

# MIGRATION AND SECURITY IN BULGARIA

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# BULGARIANS' POV ON MIGRANTS

- **Mostly negative, due to:**
  - **Prejudice**
  - **Nationalism**
  - **Xenophobia**

MIGRATION INCREASE	TOTAL
2010	-24,190
2011	-4,795
2012	-2,512
2013	-1,108
2014	-2,112
2015	-4,247
2016	-9,329
2017	-5,989

Net migration in the period 2010–2017



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# WHY ARE PEOPLE EMIGRATING FROM BULGARIA

- Better opportunities abroad.
- Mistreatment.
- Corruption.

AGE	0-19		20-59		60+		TOTAL
	number	%	number	%	number	%	
IMMIGRANTS	5,256	20.5	16,162	63.1	4,179	16.3	25,597
EMIGRANTS	4,626	14.6	24,766	78.4	2,195	6.9	31,586

Emigration and immigration by age (2017)



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# WHY ARE PEOPLE IMMIGRATING TO BULGARIA

- Easy-access from East to West, due to the location of the country.
- Cheaper and simpler lifestyle.

<b>Bulgaria</b>					
<b>Citizens of</b>	<b>(1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Born in</b>	<b>(1000)</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Russia	20.9	26.4	Russia	27.7	19.0
Syrian Arab Republic	11.5	14.5	Syrian Arab Republic	12.3	8.5
Turkey	10.7	13.4	Turkey	10.2	7.0
Ukraine	5.3	6.6	Ukraine	8.8	6.2
United Kingdom	4.0	5.1	United Kingdom	8.7	6.0
Other	27.0	34.1	Other	77.7	53.4



# INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS

- Integration is harder, due to the negative perception of the immigrants and refugees.
- There are policies and programs aimed at supporting the integration of migrants they lack coordination.



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# COVID-19 FACTORS

- The pandemic lead to a lot of immigrants losing their jobs.
- Lots of Bulgarians living abroad had to come back.



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# THE WAR IN UKRAINE



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- Locals, displeased with the sudden wave of Ukrainian refugees.
- Lots of organizations and hotels provided shelter and food.
- Usual difficulties with the language barrier and making a living.





# CONCLUSION AND QUESTIONS



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# THANK YOU!



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