



Demographic and migration statistics (31)

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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Population statistics form a fundamental part of the statistical system:

- Demographic statistics on the size and structure of Europe's population are used in a wide range of economic, social and environmental policy areas.
- Migration statistics are collected to develop and monitor Community policies on immigration, asylum, and freedom of movement of EU citizens, and to measure the effects of migration on the labour market.



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2. THE ACQUIS

Currently based on gentlemen's agreements

Demography:

- Annual national statistics on population, births, deaths, marriages and divorces.
- Monthly national statistics on births, deaths and marriages
- Annual regional on population, births, deaths.

Migration:

- Annual statistics on migration flows, foreign population stocks, acquisition of citizenship, migrant workers
- Monthly statistics on asylum and measures against illegal migration



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Demography

Croatia: data available for recent years, some historical series for total figures on population, births, deaths. Questionnaires filled in regularly.

Turkey: very few data are available, for 2003-2005. No historical series.



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Migration and asylum

Croatia:

- immigration and emigration migrant flow data received
- does not yet participate in data collections on asylum and measures against illegal migration (CIREFI)

Turkey:

- migrant stock, citizenship and labour migration supplied
- very good supply of data from Interior Ministry / Police on asylum and measures against illegal migration



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3. MOST PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

Croatia:

- NUTS2 classification is not officially approved yet. Therefore, no data are available at NUTS2 level (but NUTS3 is available).
- Need to begin collection of statistics on asylum and measures against illegal migration

Turkey:

- Communication with NSI, Interior Ministry and Police needs to be improved for migration statistics



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4. FUTURE ACQUIS

- **Regulation on Community statistics on migration and international protection**

Content based on the existing migration and asylum data collections.

Expected to come into force late in 2006. Implementation during 2007/8

- **Regulation on Population and Housing Censuses**

Planned for adoption as a Commission proposal to the European Parliament and the Council late in 2006



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5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

No specific questions.