

## East-West German Immigration Statistics (1962–1990)

### Abstract

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Improved East-West German relations meant that the number of people leaving the German Democratic Republic for the Federal Republic rose in the 1970s. The SED regime, which was subject to growing domestic pressure in the 1980s, increasingly used emigration as a safety valve to rid itself of unwanted critics.

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Year	Immigration to West Germany: West German data	Immigration to West Germany: East German data	Immigration to East Germany: East German data
1949	129,245	--	--
1950	197,887	--	--
1951	165,648	135,767	27,372
1952	182,393	135,988	24,012
1953	331,390	270,440	32,201
1954	184,198	173,279	77,239
1955	252,870	270,115	72,928
1956	279,189	316,028	73,768
1957	261,622	304,957	77,927
1958	204,092	194,714	54,600
1959	143,917	120,226	63,083
1960	199,188	181,473	42,479
1961	207,026	--	33,703
1962	21,365	--	13,080
1963	42,622	--	11,647
1964	41,866	--	9,895
1965	29,552	--	8,833
1966	24,131	--	--
1967	19,573	--	--
1968	16,036	--	--
1969	16,975	--	--
1970	17,519	--	--
1971	17,408	--	--
1972	17,164	--	--
1973	15,189	11,761	--
1974	13,252	11,760	--
1975	16,285	16,586	--

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1976	15,168	13,489	--
1977	12,078	9,795	--
1978	12,117	10,669	--
1979	12,515	11,513	--
1980	12,763	10,438	--
1981	15,433	13,166	--
1982	13,208	11,118	--
1983	11,343	9,154	--
1984	40,974	--	--
1985	24,912	--	--
1986	26,178	--	--
1987	18,958	--	--
1988	39,832	--	--
1989	343,854	203,116	--
30. 6. 1990	--	238,384	--

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