

International Migration Outlook · 2025

OECD data, analysed by the Spanish Institute for Migration Analysis (IEAM)

Permanent migration to OECD countries

-4% in 2024

Despite the decrease, 6.2 million new permanent migrants remains historically high: 15% above the pre-pandemic level of 2019.

Main reasons for permanent migration

- Family reunification:** the main reason for permanent migration.
- Labour migration:** declining after continuous growth since 2020.
- Humanitarian migration:** increasing because of high numbers of asylum applications.

Foreign-born population in Europe · 2024

Country	Foreign-born	Share of population	Change since 2014
Spain	8.8 million	18.4%	+48%
Italy	6.7 million	11.2%	+16%
Germany	16.2 million	19.1%	+55%
France	9.3 million	14%	+21%

Migration and integration policy developments

- Labour migration policies focus on attracting talent and addressing specific labour-market needs.
- Asylum systems are becoming stricter in many countries: faster procedures, lower benefits and new limits on family reunification.
- Restricted access to integration programmes and increased obligations.
- Despite stricter migration and integration policies, targeted support for migrant women is expanding.