

Migration issues in Poland

Poland is particularly susceptible as a point of origin, destination and transit for migrants, the major challenges coming from irregular migrants arriving mainly from the former Soviet Union seeking asylum or jobs, and from victims of trafficking

Poland in numbers

Year	Estimated number of international migrants at mid-year (both sexes)	Year	Growth rate of the migrant stock (percentage)
1990	1 127 166	1990-1995	-3.1
1995	962 951	1995-2000	-3.1
2000	822 660	2000-2005	-3.1
2005	702		

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Year	Estimated number of female migrants at mid-year
1990	645 270
1995	559 732
2000	485 533
2005	421

Year	Estimated number of male migrants at mid-year
1990	481 896
1995	403 219
2000	337 127
2005	281 638

Indicator	1990	1995	2000	2005
Estimated number of international migrants at mid-year (both sexes)	1 127 166	962 951	822 660	702 808
Estimated number of refugees at mid-year	0	497	981	2 929
Population at mid-year (thousands)	38 111	38 595	38 649	38 530
Estimated number of female migrants at mid-year	645 270	559 732	485 533	421 170
Estimated number of male migrants at mid-year	481 896	403 219	337 127	281 638
International migrants as a percentage of the population	3.0	2.5	2.1	1.8
Female migrants as percentage of all international migrants	57.2	58.1	59.0	59.9
Refugees as a percentage of international migrants	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4

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The integration of migrants legally residing in Poland is gradually becoming a key issue. Specific attention should be given to migrants from Chechnya, the majority of whom are not granted refugee status but are allowed a subsidiary form of protection, known as tolerated stay.

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Following Poland's entry into the EU in May 2004 it is estimated that by the start of 2007 375,000 Poles have registered to work in the UK, although the total Polish population in the UK is believed to be 750,000. Many Poles work in seasonal occupations and a large number are likely to move back and forth including between Ireland and other EU Western nations

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Poland's greater accessibility to the EU job markets has also resulted in considerable growth in labour migration of Polish nationals mostly to those EU countries which have opened their labour markets to nationals from "new" EU Member States. As a result, Poland is now facing its own labour shortages, in areas such as healthcare and construction, and these need to be met by seeking workers from abroad.

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