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1. Introduction

This working paper is one of a series which describes the contents, updating and documentation of the Eurostat database on international migration. The data described here are available on request from Eurostat. (see part 8 for further details about how and from where to request these data together with any or all of the relevant Eurostat publications).

The series of working papers has been produced to help users and providers of the revised database as it becomes available in its entirety on New Cronos, the on-line user interface to the database. Each individual paper describes the contents of one part of the database. This one provides an overview and detailed description of the data on population by country of birth. The text is the documentation provided by the NIDI to accompany the revised dataset on population by country of birth.

The series of research projects for which these texts were produced was carried out jointly by the Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI) and the Migration Research Unit, University College London.

2. Uses of the Data

The data are available for EU and EFTA member countries. Not all countries were able to provide such information.

The data come from a variety of national sources. Some come from national registers, others from the census or the Labour Force Survey. The reference year also differs depending on the availability.

3. Description of the Dataset

The dataset for the population by country of birth in the European Union and the EFTA contains tables for each of the 15 EU Member States and the 4 EFTA States for which data were available at Eurostat when this project took place: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, Norway and Switzerland.

The first dataset was requested in 1996 referring to data on 1.1.1994. From 1998 onwards, Eurostat started collecting the data annually; this Working Paper however limits itself in the results of the first data collection.

The joint questionnaire of the United Nations Statistical Division, Eurostat and the United Nations Commission for Europe requests since 1998 annual data on population by country of birth. The relevant part of the questionnaire for this project concerns the main characteristics of the population, divided into country of birth, age and sex.

4. Data Checking

The data were checked using “hard criteria” consistency checks, for internal consistency and “soft criteria“ consistency checks using the expertise and knowledge of the research teams. Comparisons were also made with data published by the individual reporting countries and those collected by the OECD.

Further detail on the process of data checking may, if required, be obtained from the Migration Team at Eurostat.

5. Compilation of Documentation

The structure of the documentation is common to that of the other parts of the Eurostat database on international migration. It describes, on a country by country basis: the availability of data on population by country of birth; the sources and definitions used in each reporting country; information (where available and relevant) on legislation; methodologies of data collection and processing. This documentation will be translated in French, German and English for users of New Cronos.

6. Documentation on Population by Country of Birth by Reporting Country

6.1 Belgium (BE)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Institut National de Statistique
- **Data source** National Register

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on 1 January, 1994

Country-specific information for January 1994

- Portugal includes Madeira (total: 4, males: 3, females: 1)
- Djibouti includes Afars and Issas (total: 15, males: 12, females: 3)
- America includes the French Antilles (total: 69, males: 30, females: 39) and the British Antilles (total: 9, males: 3, females: 6)
- Oceania includes the Caroline Archipel (total: 1, males: 1, females: 0), Hawaii (total: 12, males: 5, females: 7) and Tahiti (total: 11, males: 5, females: 6)
- Tuvalu includes the Gilbert Islands (no detailed data available)
- Vanuatu includes New Hebrides (total: 6, males: 1, females: 5)

6.3 Finland (FI)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Statistics Finland
- **Data source** Central Population Register

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on 1 January, 1994

Country-specific information

- No specific information available

6.4 France (FR)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Institut National de la Statistique et des Études Économiques
- **Data source** Population Census, March 5, 1990

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on date of the census (March 5, 1990)

Country-specific information for March 1990

- Senegal includes Senegambia (total: 260, males: 12, females: 248)

6.5 Ireland (IE)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Central Statistics Office
- **Data sources** Population Census 1991
Labour Force Survey 1994

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on date of the census/survey

Country-specific information

- Totals for 1994 do not sum up due to rounding

6.6 Luxembourg (LU)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Service Central de la Statistique et des Études Économiques
- **Data source** Population Census, 1991

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on date of the census

Country-specific information

- No specific information available

6.7 Netherlands (NL)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Statistics Netherlands
- **Data source** Continuous Population Register

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on 1 January, 1994

Country-specific information

- Netherlands Antilles includes Aruba (no detailed information available)

6.8 Norway (NO)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Statistisk Sentralbyrå, Statistics Norway
- **Data source** Central Population Register

Definitions

- **Country of birth** In principle defined as the mother's country of residence at the delivery; however, it is not known to what extent this principle is used in daily practice
- **Age** Completed years on 1 January, 1994

Country-specific information

- No specific information available

6.9 Portugal (PT)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Instituto Nacional de Estatística
- **Data source** Population Census, April 15, 1991

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on date of the census (April 15, 1991)

Country-specific information

- No specific information available

6.10 Spain (ES)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Instituto Nacional de Estadística
- **Data source** Population Census, 1991

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Not applicable

Country-specific information

- Tables by age are not available

6.11 Switzerland (CH)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Bundesamt für Statistik
- **Data source** Population Census, December 1, 1990

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on date of the census (December 1, 1990)

Country-specific information

- The answers to the questions in the census about the place of birth have not been cross-checked; therefore the quality of the data might not be beyond doubt
- China includes Tibet (total: 968, males: 538, females: 430). December 1990

6.12 United Kingdom (UK)

Sources

- **Transmitting authority** Office of Population Censuses & Surveys
- **Data source** Labour Force Survey, spring 1994

Definitions

- **Country of birth** Country in which the person concerned was actually born
- **Age** Completed years on date of the survey

Country-specific information for 1994

- An estimate of 3500 is based on only a sample of approximately 10 respondents and should therefore be used with caution
- Up to 1984 Caribbean is defined as Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago. From 1985 the former 'Associated States' of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts-Nevis and St. Vincent and the Grenadines are excluded and appear under 'Other New Commonwealth'
- Other New Commonwealth includes those Commonwealth countries in Africa and the Caribbean for which separate statistics are not kept
- African Commonwealth is defined as Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and, from 1985, Mauritius
- America includes:
 - Other Caribbean Common Wealth (total: 46520, males: 21574, females: 24946)
 - West Indies associated states (total: 14498, males: 7284, females: 7214)
 - West Indies 'unknown' (total: 6306, males: 3652, females: 2654)
- OTHER includes Other New Commonwealth (total: 7068, males: 4411, females: 2657)

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A) Statistics in Focus and Rapid Reports

1993/6

Population by citizenship in the EC - 1.1. 1991

1993/8

Female population by citizenship in the European Community

1993/12

International migration flows in selected EC countries - 1991

1994/1

Asylum-seekers in the EU: better data needed

1994/7

Non-nationals form over 4% of total population in the European Union – 1.1.1992

1995/3

International migration in the EU Member States - 1992

1995/11

Acquisition of citizenship by naturalisation in the EU - 1993

1996/1

Asylum-seekers in Europe 1985-1995

1996/2

Non-nationals make up less than 5% of the population of the EU on 1.1. 1993

1998/3

Migration between the Mediterranean Basin and the EU in 1995

1998/10

The population of selected European countries by country of birth

B) Working Papers

E4/1997-1

Comparing data sources for measuring international migration in Central and Eastern Europe

Michel Poulain - Université Catholique de Louvain

E4/1997-2

La mesure des courants de migration internationale entre la Belgique, d'une part, le Danemark et la Suède, d'autre part
Ingvar Johannesson, Statistics Sweden, Örebro
Anita Lange, Danmarks Statistics, Copenhagen

- E0/1997-3 Michel Poulain, Institut National de Statistique, Bruxelles
Living conditions and inequality in the European Union, 1994
Joachim Vogel, Statistics Sweden
- E4/1997-4 Birth expectations and their use in fertility forecasting
W. Van Hoorn, Statistics Netherlands
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- E4/1997-5 Long-term internal migration scenarios for the countries of the
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- E4/1997-6 Long-term international migration scenarios for the European Economic
Area
Andries De Jong, Harry Visser, Statistics Netherlands
- E4/1997-7 Now-casts of live births and deaths for 15 countries of the European
Economic Area
J. De Beer, K. Koldijk
- E4/1997-8 Improved migration statistics - An evaluation
Ingrid Melin - Statistics Sweden
- 3/1998/E/n°1 Indicators of migration between the Republic of Ireland and the
United Kingdom
Central Statistics Office, Ireland
Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom
- 3/1998/E/n°2 Swiss-Swedish joint study on cohort-based asylum statistics
Torsten Torstensson, Krister Isaksson, Swedish Immigration Board
Stéphane Cotter, Marcel Heiniger, Swiss Federal Statistical Office Bern
- 3/1998/E/n°3 Analysis and projection of mortality by gender, age/generation, and main
causes of death for France, Italy, the Netherlands, and Norway
E. Tabeau, P. Ekamper, C. Huisman, A. Bosch
NIDI
- 3/1998/E/n°4 Stock de migrants et population d'origine étrangère – Comparaison des
concepts dans les pays de l'UE
B. Krekels, M. Poulain
- 3/1998/E/n°5 ESSPROS
- 3/1998/E/n°6 Household Budget Surveys – Methodology 1997
- 3/1998/E/n°7 La mesure de la migration clandestine en Europe
D. Delaunay, G. Tapinos

3/1998/E/n°8	Long-term mortality scenarios for the countries of the European Economic Area W. van Hoorn, J. de Beer
3/1998/E/n°9	Méthodes de collecte des statistiques de morbidité
3/1998/E/n°10	Couverture des questions de santé publique par les enquêtes menées au sein de l'UE
3/1998/E/n°12	International Migration Statistics in the Mediterranean Countries: current data sources and statistics available from international organisations D. Pearce
3/1998/E/n°13	Developing a comprehensive framework for health care statistics
3/1998/E/n°15	Documentation of Eurostat's database on international Migration: Central European Countries, Cyprus and Malta J. Bowman, J. Clarke, E. van Dam, V. Eidukiene, A. Herm, H. Prophet, I. Salt, A. Singleton, U. Usackis
3/1998/E/n°16	Documentation of Eurostat's database on International Migration: Labour Data. J. Clarke, M. Clarke, E. Van Dam, I. Salt, G. Cantisani, H. Eding, A. Singleton
3/1998/E/n°17	Long-term fertility scenarios for the countries of the European Economic Area. A. de Jong – Statistics Netherlands
3/1998/E/n°18	Draft manual on statistics of Asylum-seekers and refugees R. van der Erf
3/1998/E/n°19	Asylum-Seekers and Refugees a statistical report Volume 3: Central European Countries R. van der Erf, E. van Dam, NIDI
3/1998/E/n°20	International Migration Statistics in the Mediterranean countries: current data sources and statistics available in the countries Revised version D. Pearce, D. Rotolone
3/1998/E/n°21	International Migration Statistics in the Mediterranean Countries: Report on the legal situation Revised version C. Hein
3/1999/E/n°1	Final report on automated coding in Member States

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E. Bisogno, M. Poulain
- 3/1999/E/n°5 Confrontation des statistiques de migration intra-européennes : Vers une matrice complète ?
Michel Poulain
- 3/1999/E/n°6 Links between Stocks and Flows of the Foreign Population in Germany
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- 3/1999/E/n°7 Now-casts on international migration
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Aarno Sprangers, Hans Sanders. Statistics Netherlands
- 3/1999/E/n°8 National and Regional Population Trends in the European Union
N. van der Gaag, L. van Wissen, E. van Imhoff, C. Huisman, NIDI
- 3/1999/E/n°9 Analysis and Forecasting of International Migration
by Major Groups (Part II)
N. van der Gaag , L. van Wissen, NIDI
- 3/1999/E/n°10 Guidelines and Table programme for the Community Programme of Population and Housing Censuses in 2001
Volume II: Table Programme
- 3/1999/E/n°11 Statistiques sur la migration internationale dans les pays méditerranéens.
Rapport de mission : Algérie, Maroc, Tunisie
Jamel Bouchachen
- 3/1999/E/n°12 International Migration Statistics in the Mediterranean Countries
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- 3/1999/E/n°14 International Migration Statistics in the Mediterranean Countries
Mission Report: Turkey, Syria, Lebanon. Jeannette Schoorl

- 3/1999/E/n°15 Report on demographic situation in 12 Central European countries, Cyprus and Malta
- 3/1999/E/n°18 International Migration Statistics in the Mediterranean Countries. Summary report of missions to the 12 project countries, David Pearce