

Immigration and Emigration Policies

TABLE 14: IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION POLICY AND PARTIES TO UNITED NATIONS INSTRUMENTS

Year	Immigration policy			Emigration policy		Parties to United Nations instruments				
	Overall level	Highly skilled workers	Integration of non-citizens	Overall level	Encouraging the return of citizens	1951 C	1967 P	1990 C	2000 T	2000 S
Source	UN-ESA	UN-ESA	UN-ESA	UN-ESA	UN-ESA	UN treaty	UN treaty	UN treaty	UN treaty	UN treaty
Albania	Maintain	Maintain	No	Maintain	Yes	1992	1992	--	2002	2002
Andorra	Maintain	NI	Yes	Maintain	No	-	-	-	--	--
Armenia	Raise	Maintain	Yes	Lower	Yes	1993	1993	--	2003	2003
Austria	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	Yes	1954	1973	--	2005	--
Azerbaijan	Maintain	-	Yes	Lower	Yes	1993	1993	1999	2003	2003
Belarus	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	Lower	Yes	2001	2001	--	2003	2003
Belgium	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	No	1953	1969	--	2004	2004
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Maintain	-	-	Lower	Yes	1993	1993	1996	2002	2002
Bulgaria	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	Maintain	-	1993	1993	--	2001	2001
Croatia	Maintain	Raise	Yes	Lower	Yes	1992	1992	--	2003	2003
Cyprus	Lower	Maintain	Yes	Maintain	Yes	1963	1968	--	2003	2003
Czech Republic	Raise	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1993	1993	--	--	--
Denmark	Lower	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1952	1968	--	2003	--
Estonia	Lower	Maintain	Yes	Maintain	Yes	1997	1997	--	2004	2004
Finland	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	No	1968	1968	--	--	--
France	Lower	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1954	1971	--	2002	2002
Georgia	Maintain	Maintain	..	Lower	-	1999	1999	--	--	--
Germany	Maintain	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1953	1969	--	--	--
Greece	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	Yes	1960	1968	--	--	--
Hungary	Maintain	..	Yes	NI	No	1989	1989	--	--	--
Iceland	NI	NI	No	NI	No	1955	1968	--	--	--
Ireland	Maintain	Raise	Yes	NI	Yes	1956	1968	--	--	--
Italy	Lower	NI	Yes	NI	No	1954	1972	--	--	--
Latvia	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	Yes	1997	1997	--	2004	2003
Liechtenstein	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	No	1957	1968	--	--	--
Lithuania	Maintain	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1997	1997	--	2003	2003
Luxembourg	Maintain	..	Yes	NI	..	1953	1971	--	--	--
Macedonia FYR	Maintain	-	No	Lower	No	1994	1994	--	2005	2005
Malta	Maintain	Maintain	No	NI	No	1971	1971	--	2003	2003
Moldova	Maintain	-	-	NI	-	2002	2002	--	2005	2005
Monaco	Maintain	Maintain	..	1954	--	--	2001	2001
Netherlands	Lower	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1956	1968	--	2005	2005
Norway	Maintain	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1953	1967	--	2003	2003
Poland	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	No	1991	1991	--	2003	2003
Portugal	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	Maintain	No	1960	1976	--	2004	2004
Romania	Lower	NI	Yes	Lower	No	1991	1991	--	2002	2002
Russian Federation	Raise	Raise	Yes	NI	..	1993	1993	--	2004	2004
San Marino	NI	NI	No	NI	No	--	--	--	--	--
Serbia and Montenegro	Maintain	Raise	Yes	Lower	Yes	2001	2001	--	2001	2001
Slovakia	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	No	1993	1993	--	2004	2004
Slovenia	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	Yes	1992	1992	--	2004	2004
Spain	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	Lower	Yes	1978	1978	--	2002	2002
Sweden	Maintain	Maintain	Yes	NI	No	1954	1967	--	2004	--
Switzerland	Maintain	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1955	1968	--	--	--
Turkey	Lower	Raise	No	Maintain	No	1962	1968	2004	2003	2003
Ukraine	Maintain	Maintain	No	Lower	No	2002	2002	--	2004	2004
United Kingdom	Maintain	Raise	Yes	NI	No	1954	1968	--	--	--

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NOTES:**Governments' policies on immigration:**

Overall level: Governments' policies regarding the current overall level of immigration into the country. It is coded into four categories: to raise the level of immigration; to maintain the level of immigration; to lower the level of immigration; and no intervention.

Highly skilled workers: Government policies towards the current level of immigration of highly skilled workers. It is coded into four categories: to raise the level of immigration; to maintain the level of immigration; to lower the level of immigration; and no intervention.

Integration of non-citizens: Indicates whether the Government has specific policies regarding the integration of non-citizens. It has two categories: yes and no.

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Policies 2005 (ST/ESA/SER.A/254).
Data available online from: <www.unpopulation.org>.

Governments' policies on emigration:

Overall level: Governments' policies regarding the current overall level of emigration from the country. It is coded into four categories: to raise the level of emigration; to maintain the level of emigration; to lower the level of emigration; and no intervention.

Encouraging the return of citizens: Indicates whether the Government has specific policies encouraging the return of citizens. It has two categories: yes and no.

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, World Population Policies 2005 (ST/ESA/SER.A/254).
Data available online from: <www.unpopulation.org>.

Parties to United Nations instruments:

Indicates whether a country has ratified the relevant instrument and if so, the year ratified. The relevant instruments are: (a) the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951C); (b) the 1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees (1967P); and (c) the 1990 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (1990C). In addition, two Protocols supplement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; namely, the 2000 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (2000T) and the 2000 Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (2000S). Ratification is the act whereby a State indicates its consent to being bound to a treaty if the parties intend to show their consent by such an act.

Source: United Nations Treaty Collection. Data available online, as of 31 December 2005, from: <untreaty.un.org>.

Two dots (..) indicate that data are either not available, insignificant or zero.

A hyphen (-) indicates that the item is not applicable.

A dash (--) indicates that the treaty was not ratified.

NI: No intervention

