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International Migration

Purpose

To produce consistent and annual international migration data for OECD member countries and some non-member countries and ensure methodological soundness and comparability of international migration data.

Objectives and outputs

To maintain and update the database on International Migration and to publish an extensive statistical annex in the annual report "Trends in International Migration", which contains the most recent available data on foreign and immigrant populations, foreign workers, migration flows and naturalisations.

To provide statistical assistance for the work on the economic and social aspects of migration carried out under the auspices of the Working Party on Migration.

Publications

Trends in International Migration

Databases

International Migration Statistics

Main Developments for 2004

General aspects:

Concerning data collection, substantial additional data should be collected on foreign-born population and on immigrant labour force.

The activity was reviewed in 2003 in the context of the "OECD Quality Framework" and a pilot study of the StatWorks application is in process. Following this review, management and dissemination improvements are expected in 2004, if resources permitting.

Data management:

A pilot study of the StatWorks application using a subset of the Migration database to assess the potential for managing the migration data in this environment is in process.

Dissemination:

Extend diffusion of statistics through the OECD web site.