

Foreword

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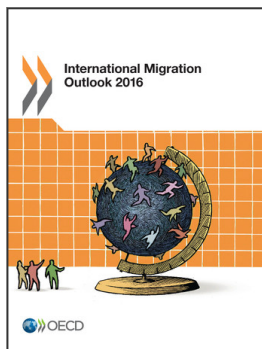
Chapter 1 provides a broad overview of recent trends in international migration flows and migration policies. Chapter 2 takes a close look at the employment situation of immigrants and highlights major changes in policies to support the integration of immigrants and their children.

Chapter 3 looks at the effect of migration on local labour and housing markets, as well as local finances with a view to explain the difference between the public opinion perception of the effect of migration and the results of most studies on the topic, which tend to identify small effects. Chapter 4 discusses how OECD countries can respond to external shocks causing sudden and substantial movements of populations. Focusing on environmental and geopolitical shocks, it presents the lessons learnt from recent shocks and examines alternative pathways and their potential with respect to the current refugee crisis.

Chapter 5 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, the foreign and foreign-born populations and naturalisations.

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