



## THE CZECH REPUBLIC

### Migrants' involvement in the labour market

The number of foreigners in the labour market has increased significantly in recent years in connection with the growth of the economy since 2014 and the shortage of workforce.

The migrant employee contracts registered at labour offices in 2017 were 472.000: 48% in semi-skilled occupations, 31% in unskilled work, and the rest in skilled occupations. Besides, 87,000 valid trade licenses were held by migrants.

### THE CHARACTERISTICS

Today, the Czech Republic is the most attractive destination for migrants in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe.

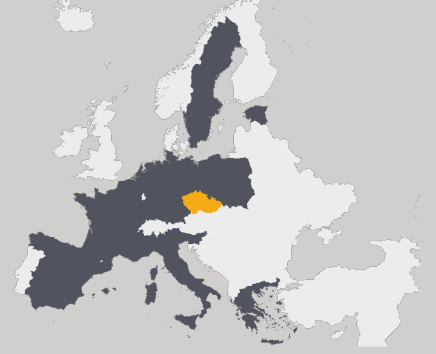
Migrants are mainly from: Russia, Mongolia, Ukraine, China, Korea and Vietnam. They come for work and business, studying or family reasons.

Since 2013 there is a major demand for foreign labour as economic stability and resumed prosperity resulted in many new migrants.

The Czech economy is growing at a decent pace and unemployment in 2019 was at 2.2%, among the lowest in Europe.

To learn more about Czech Republic and the integration of newcomers, as well as these initiatives, be sure to look at the [research reports of the MAX project!](#)





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### Initiatives for the integration of migrants to the Czech society

Culture is an important component of Czech citizens' lives, and attendance to cultural events is rooted in their habits and traditions. The Czech State encourages cultural events of and for foreigners through different calls : there are small and big funds that support cultural activities.

- ✓ **Festival Refufest** is a space for people to meet up and express solidarity to refugees and migrants through to music, dance and theatre.
- ✓ **Festival Kaleidoskop** enables visitors to experience a colorful day full of flavors, scents, music and dance.
- ✓ **Youth Included**, a youth non-governmental organization, working as an open-space for open-minded, curious and active youth who want to know new people and cultures, learn and share their skills, inspire and be inspired.
- ✓ **House of National Minorities** facilitates inter-ethnic understanding and overcoming any prejudices that citizens might have regarding certain ethnic groups and nationalities.
- ✓ **Praha Srdce Narodu** is the largest joint action of national minorities in the Czech Republic. They organize manifestations of traditional folk art through many performances.

**#KeyMessage: Seek out migrants' stories**

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