Baranja	598	5 094	879	3 635	1 225	3 069	1 328	2 032	1 267	2 242
Šibenik-Knin	487	1 199	770	1 033	1 185	1 125	908	1 019	972	1 093
Vukovar-Sirmium	447	5 091	820	3 001	1 164	2 510	940	1 953	1 074	1 940
Split-Dalmatia	1 984	2 992	2 952	2 872	4 414	2 714	3 209	3 265	3 582	3 421
Istria	1 859	1 543	2 765	1 852	3 977	2 582	3 813	2 600	3 046	2 694
Dubrovnik-Neretva	555	788	1 016	716	2 025	725	1 600	1 112	1 188	1 563
Međimurje	203	1 187	512	2 56	867	1 088	866	1 003	1 123	1 195
City of Zagreb	3 715	6 814	6 398	6 569	7 645	7 257	6 698	6 008	8 399	7 391

G-3 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES, 2021

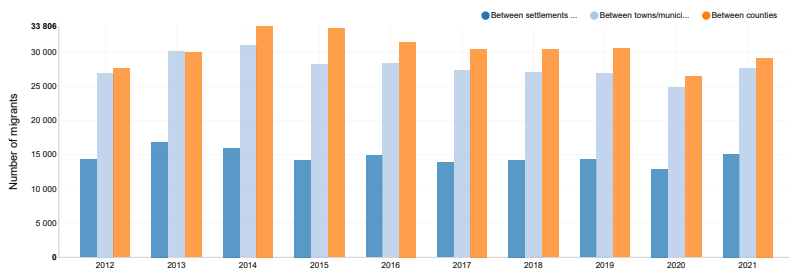


II INTERNAL MIGRATION

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
2012	68 839	14 314	26 908	27 617
2013	76 840	16 827	30 054	29 959
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

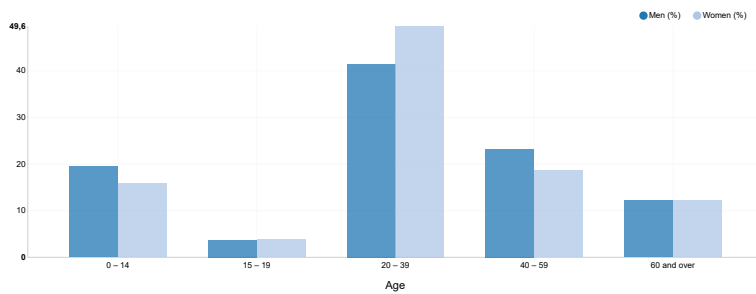
G-4 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2012 – 2021



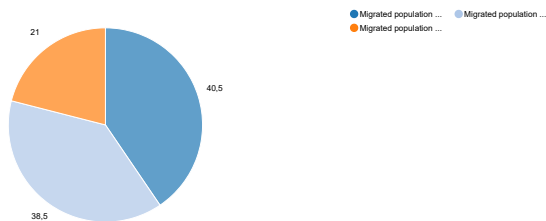
2 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE, SEX AND PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2021

Age	Sex	Total	Migrant population		
			Between settlements of same town/municipality	Between towns/municipalities of same county	Between counties
Total	Total	71 864	15 104	27 628	29 132
	Men	32 637	6 938	12 302	13 397
	Women	39 227	8 166	15 326	15 735
0 - 4	Total	5 946	1 304	2 556	2 086
	Men	3 063	652	1 297	1 114
	Women	2 883	652	1 259	972
5 - 9	Total	3 799	1 095	1 586	1 118
	Men	1 918	553	799	566
	Women	1 881	542	787	552
10 - 14	Total	2 808	858	1 141	809
	Men	1 385	439	549	397
	Women	1 423	419	592	412
15 - 19	Total	2 703	725	1 127	851
	Men	1 216	333	516	367
	Women	1 487	392	611	484
20 - 24	Total	5 713	1 149	2 294	2 270
	Men	1 906	410	682	814
	Women	3 807	739	1 612	1 456
25 - 29	Total	10 652	1 926	3 903	4 823
	Men	3 824	680	1 323	1 821
	Women	6 828	1 246	2 580	3 002
30 - 34	Total	9 547	1 897	3 591	4 059
	Men	4 314	852	1 612	1 850
	Women	5 233	1 045	1 979	2 209
35 - 39	Total	7 056	1 525	2 658	2 873
	Men	3 460	732	1 284	1 444
	Women	3 596	793	1 374	1 429
40 - 44	Total	5 211	1 245	1 983	1 983
	Men	2 604	633	973	998
	Women	2 607	612	1 010	985
45 - 49	Total	3 809	863	1 405	1 541
	Men	1 974	422	716	836
	Women	1 835	441	689	705
50 - 54	Total	3 102	602	1 167	1 333
	Men	1 593	304	588	701
	Women	1 509	298	579	632
55 - 59	Total	2 746	533	996	1 217
	Men	1 391	269	487	635
	Women	1 355	264	509	582
60 - 64	Total	2 682	468	961	1 253
	Men	1 292	234	474	584
	Women	1 390	234	487	669
65 - 69	Total	2 464	404	904	1 156
	Men	1 234	215	474	545
	Women	1 230	189	430	611
70 - 74	Total	1 652	228	595	829
	Men	742	98	278	366
	Women	910	130	317	463
75 and over	Total	1 974	282	761	931
	Men	721	112	250	359
	Women	1 253	170	511	572

G-5 MIGRATED POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY AGE AND SEX, 2021



G-6 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY PLACE OF MIGRATION, 2021



3 INTERNAL MIGRATION OF POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES AND PLACE OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION, 2021

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	71 864	29 132	71 864	29 132	0	15 104	27 628
Zagreb	7 792	4 771	5 888	2 867	1 904	1 575	1 446
Krapina-Zagorje	2 352	915	2 106	669	246	479	958
Sisak-Moslavina	2 630	886	3 006	1 262	-376	928	816
Karlovac	1 907	798	1 745	636	162	438	671
Varaždin	2 598	717	2 611	730	-13	529	1 352
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 705	550	1 850	695	-145	396	759
Bjelovar-Bilogora	2 165	652	2 468	955	-303	683	830
Primorje-Gorski kotar	6 228	1 685	6 208	1 665	20	693	3 850
Lika-Senj	951	463	911	423	40	309	179
Virovitica-Podravina	1 157	412	1 351	606	-194	336	409
Požega-Slavonia	1 286	413	1 505	632	-219	380	493
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 937	622	2 384	1 069	-447	246	1 069
Zadar	3 158	1 376	2 895	1 113	263	300	1 482
Osijek-Baranja	4 694	1 313	4 941	1 560	-247	1 116	2 265
Šibenik-Knin	1 851	837	1 869	855	-18	447	567
Vukovar-Sirmium	2 233	754	2 628	1 149	-395	203	1 276
Split-Dalmatia	7 534	1 597	7 780	1 843	-246	1 099	4 838
Istria	4 494	1 344	4 035	885	459	905	2 245
Dubrovnik-Neretva	2 182	570	2 443	831	-261	774	838
Međimurje	1 997	380	2 082	465	-85	332	1 285
City of Zagreb	11 013	8 077	11 158	8 222	-145	2 936 ¹⁾	-

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

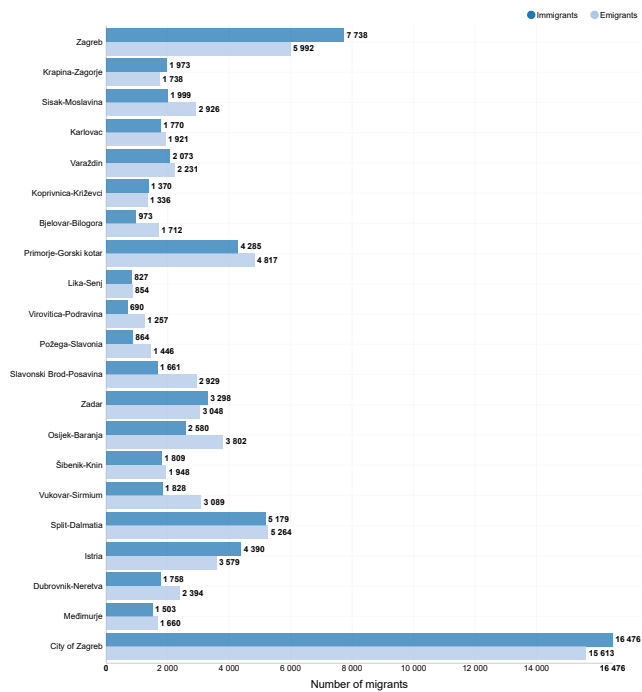
III TOTAL MIGRATION IN 2021

1 TOTAL NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS, BY COUNTIES, 2021

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)	29 132	35 912	-1)	29 132	40 424	-1)	0	-4 512
Zagreb	7 738	4 771	2 967	5 992	2 867	3 125	1 746	1 904	-158
Krapina-Zagorje	1 973	915	1 058	1 738	669	1 069	235	246	-11
Sisak-Moslavina	1 999	886	1 113	2 926	1 262	1 664	-927	-376	-551
Karlovac	1 770	798	972	1 921	636	1 285	-151	162	-313
Varaždin	2 073	717	1 356	2 231	730	1 501	-158	-13	-145
Koprivnica-Križevci	1 370	550	820	1 336	695	641	34	-145	179
Bjelovar-Bilogora	973	652	321	1 712	955	757	-739	-303	-436
Primorje-Gorski kotar	4 285	1 685	2 600	4 817	1 665	3 152	-532	20	-552
Lika-Senj	827	463	364	854	423	431	-27	40	-67
Virovitica-Podravina	690	412	278	1 257	606	651	-567	-194	-373
Požega-Slavonia	864	413	451	1 446	632	814	-582	-219	-363
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	1 661	622	1 039	2 929	1 069	1 860	-1 268	-447	-821
Zadar	3 298	1 376	1 922	3 048	1 113	1 935	250	263	-13
Osijek-Baranja	2 580	1 313	1 267	3 802	1 560	2 242	-1 222	-247	-975
Šibenik-Knin	1 809	837	972	1 948	855	1 093	-139	-18	-121
Vukovar-Sirmium	1 828	754	1 074	3 089	1 149	1 940	-1 261	-395	-866
Split-Dalmatia	5 179	1 597	3 582	5 264	1 843	3 421	-85	-246	161
Istria	4 390	1 344	3 046	3 579	885	2 694	811	459	352
Dubrovnik-Neretva	1 758	570	1 188	2 394	831	1 563	-636	-261	-375
Međimurje	1 503	380	1 123	1 660	465	1 195	-157	-85	-72
City of Zagreb	16 476	8 077	8 399	15 613	8 222	7 391	863	-145	1 008

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, 2021



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 and 158/13) lays down the conditions governing the registration and deregistration of permanent and temporary residence of Croatian citizens. The Aliens Act (NN, No. 133/20) 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 and 144/20) 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 and 158/13), 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 a person having the nationality of one of the EEA Member States (the European Union, Liechtenstein, Norway and Iceland).

Third-country national is a person 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 2021, according to the Act on the Territories of Counties, Towns and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (NN, No. 86/06).

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
0	value non zero but less than 0.5 of the unit of measure used

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