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Internal migration, 2018

In 2018 there were 122 193 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 34.2 years (34.8 for men and 33.6 for women).

Looking at the regions of the Republic of Serbia, the Beogradski region and Region Vojvodine had a positive migration balance in 2018.

In 2018 most of the persons moved from one municipality/city to another within the same area (39.1%), and at least from one to another settlements within the same municipality/city (23.6%).

In total 25 areas in the Republic of Serbia the largest number of migration movements was recorded in the territory of the Beogradska oblast, 50 982 (41.8%) immigrants and 44 004 (36.0%) emigrants. Beogradska, Južnobačka, Severnobačka and Nišavska oblast had a positive migration balance, while the 21 areas saw a negative migration balance.

Observed at the level of municipalities/cities, only 41 municipalities/cities had a positive migration balance in 2018 and in the remaining 128 municipalities/cities it was negative.

From the economic activity point of view, 58% migrants are dependents, 34% are active and the proportion of them having personal income was 8%.

Chart 1. Persons who changed residence in the Republic of Serbia, by age and sex, 2018

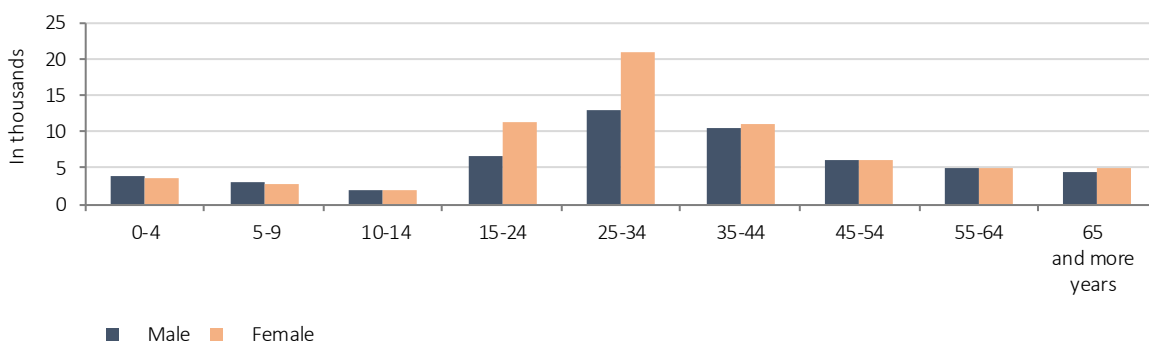


Chart 2. Migration balance by regions of the Republic of Serbia, 2018

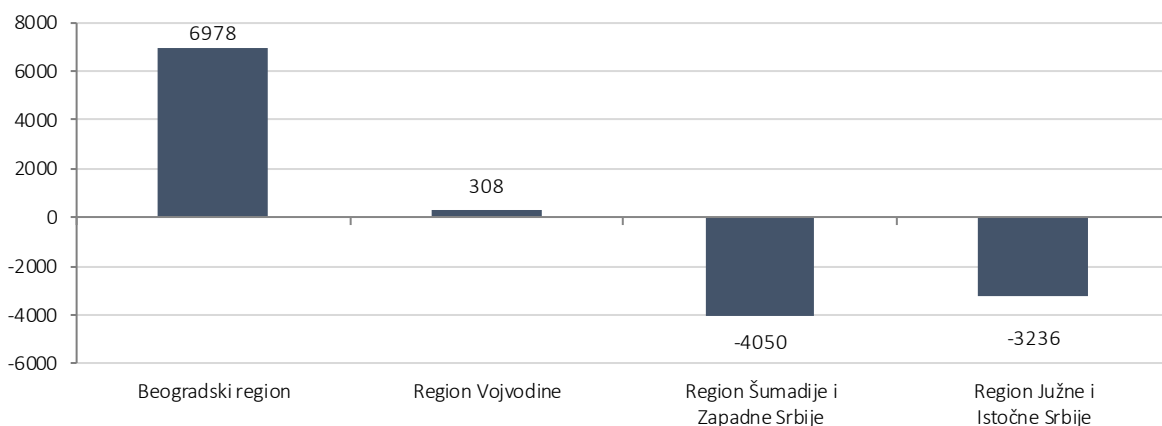


Table1. Persons who changed residence in the Republic of Serbia, by territory of immigration/emigration, 2018

	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	122193	45599	122193	45599	0	47801	28793
Beogradska oblast (Grad Beograd)	50982	15787	44004	8809	6978	31822	3373
Zapadnobačka oblast	1996	1026	2470	1500	-474	297	673
Južnobačanska oblast	3473	1583	3693	1803	-220	818	1072
Južnobačka oblast	11666	5242	10020	3596	1646	4191	2233
Severnobačanska oblast	1679	756	1874	951	-195	317	606
Severnobačka oblast	2507	1116	2388	997	119	253	1138
Srednjobanatska oblast	2102	1043	2545	1486	-443	394	665
Sremska oblast	4349	2177	4474	2302	-125	718	1454
Zlatiborska oblast	3247	1134	4417	2304	-1170	763	1350
Kolubarska oblast	2231	924	2525	1218	-294	407	900
Mačvanska oblast	4265	1396	5027	2158	-762	836	2033
Moravička oblast	2753	964	3099	1310	-346	327	1462
Pomoravska oblast	3038	1092	3313	1367	-275	659	1287
Rasinska oblast	2595	819	3315	1539	-720	376	1400
Raška oblast	3563	1202	3943	1582	-380	516	1845
Šumadijska oblast	3364	1563	3467	1666	-103	579	1222
Borska oblast	1550	591	2054	1095	-504	192	767
Braničevska oblast	2293	834	2598	1139	-305	749	710
Zaječarska oblast	1530	688	1775	933	-245	163	679
Jablanička oblast	2188	835	2849	1496	-661	377	976
Nišavska oblast	5333	2459	4971	2097	362	2152	722
Pirotska oblast	885	373	1114	602	-229	101	411
Podunavska oblast	1790	933	2418	1561	-628	191	666
Pčinjska oblast	1616	453	2300	1137	-684	488	675
Toplička oblast	1198	609	1540	951	-342	115	474

Migration movements in the Republic of Serbia, 2014–2018

Over 2014–2018 the Beogradska region was the only 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.

The Region Vojvodine has been recording in the last five years both positive and negative values of migration balance. The largest positive value was seen in 2017, amounting to 670, and the largest negative one was in 2014, -419.

Over 2004-2018 the number of emigrants from the Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije was constantly increasing, compared with the number immigrants. The migration balance was negative and amounted, on average, to about 4 000, meaning that this region lost 4 000 inhabitants only based on the mechanical component (internal migration).

The Region Južne i Istočne Srbije had a negative value of migration balance in the period from 2014 to 2018, which on average amounted about 3 000 annually, affecting the decrease in the number of population in this region.

Table 2. Persons who changed residence in the Republic of Serbia, 2014–2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Beogradski region					
Immigration	51345	51548	50971	49494	50982
Emigration	43840	44239	44467	43057	44004
Migration balance	7505	7309	6504	6437	6978
Region Vojvodine					
Immigration	27468	28105	27960	27362	27772
Emigration	27887	28056	28118	26692	27464
Migration balance	-419	49	-158	670	308
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije					
Immigration	26752	26173	27446	24964	25056
Emigration	30969	30478	30922	29051	29106
Migration balance	-4217	-4305	-3476	-4087	-4050
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije					
Immigration	18907	19189	19305	18535	18383
Emigration	21776	22242	22175	21555	21619
Migration balance	-2869	-3053	-2870	-3020	-3236
Region Kosovo i Metohija					
Total

Methodological 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 center 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 immigration and emigration 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).