

2011 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Serbia

SERBIAN PROCESS OF EXTERNAL MIGRATION

The Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia will release the publication “Serbian process of external migration” where on the basis of the results of 2011 Census of population, Households and Dwellings¹ analysed are the basic demographic, educational, social and other features of the persons who work/reside abroad and the returnees.

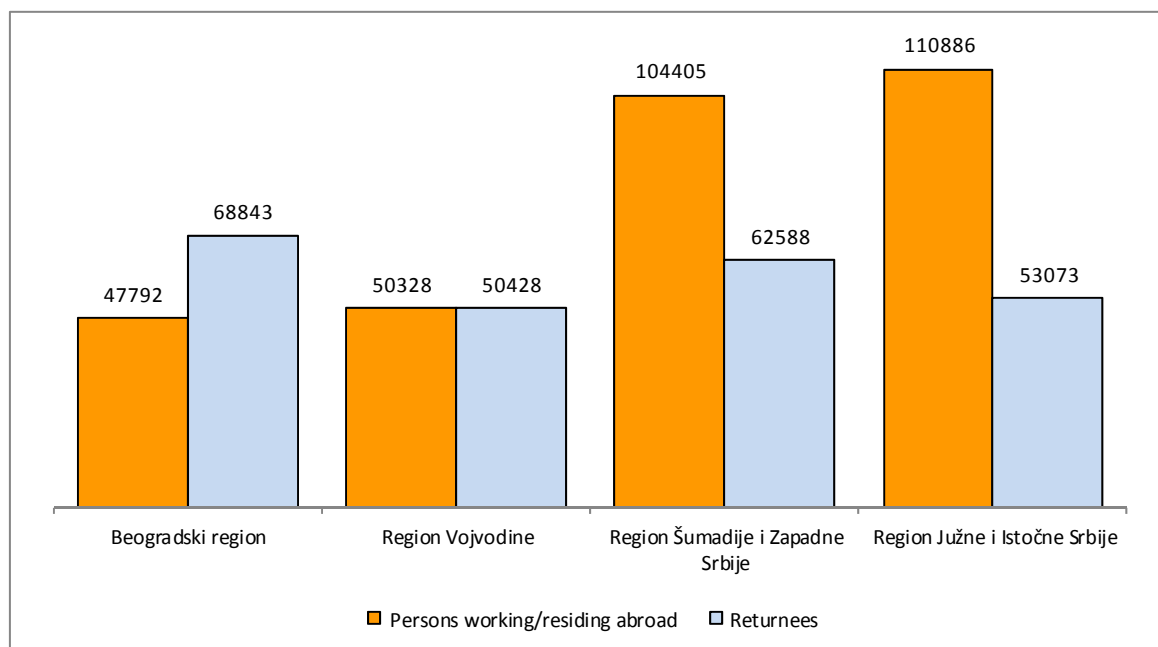
The study “Serbian process of external migration”, by the author Vladimir Stanković is aimed at ensuring a better insight into the scope and dynamics of external migration, and the ever increasing phenomenon of the young highly educated people leaving Serbia, which presents an enormous economic and demographic loss for Serbia.

According to the last census results, 313 411 citizens of the Republic of Serbia work/reside abroad (i.e. 4.20% of the total population number). The average age of external migrants is 34.7 years, which makes them considerably younger in relation to the total Serbian population, aged 42.2 years on average.

Observed by sex, in difference to the total population where females are more represented (51.3%), among the external migrants the share of males is larger (53.4%), while the share of females equals 46.6%.

According to 2011 Census, in the Republic of Serbia there are 234 932 persons who are considered as returnees² from their working/residing abroad. In the contingent of returnees the share of males equals 56.9%, and of females 43.1%.

Persons working/residing abroad and returnees, by regions, 2011 Census



¹⁾ 2011 Census was not conducted in the territory of AP Kosovo and Metohija, while in the municipalities Preševo i Bujanovac the turnout was small due to the boycott by majority of the members of Albanian ethnic community.

²⁾ Without the returnees from the countries that are former SFRY republics.

Observed by the countries of receipt, somewhat over 50% of the total number of the Serbian external migrants works/resides in Austria (22.5%), Germany (17.9%) and Switzerland (13.1%).

On the other hand, almost 50% of the total number of the returnees comes from the mentioned countries, namely, from Germany (26.9%), Austria (14.5%), and 7.4% of returnees come from Switzerland.

2011 Census was carried out in the period from 1 to 15 October 2011, in compliance with the Law on the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings (Official Gazette of RS, No 104/09 and 24/11). The Census was financially supported by the European Union with the share of 60% in the total costs.

The results of the Census may be found in electronic form at www.stat.gov.rs and www.popis2011.stat.rs.

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