

	Quick Facts	
	Immigration detainees (2018)	928
	Detained asylum seekers (2016)	50
	Detained minors (2018)	110
	Persons expelled (2018)	2,210
	International migrants (2017)	560,500
	New asylum applications (2016)	1,988

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/croatia>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	928	2018	Number of persons granted alternatives to immigration detention	9	2013
	258	2015		6	2012
	425	2014		4	2011
	533	2013		10	2010
	784	2012		13	2009
	649	2011			
	559	2010			
	460	2009			
	768	2008			
	1,583	2007			
	1,710	2006			
Number of detained asylum seekers	50	2016	Total number of detained minors	110	2018
	41	2015		68	2017
	81	2014		39	2010
	73	2013		25	2009
				27	2008
		96		2007	
		61		2006	
Number of detained accompanied minors	110	2018	Number of apprehensions of non-citizens	5,580	2018
				3,495	2017
				3,320	2016
				3,295	2015
				2,500	2014
				4,150	2013
Immigration detainees as a percentage of total international migrant population	0.04	2015	Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	3	2019
	0.07	2013		1	2016
	0.1	2010			
Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	229	2019	Number of persons removed/returned (voluntary returns and deportations)	2,210	2018
	241	2017		2,125	2017
	140	2016		1,890	2016
	116	2015		1,940	2015
				2,245	2014
		2,530		2013	

Number of deportations/forced returns only	1,320	2018	Percentage of persons removed in relation to total number of people placed in removal procedures	48.29	2017
	1,085	2017		39.96	2016
	950	2016		49.62	2015
	690	2015			
	1,415	2014			
Criminal prison population	3,190	2018	Percentage of foreign prisoners	5.7	2016
	3,228	2016		5.8	2013
	4,741	2013			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	78	2016			
	108	2013			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	4,240,000	2015	International migrants	560,500	2017
	4,400,000	2012		576,900	2015
				757,000	2013
		573		2010	
International migrants as a percentage of the population	13.4	2017	Refugees	255	2016
	13.6	2015		522	2015
	17.6	2013		684	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.17	2014	Total number of new asylum applications	1,988	2016
	0.17	2012		453	2014
				1,241	2012
Refugee recognition rate	7.9	2014	Stateless persons	2,873	2016
				2,886	2015
				2,886	2014

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2019

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Constitutional guarantees?	Yes/No	Constitution and Articles	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Yes	Constitution of Croatia, articles 22, 24 and 25	1990	2013

LAWS AND REGULATIONS			
Core pieces of national legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Law on Foreigners (Zakon o strancima)	2011	2017
	Law on International and Temporary Protection (Zakon o međunarodnoj i privremenoj zaštiti)	2015	2017
LAWS AND REGULATIONS			
Regulations, standards, guidelines	Name	Year Published	
	Rules of the stay in the Reception centre for foreigners (Pravila boravka u prihvatnom centru za strance 66/2013)	2013	
GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION			
Immigration-status-related grounds	Name	Observation Date	
	Detention to effect removal	2019	
	Detention for failing to respect a voluntary removal order	2019	
	Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality	2019	
	Detention for unauthorised entry or stay	2019	
	Detention to prevent unauthorised entry at the border	2019	
	Detention pending transfer to another Schengen country	2019	
	Detention during the asylum process	2019	
	Detention to ensure transfer under the Dublin Regulation	2019	
	Detention to prevent absconding	2019	
Detention for unauthorized stay resulting from criminal conviction	2019		
GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION			
Non-immigration-status-related grounds providing for administrative detention in immigration legislation.	Name	Observation Date	
	Detention on public order, threats or security grounds	2019	
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES			
Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations?	Fines	Incarceration	Observation Date
	Yes	Yes	2019
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES			
Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration	Grounds for Incarceration	Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration	Observation Date
	Unauthorized entry	30	2019
	Unauthorised stay	60	2019

CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES					
Has the country decriminalized immigration-related violations?	Has the country decriminalized immigration-related violations?			Observation Date	
	No			2019	
LENGTH OF DETENTION					
Maximum length for administrative immigration detention in law.	Number of Days		Observation Date		
	630		2019		
LENGTH OF DETENTION					
Maximum length of time in custody prior to issuance of a detention order	Number of Days		Observation Date		
	2		2019		
LENGTH OF DETENTION					
Maximum length of detention for asylum-seekers	Number of Days		Observation Date		
	180		2019		
PROCEDURAL STANDARDS					
Provision of basic procedural standards	Name		In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Information to detainees		Yes		2019
	Right to appeal the lawfulness of detention		Yes		2019
	Independent review of detention		Yes		2019
NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES (ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION)					
Types of non-custodial measures	Name		In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Designated non-secure housing		Yes	infrequently	2019
	Supervised release and/or reporting		Yes	infrequently	2019
	Registration (deposit of documents)		Yes	infrequently	2019
	Release on bail		Yes	infrequently	2019
VULNERABLE PERSONS					
Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name		In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Elderly		Provided	Not available	2019
	Persons with disabilities		Provided	Not available	2019
	Pregnant women		Provided	Not available	2019
	Survivors of torture		Provided	Not available	2019
	Accompanied minors		Provided	Yes	2017
	Asylum seekers		Provided	Yes	2017
Unaccompanied minors		Provided	Yes	2017	

MANDATORY DETENTION

Mandatory detention	Filter	Name	Observation Date
	No	No	2019

INTERNATIONAL LAW**Relevant international treaties and date of ratification**

	Name	Ratification Year
International treaties	OP CRC Communications Procedure	2017
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2007
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2005
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2003
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2003
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1995
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1992
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1992
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	1992
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1992
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1992
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1992
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons	1992
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1992
ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1992	
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	15/19	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

International treaty reservations	Name	Reservation Year	Observation Date
	CRC Article 9	1992	1992

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Acceptance Year
Individual complaints procedure	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2007
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2001
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1995
	CAT, declaration under article 22 of the Convention	1992

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date	
	4/7		
	4/7		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
	Committee against Torture	§12 [...] take steps to improve the material conditions in the prisons, in psychiatric institutions and in the detention facility for foreigners. §15 [...] The State party should place asylum seekers in detention only in exceptional cases and should regularly monitor the facilities used as accommodation for asylum seekers through the national preventive mechanism or other monitoring mechanisms.[...] (c) establish a mechanism that will provide access to counselling, treatment and rehabilitation for victims of torture, and any specific accommodations necessary during refugee status determination procedures; (d) ensure that free legal aid is provided to asylum seekers and migrants in procedures related to the decision on detention;	2014
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
Regional legal instruments	Name	Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)	
	ECHR, Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (commonly known as the European Convention on Human Rights)	1997	
	ECHR1, Protocol 1 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)	1997	
	ECHR7, Protocol 7 to the European Convention on Human Rights (amended by protocol 11)	1997	
	ECHR12, Protocol 12 to the European Convention on Human Rights	2003	
	ECPT, European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment	1997	
	CAT, Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings	2007	
	CPCSE, Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse	2011	

Regional treaties, regulations, and directives

	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
<p>Recommendations issued by regional human rights mechanisms</p>	<p>European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT)</p>	<p>§ 35: The CPT recommends that material conditions at Ježevc Detention Centre be improved in the light of the above remarks. In particular, steps should be taken to: - reduce occupancy levels in the dormitories; - provide detained persons with lockable space for keeping personal belongings; - ensure that male detainees have ready access to a sufficient number of toilets at night; - improve the provision of hot water in the common shower room and extend the number of hours during which the shower room is available. Further, the necessary repairs should be made in the sanitary annexes in the women's rooms. § 40: The CPT recommends that steps be taken to improve the quality of individual medical files drawn up in respect of foreign nationals held at Ježevc Detention Centre, in the light of the above remarks. § 41: The CPT recommends that the Croatian authorities provide staff working at Ježevc Detention Centre with appropriate training, taking into consideration the above remarks, and encourage greater interpersonal communication between staff and detainees. § 42: The CPT calls upon the Croatian authorities to ensure that staff working in centres for foreign nationals do not openly carry batons in detention areas. If it is deemed necessary for staff to be armed with such equipment, it should be hidden from view. § 46: The CPT recommends that the Croatian authorities review the practice of holding juveniles and unrelated adults in the same accommodation at Ježevc Detention Centre.</p>	<p>2008</p>	

Bilateral/Multilateral agreements linked to readmissions

Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission	Name	Year in Force	Observation Date
	Austria	1998	2017
	Belgium	2005	2017
	Bulgaria	2003	2017
	Spain	2011	2017
	Estonia	2001	2017
	France	1996	2017
	Greece	1995	2017
	Hungary	2001	2017
	Italy	1998	2017
	Latvia	1998	2017
	Lithuania	2000	2017
	Luxembourg	2005	2017
	Netherlands	2005	2017
	Poland	1995	2017
	Romania	2002	2017
	Czech Republic	2004	2017
	Sweden	2003	2017
	Iceland	2002	2017
	Norway	2005	2017
Switzerland	1993	2017	
Albania	2005	2017	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2003	2017	
Serbia	2004	2017	

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name	Year of Visit	Observation Date
	None		2016

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	No	2015	

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

Governing structures															
Federal or centralized governing system	Federal or centralized governing system										Observation Date				
	Centralized system										2019				
Governing structures															
Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Centralized or decentralized immigration authority										Observation Date				
	Centralized immigration authority										2017				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Custodial authority	Agency	Ministry				Ministry Typology				Observation Date					
		Ministry of Interior				Interior or Home Affairs				2017					
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Detention Facility Management	Entity Name					Entity Type					Observation Date				
	Border Management of Police					Governmental					2017				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Formally designated detention estate?	Formally designated immigration detention estate?					Types of officially designated detention centres					Observation Date				
	Yes					Dedicated immigration detention facilities					2019				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Types of detention facilities used in practice	Immigration detention centre (Administrative)	Immigration field office (Administrative)	Transit centre (Administrative)	Reception centre (Administrative)	Offshore detention centre (Administrative)	Hospital (Administrative)	Border guard (Administrative)	Police station (Criminal)	National penitentiary (Criminal)	Local prison (Criminal)	Juvenile detention centre (Criminal)	Informal camp (Ad hoc)	Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc)	Surge facility (Ad hoc)	Observation Date
	Yes		Yes					Yes							2017
	Yes														2016
				Yes											
Detention monitoring institutions															
Authorized monitoring institutions	Institution					Institution Type					Observation Date				
	Ombudswoman of the Republic of Croatia					National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI)					2017				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Is the national human rights institution (NHRI) recognized as independent?	Is the NHRI recognized as independent by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2016				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Does NHRI carry out visits?	Does NHRI carry out visits in practice?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2017				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints?	Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2016				

Detention monitoring institutions																
Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention?		Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention?										Observation Date				
		Yes										2017				
Detention monitoring institutions																
Does national preventive mechanism (NPM) carry out visits?		Does NPM carry out visits in practice?								Observation Date						
		Yes								2017						
Detention monitoring institutions																
Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?		Does NPM publicly release reports on immigration detention?										Observation Date				
		Yes										2017				
Detention monitoring institutions																
Do NGOs carry out visits?		Do NGOs regularly carry our visits?								Observation Date						
		Yes								2017						
Detention monitoring institutions																
Do international and/or regional bodies (IRBs) visit immigration-related detention facilities?		Do international and/or regional bodies (IRB) regularly visit immigration-related detention facilities?										Observation Date				
		Yes										2007				
Detention monitoring institutions																
Do IRBs publicly report their findings from inspections?		Do IRBs publicly report their findings from detention inspections?										Observation Date				
		Yes										2007				
Outsourcing and privatisation																
Detention contractors and other non-state entities	Name of entity	Type of entity	Detainee transport	Food services	Health care	Social services	Laundry services	Legal counselling	Management	Owner of detention facility	Recreation	Security	Telephone service	Translation services	Observation Date	
	Croatian Law Centre							Yes							2015	
Expenditures																
Estimated annual budget for detention operations		Estimated total annual budget for detention operations (in USD)			Building and maintenance		Security	Staffing	Food	Medical	Transport	Observation Date				
		373,000										2013				
Expenditures																
Estimated cost per detainees day (in USD)		Estimated cost per detainees day (in USD)										Observation Date				
		20										2014				
Foreign sources of funding for detention operations																
Does the country receive external sources of funding?		Benefitted from non-state funding sources?										Observation Date				
		Yes										2011				

Foreign sources of funding for detention operations		
Description of foreign assistance	Description of non-state assistance	Observation Date
	The EU provided eight million Euros for the construction of a specific unit for vulnerable persons within the existing detention centre in Jezevo as well as two border detention facilities, which are supposed to open in early 2017	2011

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA

Economics and Development Indicators

Gross Domestic Product per capita (in USD)	Gross Domestic Product per capita (in USD)	Observation Date
	13,475	2014
	13,530	2013

Economics and Development Indicators

Remittances to the country	Remittances to the country (in millions USD)	Observation Date
	1,524	2014
	1,236	2011

Economics and Development Indicators

Remittances from the country	Remittances from the country (in millions USD)	Observation Date
	167	2010

Economics and Development Indicators

Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate	Observation Date
		2014

Economics and Development Indicators

Human Development Index Ranking (UNDP)	Human Development Index Ranking (UNDP)	UNDP four-tiered ranking	Observation Date
	47	Very high	2014

More information about immigration detention in Croatia is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)