Migration characteristics of Montenegro population in Census 2011

Note by the Statistical Office of Montenegro

Montenegro has organized Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the period from 01 to 15 April in 2011. Census covered citizens of Montenegro, citizens of Montenegro and foreign citizens, foreign citizens and persons without citizenship who have residence (permanent or temporary) in Montenegro, regardless they were present in the time of Census in Montenegro or in abroad and regardless do they have in the time of Census identification document and regardless they live in dwelling, other facilities or in public areas. According to the recommendations of the UN/Eurostat for this round of the Census in 2011, there were collected data about internal and international migration.

Internal migrations are related to moving of population within borders of Montenegro. Data related to internal migration included the geographical (where the person is moved) and time (year of immigration) component and that data are used in statistics for calculation estimated number of population, as well as for net migration which indicates change of population number by municipalities in Montenegro. Net migration of internal migration is zero which means that there is no change in total number of population in Montenegro when person changes place of residence within Montenegrin borders. Data on internal migration are submitted from Register of residence in the competence of Ministry of Internal Affairs. Collected data are based on the agreement between Statistical Office of Montenegro and Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Question about international migration include the geographical, time component and also the reason for the last arrival to Montenegro. By the analysis of these data it is determined the number of immigrants and release about their characteristics, which we published on 15th May is the main source for writing this support paper.

Migration is a spatial movement of people from one place to another. The Census identified contingent of people who moved to Montenegro, as well as persons who because of schooling, work, or something else were absent from Montenegro for more than a year and
that person is \textbf{immigrant}. Next graph will show how many population of Montenegro used to live abroad.

\textbf{Graph 1 How many population of Montenegro used to live abroad}

Based on the question from the questionnaire which reads – Has person lived/stayed out of Montenegro one year or over, we found out that 80\% of the Montenegrin population live from birth in Montenegro, while 20\% moved here from abroad.

Of the 121 552 people who once lived or resided abroad for at least one year, 46 thousand people have moved to Montenegro before the independence of former republics of Yugoslavia. This contingent of the population can’t be included in international migration related to current definition. Also, there are 596 questionnaires without answers.

\textbf{Graph 2 How many immigrants were born in Montenegro}

Based on the question from questionnaire, which reads – \textbf{Place of birth}, we got the data that 55\% of immigrants were born outside of Montenegro, while the others or 45\% of them were born in Montenegro.
The question about citizenship was also one of the questions in questionnaire. There were five possible answers: Montenegro, Montenegro and foreign country, Foreign country, Obtaining Montenegrin citizenship in the process and Stateless. Based on this question, we got the data that 70% of immigrants have Montenegrin citizenship, 20% of them are foreign citizens, while 8% of immigrants are in the process of acquiring the Montenegrin citizenship and 2% are stateless.

**Graph 4 Decade when majority people immigrated to Montenegro**

In the period from ‘60s to now, the majority of immigrants were recorded in ‘90s. From 1990 to 1999, almost 42 thousands current residents moved to Montenegro.
Graph 5 In which years the majority of people immigrated to Montenegro

9,888 of current population of Montenegro arrived in Montenegro in 1999, 7,595 arrived in 1992 and those are years when majority of people immigrated to Montenegro. These migrations have been identified as violent because of the war events in former Yugoslavia.

Graph 6 Answers which immigrants reported as reason of the latest arrival or return to Montenegro

In the questionnaire for the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings 2011 in Montenegro was the question about reason of last moving in/return to Montenegro and person had possibility to answer on this question in five ways: Economic, Family reasons, War, Education and Other.

According to the immigrants’ statements, the most common reason for moving to Montenegro is because of family, so about 69 thousand persons came to Montenegro for family reasons; 17% or something more than 20 thousand immigrants came due to the war in the area of former place of residence of a person; the reason of economic nature relates to about 16 thousand or 14% of immigrants; because of education in Montenegro came 3% or 4 thousand immigrants.
In Montenegro, the majority of immigrants are women with 51% of the total number of immigrants. Regarding the reason for last moving in return to Montenegro more women than men have moved to Montenegro due to family reasons and war. The largest difference between women and men was found in persons who immigrated here for economic reasons, where majority are men with 64% and there are 36% of women.

Graph 8 Municipalities by majority of immigrants in total population (in %)

Majority of migrants comparing to total population, over 30% was recorded in Budva, Herceg Novi and Tivat, while the minority - 10% was recorded in Savnik.

Graph 9 Sex structure of immigrants by municipality (in %)
A bigger number of women immigrants are recorded in 10 municipalities in Montenegro. The same number of municipalities has more male immigrants, while in Niksic sex structure of immigrants is 50% of women and 50% of men.

**Graph 10 Countries from which the majority of immigrants came to Montenegro**

This graph shows the countries from which came more than a thousand immigrants to Montenegro. The majority of immigrants in Montenegro came from Serbia, over 55 thousand people and from Bosnia and Herzegovina less than 22 thousand immigrated to Montenegro.