

THE USE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DATA IN PRODUCING MIGRATION STATISTICS IN ARMENIA

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ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCES OF MIGRATION

- ▶ **RA State Population Register**



- ▶ **RA Police**
- ▶ **RA Migration Service**



- ▶ **RA Border Management Information System**



RA STATE POPULATION REGISTER

The Passport and Visa Department of the RA Police provides anonymized database of acts on registration and de-registration from the **State Population Register (SPR)**, in quarterly periodicity on:

- ▶ Citizens of the Republic of Armenia (RA), including those who have obtained dual citizenship, residing in the RA or abroad,
- ▶ foreigners with a residence permit: temporary, permanent and special residence permits;
- ▶ persons granted refugee status or who have lost it,
- ▶ stateless persons permanently residing in the RA,
- ▶ citizens who have received temporary or political asylum, or have lost it.

RA POLICE

- ▶ According to the statistical program - the RA Police provides Statistical reports “On foreigners received residency status”.
- ▶ The formats of statistical reports (semi-annual and annual) are approved by the State Council on Statistics.
- ▶ The reports contain data on the types of residency status, distributed by sex, age groups, country of citizenship and grounds for granted residency permits.

FOREIGNERS GAINED RA RESIDENCY STATUS BY TYPE OF RESIDENCY AND AGE GROUPS, 2018

Residency status	Total	by age groups			
		0–14	15–29	30–64	65+
Total, persons	8 330	395	3 857	3 794	284
Temporary	5 803	164	3 184	2 361	94
Permanent	1 809	229	481	1 026	73
Special	718	2	192	407	117

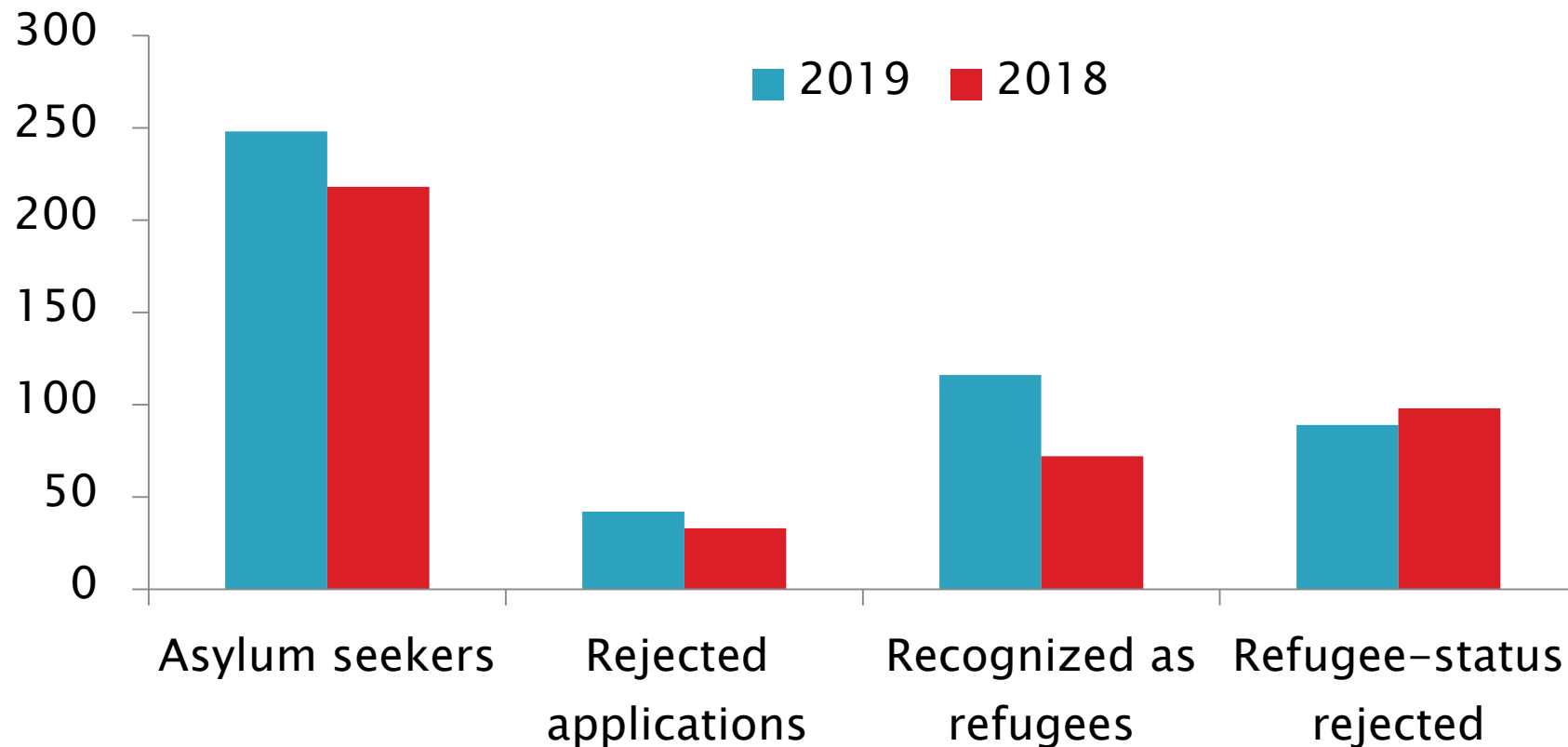
RA MIGRATION SERVICE

Migration Service of the RA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures provides statistical reports on:

- ▶ persons applied for international protection by sex, age group and country of citizenship;
- ▶ asylum seekers by sex, age group and country of citizenship;
- ▶ persons who have been granted refugee status (based on the final decisions of Migration Service or judicial authorities);
- ▶ persons whose refugee status has been terminated.

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NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICE OF RA

- ▶ Border registrations at all checkpoints of Armenia (in and out) – this information is provided through the electronic Border Management Information System (BMIS).
- ▶ The information in this system is based on the passport data of persons crossing the borders of Armenia. The accessible output information for ArmStat contain summarized data on the following criteria: entries / exits by country of citizenship, sex, age, type of transportation and by border checkpoints.

	2017		2018		2019	
	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit	Entry	Exit
Total, registration	3 398 137	3 425 046	3 757 186	3 741 869	4 319 618	4 309 112
<i>of which with Armenian Documents</i>	1 927 273	1 963 474	2 146 738	2 151 323	2 392 893	2 399 422
<i>Its % from the total</i>	56.7	57.3	57.1	57.5	55.4	55.7

2021 POPULATION CENSUS OF ARMENIA

A **new source** of administrative data on migration:

- ▶ In 2020 Population and Housing Census Round, for the first time Armenia plans to conduct it using a combined method - the base information from the Population Register - updated with the data from the BMIS and other available registers, combined with the data collected through 25 % of sample from the general population, using tablets.
- ▶ A **special software program** is developed to match the data of the population register with the BMIS, with daily update.
- ▶ This system gives the possibility to assess the quantitative indicators of the population of Armenia from the SPR, as well as foreigners and citizens of RA, including the nominal data available in the SPR by sex, age characteristics and others.

Potential Administrative Data Sources for Official Statistics

- ▶ **Income Taxes Register of the State Revenue Committee** of RA contains information on formal sectors **paid-employee foreigners** in the formal sectors by basic demographic and labour characteristics;
- ▶ Database of **Work permits issuance of foreigners** authorized by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of RA. Data linked with other administrative databases allows to generate a basic demographic and labour characteristics of foreigners applying for a work permit.





Thank you!

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