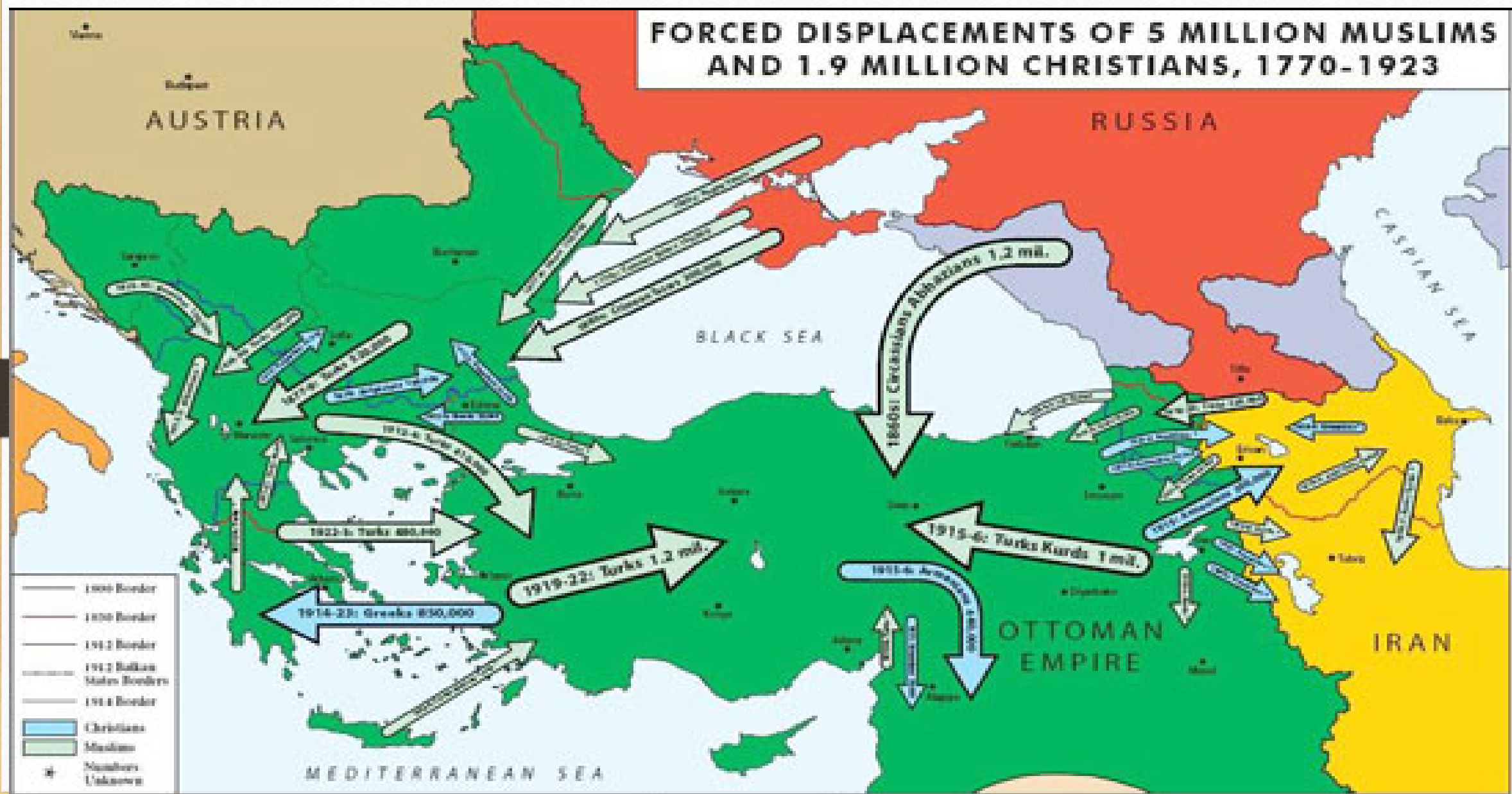

History of Migration in Turkey

FORCED DISPLACEMENTS OF 5 MILLION MUSLIMS AND 1.9 MILLION CHRISTIANS, 1770-1923





Caucasus (Abkhazians, Ajarians, 'Circassians', Chechens) moved to Turkey since 1999. They mostly settled in Blacksea region.

Since the 19th century, an exodus by the large portion of Turkish (Turkic) and Muslim peoples (who are termed "Muhacir" under a general definition) from the;

- Balkans (Balkan Turks, Albanians, Bosniaks, Pomaks),
- Caucasus (Abkhazians, Ajaris, 'Circassians', Chechens),
- Crimea (Crimean Tatar diaspora),
- Crete (Cretan Turks),

took refuge in present-day Turkey and moulded the country's fundamental features.

- Trends of immigration towards Turkey continue to this day, although the motives are more varied and are usually in line with the patterns of global immigration movements — Turkey, for example, receives many economic migrants from nearby countries such as Armenia, the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Afghanistan, but also from Central Asia.

- The word Turk or Turkish also has a wider meaning in a historical context because, at times, especially in the past, it has been used to refer to all Muslim inhabitants of the Ottoman Empire irrespective of their ethnicity. The question of ethnicity in modern Turkey is a highly debated and difficult issue. Figures published in several different sources prove this difficulty by varying greatly.

- A possible list of ethnic groups living in Turkey could be as follows:
- ❖ **Turkic-speaking peoples:** Turks, Azeris, Tatars, Karachays, Karapapak, Uzbeks,
Crimean Tatars and Uyghurs.
- ❖ **Indo-European-speaking peoples:** Kurds (Kurmanj and Zazas), Bosnians, Albanians, Pomaks, Armenians, Hamshenis, Gorani and Greeks,
- ❖ **Semitic-speaking peoples:** Arabs, Assyrians/Syriacs and Jews
- ❖ **Caucasian-speaking peoples:** Circassians, Georgians, Laz and Chechens

- According to the 2012 edition of the CIA World Factbook,
70-75% of Turkey's population consists of ethnic Turks,

Kurds accounting for **18%** and
other minorities between **7 and 12%**.

According to [Milliyet](#), a 2008 report prepared for the [National Security Council](#) of Turkey by academics of three [Turkish universities](#) in eastern Anatolia suggested that there are approximately :

- Since the immigration to the big cities in the west of Turkey, interethnic marriage has become more common. A recent study estimates that there are 2,708,000 marriages between Turks and Kurds/Zaza.
- Turkey's population is 80,694,485 (July 2013 est.)
- Turkish 70-75%, Kurdish 18%, other minorities 7-12% (2008 est.)
- **Muslim 99.8%** (mostly Sunni), other 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)

1.) 55 million ethnic Turks,

8.) 600,000, **Pomaks,**

2.) 12.6 million Kurds,

9.)80,000 **Laz,**

3.) 2.5 million **Circassians,**

10.) 60,000 **Armenians,**

4.) 2 million **Bosnians,**

11.)25,000 **Assyrians/Syriacs,**

5.) 500,000-1.3 million **Albanians,**

12.) 20,000 **Jews,**

6.) 1,000,000 **Georgians,**

13.) 15,000 **Greeks living in
Turkey.**

7.) 870,000 **Arabs,**

Migrants in Düzce

There are nearly 25 villages settled by approximately 40 thousands [Circassians](#) from 1846 up to now. Besides, ~~Abkhazian, Albanian, Tatar, Bosnian, Coptic, and Georgian have~~ also lived in this region.

They had forced to migrate mostly Turkey named Ottoman that time, and other countries such as Syria, Iraq, from Russia in 1846 after war.

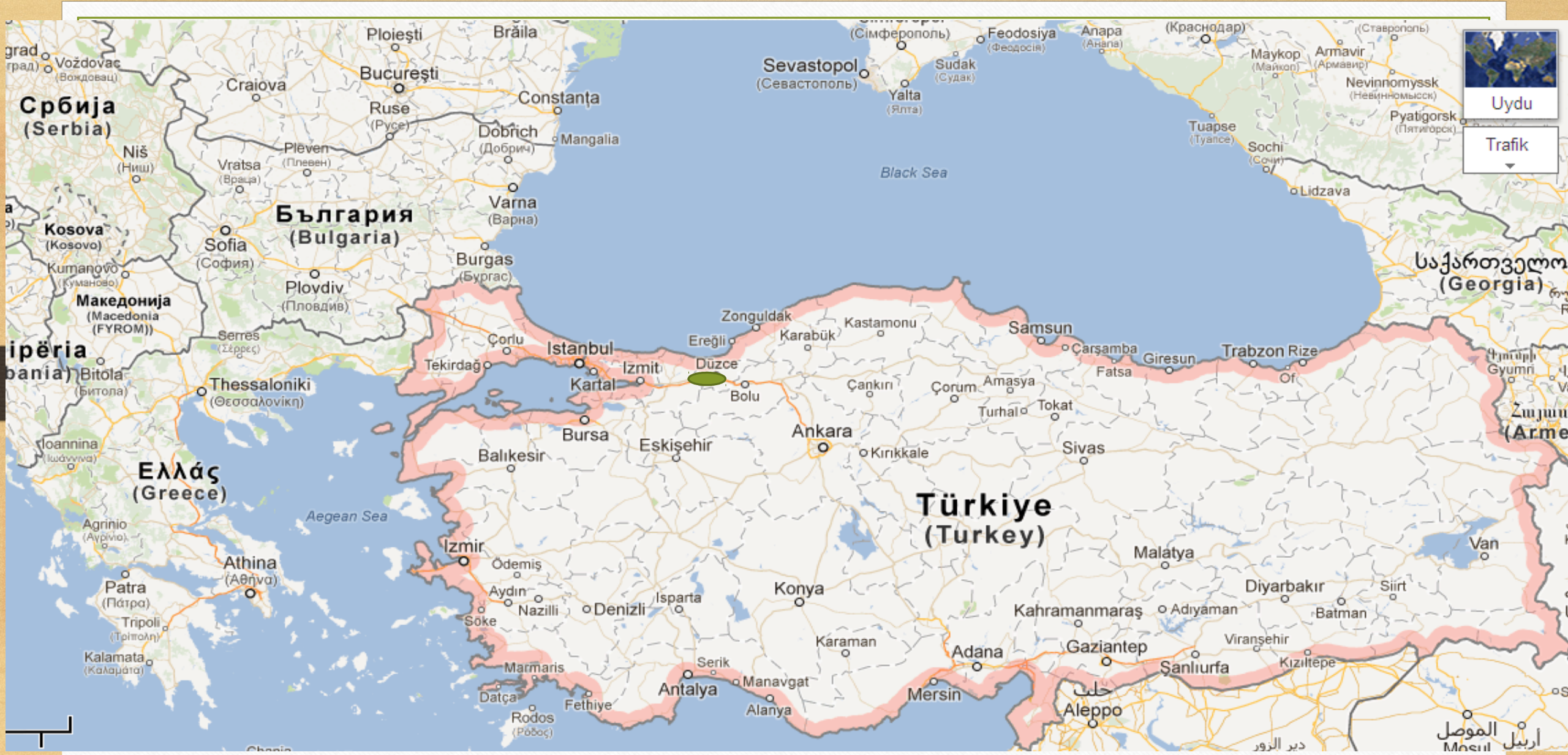
Similar to Düzce where we live now, Turkish society could be defined as multi cultural society where many different ethnic culture have lived harmoniously (*Turkish, Kurdish, Abkhazian, Circassian, Laz, Albanian, Tatar, Bosnian, Coptic, and Georgian*).

After 2000, thousands of people have begun to immigrate from Iraq, and now on from Syria (more than a hundred thousand) and had to live in the border where Turkish government had built temporary settlement. Now, nearly 2 million people forced to migrate Turkey and

DUZCE

- **Düzce is a city in northwestern Turkey. It is on the coastline of the Black Sea and is between Istanbul and Ankara.**

- **Ankara is 240 km. to the east and Istanbul is 228 km. to the west.**
- **The total population of the city (as of 2010) is 338 188.**



Statistics of Migrants in Turkey by Country of Origin

Table 7. Estimates of migrant stocks in Turkey by country of origin, 2005¹⁴

Country	No.
Bulgaria	507,172
Germany	288,528
Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro)	118,581
Greece	62,463
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	33,242
Netherlands	23,019
Romania	21,873
Russian Federation	20,944
United Kingdom	19,983
Azerbaijan	17,707
France	16,928
Austria	15,121
United States	14,323
Iran, Islamic Republic of	13,667
Cyprus	10,961
Switzerland	10,937
Afghanistan	10,164
Other countries	122,792
TOTAL	1,328,405

Source: World Bank, 2007.

Statistics of Turk Migrants Abroad

Table 9. Estimates of Turkish migrants abroad, 2007¹⁸

Country	No.
Germany	2,706,232
France	197,819
Netherlands	184,424
Austria	153,836
United States	100,325
Saudi Arabia	95,752
Bulgaria	95,248
Greece	66,402
Switzerland	61,861
United Kingdom	60,110
Belgium	46,324
Israel	41,162
Sweden	35,338
Denmark	32,472
Kazakhstan	30,650
Australia	29,997
Canada	19,021
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16,253
Total	4,402,914

Source: World Bank, 2007.