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International migration and Russia.

(Preliminary abstract)

Russian federation is now involved in international migration flows as a number of 2 country (having more than 13 millions migrant stock on its territory (compared with 34 millions in USA)).

By Russian statistics about 70 thousand yearly migrants surplus (elder 14) in XXI century. We have emigration (negative migrant balance) only with Belarus (among CIS) and also Germany, USA, Israel, Greece and Finland, Australia etc. Mainly Russia is an importing labour country. Immigration move is mostly from former the USSR countries and declared reasons are ethnic conflicts (more than 50%) and also for family reasons, and small portions for employment, education, repatriation.

Educational level of immigrations is rather a high one. One fifth has a university diplome and among them there are about 1% of doctors of science. Educated migrants have a family reasons of migration as a basical one.

Migrants are moving in the Central and Southern part of Russian Federation concentrating in large cities and near by. They rarely choose Northern and Siberian and Far East territories. This trend is even more characteristic for educated cover of migrants.

Countries of origin for high educated migrants are mainly CIS and Baltic countries almost 15 times more than other countries. But at the same time the main plot of migrants is approximately 120-150 th. Persons yearly in XXI century that is about 90% of all the migrants.

Ethnic groups of immigrants in RF are different. But every year till 1992 about 65% of the total amount are Russians, among the others there are Tartars, Ukrainians, Jews.

As for emigration from RF is from 80 to 120 thousand of persons yearly for the last 10 years. There are Russians (more than 40%) and also Jews and Tatars.

Analyzing immigration targets for foreign citizens crossing RF borders the main part of immigrants are stated it as «private» more than 50% of about 3 million persons. Then there are also such targets as «tourism», «service» (including employment) and «for permanent residence» (a tiny portion).

Main part of them are from CIS and Baltic countries especially Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Armenia. From the others rather a large group of visitors are from China, Finland and Germany.

An interested phenomena in we have analyzing all the international migrants by citizenship. A share of persons having double citizenship is growing till 15% in recent years. Especially this group is large in age cohorts 25-26 and also 65 and more. About 69% of all the immigrants are of age 15-60 i.e. in labour active age.

Results of our research:

1. RF is a typical country of immigration.
2. The main source of immigration is CIS.
3. Educational level of migrants is higher than nationals.
4. Ethnic conflicts on the former USSR territory is a main reason of emigration till nowadays.
5. The main plot of immigrants other than CIS is from China.
6. Officially stated target of entering RF is «private reason» i.e. hidden from observes.
7. Double citizenship is used more and more wider by migrants of different age.