Labour Market and Migration
Hungary in a comparative perspektive

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The subject: (labour) migration and labour market

Focus of the (labour) migration research
  immigration or emigration
  • flow or stock
  • size or causes and consequences

Sources limit presentation and study of migration register
  • population register
  other register-type data
  survey
  • LFS
  • small-scales surveys
census
Labour migration is on increase in Hungary → A new emerging emigration country?

For long Hungary was one of the few low emigration countries in CEEu
Recent signs of increasing emigration:
• migration potential data jumped high
• press echoing general expectations
• everyday evidences and private stories

Recent facts and trends also support increasing emigration of Hungarians according to all sources

Let’s have a look at various data and see them in international comparison.

Sources: population register & LFS
Region: EU, East-West migration - relevant for Hungarian & labour migration
Reference group of countries: EU8+2 → EU 15
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Hungarian emigration trend of the 2000s

y = 904.22x² - 7327x + 97291
R² = 0.9487

y = 4.0215x² - 38,152x + 225,36
R² = 0.9754

Source: mirror statistics, Eurostat foreign pop, corr with NIESR & HU LFS raw data

A clear increase and turning point, (polynomial trend)
Emigration of Hungarians by destination countries
various data sources

Hungarian nationals in the destination countries

Source: mirror statistics, Eurostat foreign pop, corr with NIESR & HU LFS raw data, weighted
Emigration of Hungarians by destination countries

Hungarian nationals in destination countries

Hungarian labour migrants by destination countries

Source: mirror statistics, Eurostat foreign pop, corr with NIESR & HU LFS raw data, weighted

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Age distribution of Hungarian nationals in destination countries

Source: population register, Eurostat
Age distribution of Hungarians emigrants by destination countries, various data sources

Age distribution of Hungarian nationals in destination countries

Age distribution of Hungarian labour migrants

Source: population register, Eurostat

Source: HU LFS

Clearly labour migration is the large bulk of foreign nationals according to mirror statistics.
New Hungarian emigration trend in international comparison

Sending countries participation in E-W emigration

Source: Eurostat foreign population based data by NIESR, corrected
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Share of emigration in sending countries population

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Economic & labour market downturn and emerging migration

**Economic indicators**

- Volume index of GDP
- Change in number of employment
- Net real wage index

**Labour market indicators**

- Participation rate
- Employment rate
- Unemployment rate
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Labour market indicators:
- Employment and participation rate
- Unemployment rate

Graphs showing:
- Economic indicators over time
- Labour market indicators over time

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To summarize the new emigration story:

• Economic downturn
• Labour market deterioration
• Turn in slow emigration trend

But still

• Low in share compared to any emigrant country
• Moderate in increase

• Destination is at a high share short distance

See destination countries by group of sending countries

Future of emerging trends: ???
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Graphs showing migration trends in various countries.