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Foreign-Born Population

Purpose

To produce harmonised data on the foreign-born population in OECD countries and on expatriates from all countries in the world towards OECD countries. The database includes information on demographics, educational attainment and labour force characteristics.

Objectives and outputs

In 2005, the limited collection of data, which included only limited information, was expanded to include a broad range of demographic, educational and labour force characteristics. The initial collection resulted in the publication, for the first time, of comparable data on the foreign and foreign-born population in almost all OECD countries, as well as on expatriation to OECD countries by educational attainment. The expanded collection will provide more detailed information by age, sex, year of arrival, occupation, sector of activity, field of study, labour force status. The eventual uses of these are too numerous to mention, but will include, in the first instance, an analysis of migration patterns of health professionals.

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.

Databases

Census database on the foreign-born population

Main Developments for 2006

General aspects:

The data collection the foreign-born population using census/population register data is largely completed but still requires extensive processing to prepare it for general use, both internally and externally.

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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.

Non-member countries involved in the activity:

Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania

Databases

Migration

Main Developments for 2006

General aspects:

The data collection on the foreign-born using census/population register data will be expanded to include more data on demographics, labour force characteristics such as occupation and sector, field of study and year of arrival. It is expected that this will provide a broad overview of expatriation and of movements and activity of the highly skilled.

A new publication, the International Migration Outlook, will be released in June 2006.