

# Profile of Migration and Remittances: Macedonia

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This profile of migration and remittances in Macedonia, as well as similar profiles for EU-10 and Western Balkan countries, attempts to provide consistent and reliable estimates of migration and remittances. The profile also provides information on regulations on migration and remittances. The goal of this profile is to promote improvement in data collection, monitoring of migration and remittance trends, as well as to inform policy makers and other stakeholders working on migration and remittances. This profile will be updated annually using all available national and international sources.

This country profile covers the following areas:

- (1) Migration stocks and flows
- (2) Remittances flows and channels
- (3) Regulations pertaining to migration and remittances

## (1) Migration stocks and flows

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### Emigrant Stocks

Table 1: Number of emigrants in 2010

Destination	Emigrant stock
<b>EU</b>	
Italy	101.5
Germany	99.6
Switzerland	46.6
Austria	20.4
Slovenia	15.6
Croatia	12.0
France	10.5
<b>Other</b>	
Australia	59.0
Turkey	35.3
Canada	9.9
Other countries	36.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>447.1</b>

Note: Data is for foreign-born population in the destination country. Foreign-nationality data is used where this data is not available.

Source: Migration and Remittances Factbook 2011

**Table 2: Stock of Macedonian emigrants by destination and by educational attainment, 2000 (persons)**

Destination	Low	Medium	High	Total
America	8,300	12,342	9,902	30,544
Europe (including EU15)	88,335	46,630	29,352	164,317
EU15	76,276	24,231	27,929	128,436
Asia and Oceania	39,544	14,343	11,924	65,811

Note: Low – primary or 0-8 years of education; Medium – secondary or 9-12 years of education; High – tertiary or 13 years or more of education. This data is for migrants of age 25+ in most cases.

Source: Docquier, Frédéric and Abdeslam Marfouk, International Migration by Educational Attainment - Release 1.1. March 2005.

**Table 3: Emigration of Physicians, stocks**

Year	Number of physician emigrants	Number of physicians in Macedonia	Medical Brain Drain
1991	63	4,488	1.4%
1992	64	4,564	1.4%
1993	63	4,529	1.4%
1994	67	4,507	1.5%
1995	74	4,516	1.6%
1996	76	4,464	1.7%
1997	76	4,491	1.7%
1998	83	4,509	1.8%
1999	88	4,460	2.0%
2000	91	4,460	2.0%
2001	96	4,459	2.2%
2002	98	4,466	2.2%
2003	102	4,490	2.3%
2004	110	4,490	2.4%

Source: Bhargava, Alok, Frédéric Docquier and Yasser Moullan. Revised panel data set on physician emigration (1991-2004). February 2010.

## Immigrant Stocks

Table 4: Immigrant stock in 2010 (foreign-nationals, thousands)

Destination	Emigrant stock
<b>Other</b>	
Albania	91.1
Turkey	13.9
Serbia	6.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3.0
Other countries	15.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>129.7</b>

Source: Migration and Remittances Factbook 2011

## Migration flows

Table 5: Flows of international migrants, persons

Age-group	Immigrants			Emigrants		
	2000	2005	2009	2000	2005	2009
0-4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
5-9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
0-14	n.a.	22	77	n.a.	200	79
15-19	n.a.	47	45	n.a.	73	43
20-24	n.a.	168	171	n.a.	140	71
25-29	n.a.	234	226	n.a.	244	106
30-34	n.a.	218	182	n.a.	159	94
35-39	n.a.	180	175	n.a.	89	82
40-44	n.a.	166	111	n.a.	85	68
45-49	n.a.	132	59	n.a.	84	50
50-54	n.a.	109	53	n.a.	75	55
55-59	n.a.	83	53	n.a.	63	50
60-64	n.a.	57	46	n.a.	42	49
65+	n.a.	75	61	n.a.	46	45
<b>Total</b>	n.a.	<b>1,491</b>	<b>1,259</b>	n.a.	<b>1,300</b>	<b>792</b>

Source: State Statistical Office of the Republic of Macedonia (<http://www.stat.gov.mk>). Migrations 2009 and 2005.

## Refugee population

**Table 6: Refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons**

	Country of asylum: Macedonia	Country of origin: Macedonia
Refugees	801	7,684
People in refugee-like situations	379	-
Total refugees and people in refugee-like situations	1,130	7,684
Asylum-seekers (pending cases)	389	2,256
Returned refugees	-	-
IDPs protected/ assisted by UNHCR, incl. people in IDP-like situations	-	-
Returned IDPs	-	-
Stateless persons	1,154	-
Various	-	1
<b>Total population of concern</b>	<b>2,673</b>	<b>9,941</b>

Source: UNHCR 2011 Global Trends

## (2) Remittance flows and channels

### Remittance flows

**Table 7: Quarterly remittance flows (BPM5 Framework)\***

	Inflows				Outflows			
	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances
2008-Q1	59.7	33.0	0	92,7	7.8	0.9	0	8.7
2008-Q2	71.9	36.0	0	107,9	6.9	0.9	0	7.8
2008-Q3	73.0	33.5	0	106,5	6.6	1.3	0	7.9
2008-Q4	61.4	37.9	0	99,3	6.8	1.6	0	8.4
2009-Q1	51.9	25.7	0	51,9	5.6	0.9	0	6.5
2009-Q2	64.4	31.6	0	96.0	5.5	1.0	0	6.5
2009-Q3	71.3	32.2	0	103,5	4.9	0.9	0	5.8
2009-Q4	72.6	31.4	0	104	6.2	1.1	0	7.3
2010-Q1	59.1	28.0	0	87,1	4.8	0.9	0	5.7
2010-Q2	65.0	30.1	0	65.1	4.4	0.8	0	5.2
2010-Q3	64.4	33.8	0	98,2	4.4	0.8	0	5.2
2010-Q4	71.3	36.0	0	107,3	5.7	0.9	0	6.6
2011-Q1	56.0	39.4	0	95.4	4.4	0.8	0	5.2
2011-Q2	74.9	41.7	0	116.6	5.1	0.9	0	6.0
2011-Q3	73.2	42.7	0	115.9	5.5	0.8	0	6.3
2011-Q4	67.3	38.6	0	105.9	5.7	1.1	0	6.8

Source: National Bank of Republic of Macedonia, Statistics, Balance of Payments Database

\* BPM5: The sixth edition of the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, the Manual) published in 1993 serves as the standard framework for statistics on the transactions and positions between an economy and the rest of the world.

**Table 8: Annual remittance flows (BPM5 Framework)\***

(US \$, millions)

	Inflows				Outflows			
	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances	Workers' remittances	Compensation of employees	Migrants' transfers	Migrant remittances
2000	80.5	0.4	0	80.9	14.2	0.0	0	14.2
2001	68.0	5.4	0	73.4	20.5	0.0	0	20.5
2002	92.4	13.5	0	105.9	22.5	0.7	0	23.3
2003	145.7	27.9	0	173.7	15.4	0.6	0	16.1
2004	161.1	52.0	0	213.0	14.7	1.4	0	16.2
2005	169.4	57.2	0	226.6	14.0	1.5	0	15.5
2006	197.6	68.9	0	266.6	15.6	2.2	0	17.8
2007	239.2	105.8	0	345.0	22.3	2.5	0	24.9
2008	266.1	140.5	0	406.6	28.2	4.8	0	33.0
2009	260.1	121.0	0	381.2	22.3	4.0	0	26.3
2010	259.9	128.1	0	387.9	19.3	3.4	0	22.6
2011	271.3	162.4	0	433.7	20.7	3.6	0	24.3

Source: National Bank of Republic of Macedonia, Statistics, Balance of Payments Database

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**Table 9: Annual remittance flows (BPM6 Framework)\***

	Inflows	Outflows
Compensation of employees	n.a.	n.a.
Personal transfers	n.a.	n.a.
o.w. Workers' remittances	n.a.	n.a.
Personal remittances	n.a.	n.a.
Total remittances	n.a.	n.a.
Total remittances and transfers	n.a.	n.a.

Note: This section is currently blank but will be filled when BPM6 is implemented in Macedonia

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## Channels of remittances flows providers

Information flows through commercial banks, post offices, savings cooperatives, microfinance institutions, mobile money transfers is currently unavailable.

### (3) Regulations pertaining to migration and remittances

**Table 10: Regulations pertaining to migration**

<b>Immigration topic</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
Institutions responsible for immigration	Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia ( <a href="http://www.mvr.gov.mk">http://www.mvr.gov.mk</a> )
Immigration regulations and laws	Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia
Immigration quotas by nationality of origin	Not available
Types of visas available for immigrants	Macedonian visa for short stay of up to 90 days (C type visa)
Types of occupations in which immigrants are allowed	Not available

<b>Emigration topic</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
Institutions responsible for emigration	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia
Restrictions on emigration	Not available
Cost of passports	40 USD
Dual citizenship	yes

**Table 11: Regulations pertaining to remittances**

<b>Remittances topic</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
Institutions responsible for monitoring and regulating remittances	National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia ( <a href="http://www.nbrm.mk">www.nbrm.mk</a> )
Types of private sector firms allowed to perform inward and outward remittance transactions	Money transfer firms (Western Union, MoneyGram, etc)
Reporting requirement for remittances data by commercial banks and other types of remittance service providers	Reporting requirements exist but are different by type of provider.
Restrictions on inward/outward transfers	Not available
Anti-money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism (AML-CFT) requirements	Not available