

# STATISTICS OF INTERNAL MIGRATION

## LEGISLATION

The survey is conducted pursuant to the Official Statistics Law (Official Gazette of RS, No 104/09) and the Official Statistics Program for the period from 2016 to 2020 (Official Gazette of RS, No 55/15).

## METHODOLOGICAL BACKGROUNDS

### Survey objective and description

The objective of the annual survey on migration is to collect data on the population movements within the boundaries of the Republic of Serbia (internal population migrations) according to demographic and other features of population.

The subject of the survey is permanent migration of population moving from the actual place of usual residence to another place, with the intention to permanently reside at this, i.e. another place.

Based on these data ensured is the following and studying of quantitative aspects of migration, from the demographic viewpoint of migrant selection (sex, age, occupation).

Besides, internal population migration with its both components (immigrants and emigrants) induce the rise, i.e. decline in the population and present an element for estimating the number of population by territorial distribution.

### Reporting units

The data are collected for all persons that permanently move to another place within the boundaries of the Republic of Serbia and thereafter apply for registration/deregistration of the place of usual residence to the Ministry of the Interior that is in charge of maintaining records of usual residence.

### Method, frequency and sources for data collection

The method of data collection is based on the principle of current following. Each change in usual residence that is recorded by respective registration/deregistration shall be statistically followed.

The statistical following of migration is carried out according to the data contained in the registration/deregistration form. The Ministry of the Interior is obligated to forward to the SORS on monthly basis the records with registration/deregistration data for the previous month.

Data sources are the declarations of citizens and documents submitted to the usual residence records service.

### Individual data protection – confidentiality

The obligation of individual data protection is envisaged by Article 3 of the provision on protection of respondents, Articles 44, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 – confidentiality provision stipulated by the Official Statistics Law (Official Gazette of RS, No 104/09).

### Main features and indicators – Definitions

Internal migrations or moving of population or moving are regarded as the most important aspect of geographic or spatial mobility of population within the boundaries of the Republic of Serbia.

**Age** of migrant is expressed in whole living years. It is estimated according to the date of birth and the date of registration/deregistration.

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Republic of Serbia that envisages and guarantees the free declaration of ethnic affiliation for the citizens, the data on **ethnicity** are obtained according to free and direct declaration of a migrant.

**Activity.** The data on activity are collected for persons aged 15 and above. These data are presented aggregated, as the following categories: person who performs occupation, unemployed, pensioner, person with other personal income, pupil or student, and other supported persons.

**Occupation.** By this feature aggregated are active persons that perform occupation, by type of job carried out in order to earn the means of sustenance.

**Place of usual residence** is the place where a citizen moved to with the intention to reside permanently.

## **Representative data**

The data on migrants are presented on the level of municipality, area and the republic. Starting from 1998 the SORS may not provide the data for the AP Kosovo and Metohija; therefore these data have not been included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (Total).

## **SURVEY ORGANISATION**

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### **Implementation**

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of the Interior are in charge of the preparatory activities and implementation of the survey.

The SORS shall create the methodological guidelines, and define the instruments and code list required for the survey.

The SORS conducts the control, logical check-up and publishing of the survey on internal migration.

### **Responsiveness**

The obligation of responding to the survey is stipulated by Article 26, and the penalty provisions for the cases of refusing to respond or providing incomplete and false data are envisaged by Article 52, the Official Statistics Law (Official Gazette of RS, No 104/2009).

## **SURVEY INSTRUMENTS**

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### **Publication**

The survey results are released in the publication "Demographic Yearbook" and at the SORS site.

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