

Labour Migrations (Serbia)

**Republic of Serbia
Ministry of Economy and Regional
Development
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Characteristics of labour migrations

Sources of information:

- Ministry of Economy and Regional Development
- Ministry of Labour and Social Policy
- Commissariat for Refugees
- National Employment Service
- Employment agencies
- IOM Migrant Service Centre

Covered period:

2006-2008

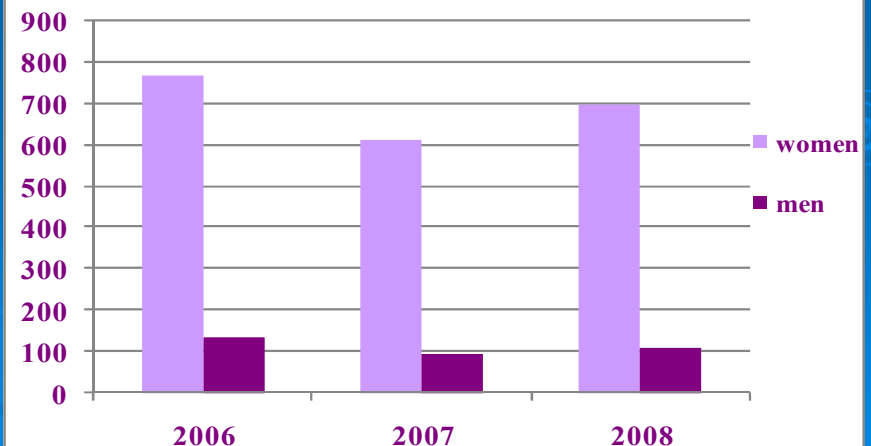
Unemployed foreign nationals

- **Less than 1,000 persons**
- **Temporary residence- 63%**
- **Permanent residence – 27%**
- **High share of women (85%)**

Number of persons on NES register



Number of persons on the register by gender



➤ **Low qualifications structure (60% of persons without qualifications)**

-degree validation problem

➤ **Most frequent citizenships:**

Romanian

Macedonian

Russian

Ukrainian



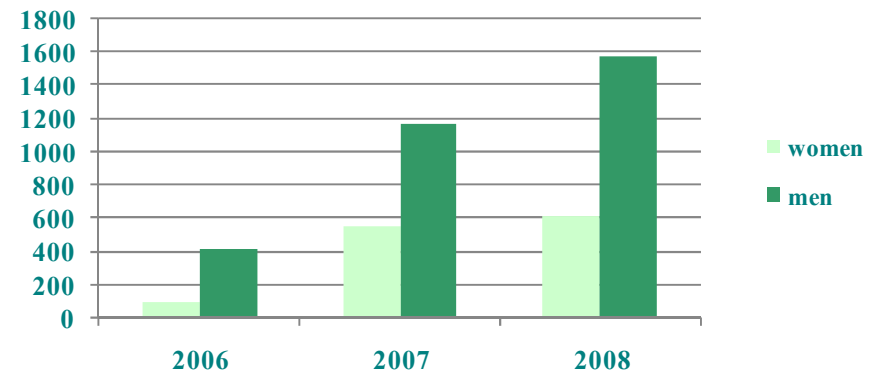
Employed foreign citizens (having work permit)

- Increased number of issued work permits:
 - 2006-1,669
 - 2007- 1,721
 - 2008- 2,226

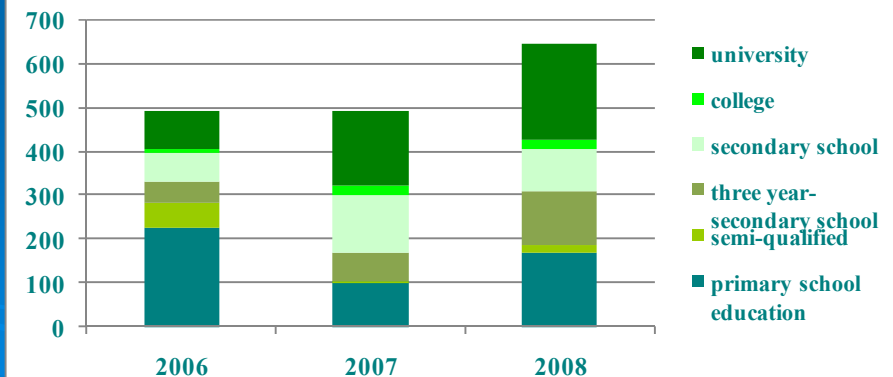


- Over 70% are men
- cities: Belgrade- 73% issued permits, Novi Sad– 6,5%, Čačak– 4%
- Professionals
- citizenships:
 - Chinese
 - Macedonian
 - Bosnian and Herzegovinian
 - Russian
- Areas of employment:
 - Foreign representative offices
 - Banks
 - Construction

Number of persons with work permits by gender



Number of persons with work permits by the level of education



Employment of Serbian nationals abroad

➤ **Sending employees to work abroad:**

- **Agreement on Detachment with the FR of Germany**
- **Agreement with Libya on Employment of Health Workers**

Detached workers under the Agreement on Detachment with Germany

Achieved employment – October 2006 – September 2007

Month/Year	Total number of detached workers	Percentage as compared to the approved number
October 2006	624	26.2%
November 2006	424	17.8%
December 2006	320	13.5%
January 2007	750	31.5%
February 2007	380	16.0%
March 2007	296	12.4%
April 2007	403	16.9%
May 2007	688	28.9%
June 2007	706	29.7%
July 2007	366	15.4%
August 2007	750	31.5%
September 2007	1334	56.0%

Average use of the approved number on annual level is 24.7%

Achieved employment October 2007 – September 2008

➤ Average use of the approved number on annual level is 32.7%

Month/Year	Total number of detached workers	Percentage as compared to the approved number
October 2007	934	35.5%
November 2007	730	27.8%
December 2007	519	19.7
January 2008	562	21.4%
February 2008	631	23.9%%
March 2008	701	26.7%
April 2008	887	33.7%
May 2008	938	35.7%
June 2008	1041	39.6%
July 2008	953	36.2%
August 2008	1088	41.4%
September 2008	1334	50.7%

➤ Average use of the approved number for four months is 60.1%

Achieved employment October 2008. – January 2009.

Month/Year	Total number of detached workers	Percentage as compared to the approved number
October 2008	1368	62.8%
November 2008	1414	64.9%
December 2008	1368	62.8%
January 2009	1134	52.0%

Employment of Serbian citizens abroad

- **Ministry of Economy and Regional Development**
- **National Employment Service**
- **Employment agencies:**
 - **2006 - 59 persons**
 - **2007 - 345 persons**


- **On the basis of the agreement on performing investment works, a number of workers have hired abroad (e.g. Russia and Italy) in the field of construction and health (There are no reliable and accurate data bases on the number of workers)**

Legislative framework

- **The Law on Conditions for Employing Foreign Nations**
- **The law on the Protection of the Nationals of FR Yugoslavia Working Abroad**
- **The Law on Asylum (applied since 1 April 2008)**
- **The Law on Foreigners (will be applied from 1 April 2009)**

Key problems:

- **Number of refugees and IDPs in Serbia (1st place in Europe)**
- **Number of IDPs (12th place in the world)**
- **Number of refugees (13th in the world)**
- **300,000 citizens left Serbia**
- **Expected number of returnees upon the agreement of readmission 50,000 – 100,000**

- **Undeveloped migration policy**
 - **Slow integration of refugees**
 - **Insufficient coordination among institutions**
 - **Non-existence of information system and single data base**
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Priorities:

- **Formulation of overall Serbian migration management strategy**
- **Harmonization of legislation**
- **Strengthening institutional capacities**
- **Signing inter-state agreements on employment and social insurance**
- **Creation of data base and improvement of statistical reporting**