



**Interstate Statistical Committee
of the Commonwealth of Independent States
(CIS-STAT)**

Action plan for improving migration statistics in the CIS region

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In 2013:

- Council of the Heads of statistical services of CIS countries
- Council of the Heads of migration agencies of CIS countries
- Advisory Council for labor, migration, and social protection of CIS countries
- CIS Economic Council



Action plan for improving migration statistics in CIS countries in 2014-2016



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Development of the methodology

Improvement of information exchange



- Clarifying the definition of a “labor migrant” for statistical purposes (population census, sample surveys, administrative records)

Labor migrant is an individual who worked, is working or will work for payment and/or profits in a country of which he/she is not a citizen



➤ Recommendations for using a uniform methodology and format for presenting data on foreign workers employed in the countries' economies with the purpose of interstate exchange of information and improved data comparability



- *To collect data on the number of foreign workers not on the basis of issued work permits (patents), but on the number of migrant workers who have received permits (patents);*
- *To introduce a uniform format of data presentation (number of arrivals for half a year and a whole year, number of departures for the reporting period, number of foreign workers as of the end of the reporting period)*



- Proposals for using data on immigration flows in the host country to estimate migration balance in the origin country

The migration between CIS countries was estimated using “mirror statistics” over 2,5 years. Total combined double count – about 5 million people (2% of the total population of the CIS).





Using “mirror” statistics to adjust the total population estimate for the CIS

- I. NSOs compile information on arrivals and departures by countries*
- II. CIS-STAT receives data on population, arrivals and departures from the NSOs*
- III. CIS-STAT:*
 - 1. Analyses data on mutual migration flows of the participating countries*
 - 2. Estimates the adjusted population in **the CIS as a whole** with the account for migration balance.*
 - 3. Publishes the adjusted population numbers for the CIS*
 - 4. Publishes data on the population of CIS countries in accordance with the data presented by NSOs*
- IV. An adjusted population estimate is used for obtaining relative indicators for the CIS*



- Proposal for the list of variables and questions on various types of migration to be included in the national population census questionnaires
 1. *Place of permanent residence (or usual residence)*
 2. *Location at the time of the census*
 3. *Country of birth (place of birth)*
 4. *Country of citizenship (citizenship)*
 5. *Duration of stay in this location (year and month of arrival to the current location)*
 6. *Previous place of residence*



- A joint decision of the Heads of CIS states on population censuses is under preparation :
 - *To conduct population censuses as close as possible to 2020* (for EAEU countries a decision on conducting population censuses between October 2019 and October 2020 has been already taken)
 - To agree upon and to endorse a list of socio-economic and demographic variables to be included in the population censuses programs to ensure international comparability of the main results



Under the project “Development of labor statistics in the CIS region”



Reviewing international experience in measuring labor migration on the basis of household sample surveys

http://www.cisstat.com/CIS_Labourstat/



- Upgrading the CIS-STAT questionnaire (youth groups, gender aspects);
- Creating a special section on the CIS website (statistics, countries' regulations? International activities)
<http://www.cisstat.com/migration/>;
- Procedures for exchanging census data on migration using agreed indicators are being established



MIGRATION OF POPULATION AGED 15-29 YEARS

(net of international migration per 10,000 population of corresponding age)

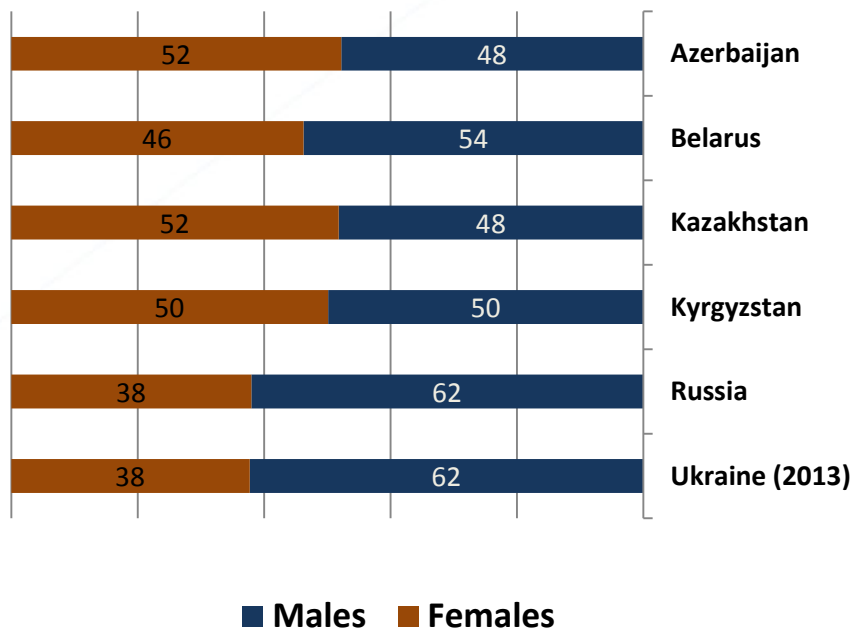
	2010	2012	2014
Azerbaijan	0,8	1,6	0,9
Armenia	-21,7
Belarus	10,1	9,3	19,1
Kazakhstan	15,3	4,1	-2,7
Kyrgyzstan	-153,5	-17,0	-16,3
Moldova	-5,1
Russia	18,2	34,6	26,8
Uzbekistan	-16,6	-15,8	-13,3
Ukraine	3,8	43,9	17,4 ¹⁾

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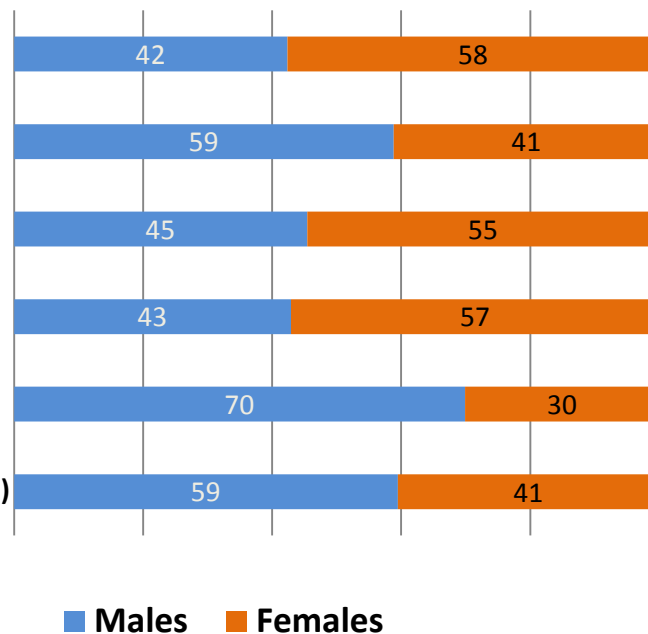


Share of women and men in the total number of international migrants, 2014, %

Immigrants



Emigrants





Thank you for your attention!

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