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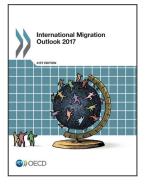
I his publication constitutes the 41st report of the OECD's Continuous Reporting System on Migration. The report is divided into four chapters plus a statistical annex.

Chapter 1 provides a broad overview of recent trends in international migration flows and migration policies. Chapter 2 takes a close look at the employment situation of immigrants and highlights major changes in policies to support the integration of immigrants and their children.

Chapter 3 presents key trends and issues in family migration to OECD countries, drawing on a wide range of data sources, and highlighting current and emerging challenges for the management of family migration. It documents the evolution of inflows of family migrants over recent years, showing that family is the single largest category of migration, accounting for almost 40% of flows and a quarter to half of the stock of migrants. Examining family migrants who reside in OECD countries, the chapter assesses their demographic characteristics, education, language abilities and labour market integration in comparison to other migrant categories.

Chapter 4 presents succinct country-specific notes and statistics on developments in international migration movements and policies in OECD countries in recent years. Finally, the Statistical Annex includes a broad selection of recent and historical statistics on immigrant flows, asylum requests, the foreign and foreign-born populations and acquisitions of citizenship.

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