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**Internal migration, 2019**

In 2019 there were 127421 persons who changed residence, i.e. moved permanently from one to another place (settlement) in the Republic of Serbia. The average age of persons who changed residence was 34.4 years (34.8 for men and 34.0 for women).

Looking at the regions of the Republic of Serbia, the Beogradski region and Region Vojvodine had a positive migration balance in 2019.

In 2019, in the Republic of Serbia, most of the persons moved from one municipality/city to another within the same area (38.3%), and the smallest number of persons moved from one settlement to another within the same municipality/city (24.3%).

The largest number of migration movements was recorded in the territory of Beogradska oblast, 52 964 (41.6%) immigrants and 45 240 (35.5%) emigrants. Beogradska, Južnobačka, Severnobačka and Nišavska oblast recorded positive migration balance.

Observed at the level of municipalities/cities, only 35 municipalities/cities had a positive migration balance in 2019, while in one, the balance equalled zero and in the 133 municipalities/cities it was negative.

From the economic activity point of view, 60% of migrants are dependents, 32% are active and the proportion of them having personal income is 8%.

Chart 1. Persons who changed residence in the Republic of Serbia, by age and sex, 2019

Chart 2. Мigration balance by regions of the Republic of Serbia, 2019

Таble1. Persons who changed residence in the Republic of Serbia, by territory of immigration/emigration, 2019

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|  | Immigration | | Emigration | | Migration balance | Population that moved within an area | |
| Total | From another area | Total | To another area | From municipalities/cities of the same area | From another settlement of the same municipality/city |
| **REPUBLIC OF SERBIA** | **127421** | **47627** | **127421** | **47627** | **0** | **48859** | **30935** |
| Beogradska oblast (Grad Beograd) | 52964 | 16856 | 45240 | 9132 | 7724 | 32628 | 3480 |
| Zapadnobačka oblast | 2090 | 1036 | 2490 | 1436 | -400 | 304 | 750 |
| Južnobanatska oblast | 3709 | 1630 | 3820 | 1741 | -111 | 870 | 1209 |
| Južnobačka oblast | 12131 | 5363 | 10381 | 3613 | 1750 | 4326 | 2442 |
| Severnobanatska oblast | 1718 | 783 | 1931 | 996 | -213 | 370 | 565 |
| Severnobačka oblast | 2373 | 1090 | 2306 | 1023 | 67 | 254 | 1029 |
| Srednjobanatska oblast | 2142 | 1049 | 2652 | 1559 | -510 | 437 | 656 |
| Sremska oblast | 4566 | 2287 | 4630 | 2351 | -64 | 655 | 1624 |
| Zlatiborska oblast | 3342 | 1257 | 4561 | 2476 | -1219 | 752 | 1333 |
| Kolubarska oblast | 2397 | 1060 | 2580 | 1243 | -183 | 375 | 962 |
| Mačvanska oblast | 5218 | 1473 | 6125 | 2380 | -907 | 854 | 2891 |
| Moravička oblast | 2982 | 1032 | 3350 | 1400 | -368 | 339 | 1611 |
| Pomoravska oblast | 3076 | 1035 | 3482 | 1441 | -406 | 615 | 1426 |
| Rasinska oblast | 2677 | 932 | 3252 | 1507 | -575 | 376 | 1369 |
| Raška oblast | 3729 | 1155 | 4346 | 1772 | -617 | 528 | 2046 |
| Šumadijska oblast | 3115 | 1454 | 3437 | 1776 | -322 | 594 | 1067 |
| Borska oblast | 1630 | 652 | 2127 | 1149 | -497 | 217 | 761 |
| Braničevska oblast | 2513 | 840 | 2982 | 1309 | -469 | 738 | 935 |
| Zaječarska oblast | 1634 | 799 | 1758 | 923 | -124 | 173 | 662 |
| Jablanička oblast | 2313 | 896 | 3069 | 1652 | -756 | 353 | 1064 |
| Nišavska oblast | 5378 | 2553 | 5146 | 2321 | 232 | 2116 | 709 |
| Pirotska oblast | 938 | 398 | 1167 | 627 | -229 | 126 | 414 |
| Podunavska oblast | 1733 | 917 | 2360 | 1544 | -627 | 171 | 645 |
| Pčinjska oblast | 1904 | 499 | 2670 | 1265 | -766 | 533 | 872 |
| Toplička oblast | 1149 | 581 | 1559 | 991 | -410 | 155 | 413 |

**Migration movements in the Republic of Serbia, 2015–2019**

Over 2015–2019 Beogradski region was the only one having a positive migration balance, amounting annually to about 7 000 persons, and contributed to the increase in the number of population in this region.

Region Vojvodine, in the last five years, has been recording negative value of migration balance only in 2016. The largest positive value was seen in 2017, amounting to 670, and the largest negative one was in 2016, -158.

Over 2015-2019 the number of emigrants from Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije was constantly increasing, compared with the number of immigrants. The migration balance was negative and amounted, on average, to about 4 000, meaning that this region loses 4 000 inhabitants only based on the mechanical component (internal migration).

Region Južne i Istočne Srbije had a negative value of migration balance in the period from 2015 to 2019, which on average amounted to about -3 000 annually, affecting the decrease in the number of population in this region.

Таble 2. Persons who changed residence in the Republic of Serbia, 2015–2019

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|  | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| **Beogradski region** | | | | | |
| Immigration | 51548 | 50971 | 49494 | 50982 | 52964 |
| Emigration | 44239 | 44467 | 43057 | 44004 | 45240 |
| Migration balance | 7309 | 6504 | 6437 | 6978 | 7724 |
| **Region Vojvodine** | | | | | |
| Immigration | 28105 | 27960 | 27362 | 27772 | 28729 |
| Emigration | 28056 | 28118 | 26692 | 27464 | 28210 |
| Migration balance | 49 | -158 | 670 | 308 | 519 |
| **Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije** | | | | | |
| Immigration | 26173 | 27446 | 24964 | 25056 | 26536 |
| Emigration | 30478 | 30922 | 29051 | 29106 | 31133 |
| Migration balance | -4305 | -3476 | -4087 | -4050 | -4597 |
| **Region Južne i Istočne Srbije** | | | | | |
| Immigration | 19189 | 19305 | 18535 | 18383 | 19192 |
| Emigration | 22242 | 22175 | 21555 | 21619 | 22838 |
| Migration balance | -3053 | -2870 | -3020 | -3236 | -3646 |
| **Region Kosovo i Metohija** | | | | | |
| Total | … | … | … | … | … |

**Меthodological explanations**

Internal population migration is an annual survey covering the main demographic data on persons who have changed residence, i.e. have moved permanently from the previous place (settlement) of permanent residence to another place (settlement) in the territory of the Republic of Serbia. The Ministry of Interior is in charge of data collection for persons who have changed residence.

As laid in the Law on Residence of Citizens (“Official Gazette of the RS “, number 87/2011), *residence* is “the place where a citizen has settled down with the intent to live in permanently, i.e. the place where is the centre of her/his activities, professional, economic, social and other relationships that prove her/hi permanent link with the place she/he has settled in “.

*Migration balance of population* is the difference between the number of immigrated and emigrated population in a territory.

Starting from 1998 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not available data for AP Kosovo and Metohija therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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