

Migration and Remittances in Latvia

This is a snapshot of migration and remittances based on available data from various sources.

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 232,865
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 10.1%
- Top 10 destination countries: Russia, United States, Germany, Israel, Canada, Lithuania, Australia, United Kingdom, Estonia, Ireland.

Sources: UNPD, Development Prospects Group.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 10.2%
- Emigration of physicians: 101 or 1.3% of physicians trained in the country

Sources: Docquier and Marfouk (2004), Docquier and Bhargava (2006).

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 449,215
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 19.5%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 57.8%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 0.0%
- Top 10 source countries: Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Estonia, Tajikistan.

Sources: UNPD, UNHCR, Development Prospects Group.

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Inward remittance flows	72	112	138	173	230	381	482*
<i>of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
Compensation of employees	70	110	136	172	228	379	480
Migrants' transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outward remittance flows	7	8	7	8	14	20	29
<i>of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	3	3	3	3	4	4	4
Compensation of employees	4	5	5	5	10	16	25
Migrants' transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 2.5% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger.

Sources: Development Prospects Group.

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