

Workers' remittances in the EU27

Nearly 40 billion euro transferred by migrants to their country of origin in 2011

In the **EU27**, money sent by migrants to their country of origin, usually referred to as workers' remittances¹, amounted to 39.1 billion euro in 2011, up by 2% compared with 2010. This total includes both intra-EU27 and extra-EU27 flows. **Extra-EU27** flows of workers' remittances, which represented nearly three quarters of the total, grew by 3% to reach 28.5 bn, while **intra-EU27** flows remained nearly stable at 10.7 bn.

Among the Member States for which data are available, the outflow of workers' remittances in 2011 was highest in **France** (9.7 bn euro or 25% of total EU27 remittances), **Italy** (7.4 bn or 19%), **Spain** (7.3 bn or 19%), **Germany** (3.0 bn or 8%) and the **Netherlands** (1.5 bn or 4%). Among these five Member States, the share of **extra-EU27** remittances in the total ranged from 64% in **France** to 83% in **Italy**.

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Workers' remittances, total outflows from EU27 Member States, bn euro

	2009	2010	2011
Total outflow of workers' remittances	36.7	38.3	39.1
Intra-EU flows*	9.9	10.6	10.7
Extra-EU flows*	26.8	27.7	28.5

* Intra-EU flows: Money sent from an EU Member State to another EU Member State

Extra-EU flows: Money sent from an EU Member State to a country outside the EU

Source: Eurostat

Workers' remittances, outflows from EU27 Member States, million euro

	2010			2011		
	Total	Intra-EU27	Extra-EU27	Total	Intra-EU27	Extra-EU27
EU27*	38 263	10 555	27 708	39 139	10 671	28 468
Belgium	447	52	394	511	67	443
Bulgaria	7	1	6	7	2	5
Czech Republic	689	404	285	740	434	306
Denmark	c	c	c	c	c	c
Germany	3 035	987	2 048	2 977	1 006	1 970
Estonia	3	2	1	3	3	1
Ireland	c	c	c	c	c	c
Greece	1 081	97	984	922	145	777
Spain	7 198	c	c	7 268	c	c
France	9 813	3 542	6 271	9 661	3 508	6 153
Italy	6 572	1 225	5 347	7 394	1 230	6 165
Cyprus	116	55	61	105	38	67
Latvia	c	c	c	c	c	c
Lithuania	100	56	43	191	86	106
Luxembourg	69	55	15	73	60	13
Hungary	71	37	33	70	39	30
Malta	c	c	c	c	c	c
Netherlands	1 492	383	1 109	1 531	432	1 099
Austria	767	418	349	749	360	389
Poland	46	11	35	59	0	46
Portugal	567	86	481	586	91	495
Romania	206	106	100	168	76	92
Slovenia	25	0	25	26	0	26
Slovakia	3	2	1	7	6	1
Finland	18	7	11	18	7	11
Sweden	20	0	20	21	0	21
United Kingdom	:	:	:	:	:	:
Croatia	73	31	43	55	24	31

Source: Eurostat

* The EU27 aggregate includes confidential data

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: Data not available

1. In the Balance of Payments statistics framework, workers' remittances cover current transfers (in cash or in kind) made by migrants who are employed in a new economy and considered resident there. Persons who work and stay in new economy for less than a year are considered non-residents; their transactions are recorded in the Balance of Payments statistics framework under the component "Compensation of employees".
2. For most Member States, annual data on remittances and compensation of employees by partner country are available from the Eurostat web-site at: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/balance_of_payments/data/database. Quarterly data related to remittances are also regularly collected and disseminated by Eurostat as part of the Quarterly Balance of Payments data. Quarterly data do not have the same geographical detail as the annual data. Due to a change in the compilation system for worker's remittances in France, data for 2009 and 2010 have been strongly revised compared with those previously published.

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