General Information

Population
42,216,766 (Eurostat 2018)
42,079,547 (STAT UA 2019)

Immigration
4,964,293 (UN Immigration Stock 2017)
629,276 (STAT UA 2018)

Emigration
5,941,653 (UN DESA 2017)
610,687 (STAT UA 2018)

Working-age population
25,641,300 (STAT UA 2018)
30,505,457 (World Bank 2017)

Unemployment rate
9.4% (ILO 2018)
8.8% (STAT UA 2018)

GDP
112,154 bn, current prices USD (World Bank 2017)
3,558 bn, current prices UAH (STAT UA 2018)

Refugees and IDPs

Refugees:
3,257 (UN Refugee Stock 2017)

Asylum seekers:
6,229 (UN Asylum Stock 2017)

Citizenship
By Birth: No
By Descent: Yes
Dual Citizenship: No
Years of Residency: 5

Territory
603,700 km² (CIA World Factbook)
The main countries of destination are Russia, Israel, the USA and Poland. Eastern Ukrainians and Russian speakers generally chose Russia as their destination country for labour migration. Ukrainian nationals from the Western part of Ukraine also seek employment in the European Union member states and, to a lesser degree, in the United States. According to the official data for the year 2014, private remittances to the country totalled $6.5 billion (4.9% of the national GDP). The main donor countries remain as in the previous years, namely Russia, the USA, Germany, the United Kingdom, Greece, Cyprus and Italy. While both sexes have been equally involved into the migration movements, the share of female migrants has decreased over the last 20 years.

The key policy instruments pertaining to the migration regulation and management are:

- 1996 Constitution of Ukraine
- 2001 Law "On Immigration"
- 2009 Law "On Border Control"
- 2011 Law "On Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons"
- 2012 Law on the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons
- 2012 Law on Refugees and Persons in Need of Subsidiary and Temporary Protection
- 2012 Action Plan on Integration of Refugees until 2020

The State Migration Service of Ukraine (Ukraine DMS) is a central executive body responsible for the realisation of the state policy in the field of migration (immigration and emigration), including combating illegal (illegal) migration, citizenship, registration of persons, refugees and other categories of workers defined by the legislation and propose public policy in these areas. Its activities are directed and coordinated by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine through the Minister of Internal Affairs of Ukraine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs protects the rights of citizens abroad. The Ministry of Labour and Social Policy has a joint responsibility with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior in the field of labour migration.