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|  | Quick Facts | |
| | Immigration detainees (2016) | 671 |
| | Detained asylum seekers (2018) | 37 |
| | Detained minors (2017) | Not Available |
| | Persons expelled (2018) | 1,465 |
| | International migrants (2019) | 237,266 |
| | New asylum applications (2019) | 181 |

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/europe/latvia>
- "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 | 671 | 2016 | Number of persons granted alternatives to immigration detention | 55 | 2014 |
| | 743 | 2015 | | 52 | 2013 |
| | 263 | 2014 | | 34 | 2012 |
| | 196 | 2014 | | 10 | 2011 |
| | 175 | 2013 | | | |
| | 131 | 2013 | | | |
| | 221 | 2013 | | | |
| | 206 | 2012 | | | |
| | 163 | 2012 | | | |
| | 207 | 2012 | | | |
| | 251 | 2012 | | | |
| | 144 | 2011 | | | |
| | 187 | 2010 | | | |
| | 248 | 2009 | | | |
| Number of detained asylum seekers | 37 | 2018 | Total number of detained minors | Not Available | 2017 |
| | 61 | 2017 | | | |
| | 90 | 2016 | | | |
| | 166 | 2013 | | | |
| | 127 | 2012 | | | |
| | 238 | 2011 | | | |
| Number of detained unaccompanied minors | 33 | 2016 | Number of apprehensions of non-citizens | 395 | 2018 |
| | 26 | 2015 | | 400 | 2017 |
| | 9 | 2014 | | 745 | 2016 |
| | 0 | 2013 | | 745 | 2015 |
| | 5 | 2013 | | 265 | 2014 |
| | 0 | 2012 | | 175 | 2013 |
| | | | | 205 | 2012 |
| Immigration detainees as a percentage of total international migrant population | 0.08 | 2013 | Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres | 2 | 2018 |
| | 0.06 | 2010 | | 1 | 2017 |
| | | | | | |

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|--|-----------|-------------------------|---|---------|-------------------------|
| Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres | 168 | 2018 | Number of persons removed/returned (voluntary returns and deportations) | 1,465 | 2018 |
| | 70 | 2017 | | 1,275 | 2017 |
| | | | | 1,355 | 2016 |
| | | | | 1,030 | 2015 |
| | | | | 1,550 | 2014 |
| | | | | 2,070 | 2013 |
| | | | | 2,065 | 2012 |
| Number of deportations/forced returns only | 100 | 2018 | Percentage of persons removed in relation to total number of people placed in removal procedures | 94.44 | 2017 |
| | 175 | 2017 | | 93.45 | 2016 |
| | 315 | 2016 | | 86.55 | 2015 |
| | 340 | 2015 | | 99.7 | 2014 |
| | 100 | 2014 | | | |
| Criminal prison population | 3,765 | 2018 | Percentage of foreign prisoners | 2.5 | 2018 |
| | 4,301 | 2017 | | 2.4 | 2015 |
| | | | | 1.3 | 2013 |
| Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population) | 195 | 2018 | | | |
| | 221 | 2017 | | | |
| | 264 | 2014 | | | |
| Demographics and immigration-related statistics | | | | | |
| | | Observation Date | | | Observation Date |
| Population | 1,900,000 | 2020 | International migrants | 237,266 | 2019 |
| | 1,971,000 | 2015 | | 256,900 | 2017 |
| | 2,200,000 | 2012 | | 263,100 | 2015 |
| | | | | 282,900 | 2013 |
| | | | | 314,000 | 2010 |
| International migrants as a percentage of the population | 13.2 | 2017 | Refugees | 665 | 2019 |
| | 13.4 | 2015 | | 670 | 2018 |
| | 13.8 | 2013 | | 662 | 2017 |
| | | | | 349 | 2016 |
| | | | | 208 | 2015 |
| | | | | 160 | 2014 |
| Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants | 0.18 | 2016 | Total number of new asylum applications | 181 | 2019 |
| | 0.09 | 2014 | | 302 | 2016 |
| | 0.06 | 2012 | | 364 | 2014 |
| | | | | 189 | 2012 |

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|--------------------------|-----|------|-------------------|---------|------|
| Refugee recognition rate | 3.5 | 2014 | Stateless persons | 224,844 | 2018 |
| | | | | 233,571 | 2017 |
| | | | | 242,736 | 2016 |
| | | | | 262,802 | 2015 |
| | | | | 267,789 | 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 | The Constitution of the Republic of Latvia, article 94 | | 1922 | 2014 |
| LAWS AND REGULATIONS | | | | | |
| Core pieces of national legislation | Name | | Year Adopted | Last Year Amended | |
| | Immigration Law (Imigrācijas likums) | | 2003 | 2018 | |
| | Asylum Law (Patvēruma likums) | | 2015 | 2017 | |
| GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION | | | | | |
| Immigration-status-related grounds | Name | | | Observation Date | |
| | Detention to effect removal | | | 2019 | |
| | Detention to prevent absconding | | | 2019 | |
| | Detention for failing to respect non-custodial measures | | | 2019 | |
| | Detention for failing to respect a voluntary removal order | | | 2019 | |
| | Detention to prevent unauthorised entry at the border | | | 2019 | |
| | Detention during the asylum process | | | 2019 | |
| | Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality | | | 2019 | |
| Detention to ensure transfer under the Dublin Regulation | | | 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 | 730 | 2019 |
| LENGTH OF DETENTION | | | |
| Maximum length for administrative immigration detention in law. | Number of Days | | Observation Date |
| | 540 | | 2019 |
| LENGTH OF DETENTION | | | |
| Maximum length of time in custody prior to issuance of a detention order | Number of Days | | Observation Date |
| | 10 | | 2019 |
| LENGTH OF DETENTION | | | |
| Average length of detention | Number of Days | | Observation Date |
| | 20 | | 2013 |
| | 18 | | 2012 |
| | 60 | | 2011 |
| | 20 | | 2011 |
| | 21 | | 2010 |
| | 38 | | 2009 |
| LENGTH OF DETENTION | | | |
| Maximum length of detention for asylum-seekers | Number of Days | | Observation Date |
| | 60 | | 2019 |
| LENGTH OF DETENTION | | | |
| Maximum length of detention for persons detained upon arrival at ports of entry | Number of Days | | Observation Date |
| | 2 | | 2019 |

| PROCEDURAL STANDARDS | | | | |
|--|---|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Provision of basic procedural standards | Name | In Law | In Practice | Observation Date |
| | Information to detainees | Yes | | 2019 |
| | Access to free interpretation services | Yes | | 2019 |
| | Independent review of detention | Yes | | 2019 |
| | Right to appeal the lawfulness of detention | Yes | | 2019 |
| | Right to legal counsel | Yes | | 2019 |
| NON-CUSTODIAL MEASURES (ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION) | | | | |
| Types of non-custodial measures | Name | In Law | In Practice | Observation Date |
| | Release on bail | No | No | 2015 |
| | Registration (deposit of documents) | Yes | Yes | 2014 |
| | Supervised release and/or reporting | Yes | Yes | 2014 |
| | Designated non-secure housing | No | No | 2014 |
| | Electronic monitoring | No | No | 2014 |
| VULNERABLE PERSONS | | | | |
| Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice? | Name | In Law | In Practice | Observation Date |
| | Asylum seekers | Provided | | 2019 |
| | Accompanied minors | Provided | Yes | 2017 |
| | Unaccompanied minors | Provided | Yes | 2017 |
| MANDATORY DETENTION | | | | |
| Mandatory detention | Filter | Name | Observation Date | |
| | No | | 2019 | |

COVID-19 UPDATES

| | Update Status | Observation Date |
|---------------|--|------------------|
| Latest Update | <p>Responding to the Global Detention Project's Covid-19 survey, the Latvian Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs, acting as contact point for the European Migration Network (EMN), reported that Latvia had not established a moratorium on new immigration detention orders and that it was not considering the measure. No immigration detainees have been released and they have only been informed about protective measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19. EMN Latvia also indicated that detainees are tested if they present any symptoms of the disease. Newly arrived migrants and asylum seekers staying in detention centres are placed in medical isolation for 14 days under supervision of medical staff. The GDP is aware of two immigration detention centres that are in operation in the country: the Mucenieki and Daugavpils detention centres. According to the European Migration Network, non-citizens residing in Latvia whose legal residence period has expired after 13 March, may remain in the country during the state of emergency without the need to obtain a new document and retain the right to employment established by the residence permit or visa. In addition, on 3 April, the Latvian Parliament passed a law detailing the operations of state institutions during the state of emergency. According to the legislation, municipalities may grant social services and assistance to target groups not specified in the Law on Social Services and Social Assistance. In effect, this means that all non-citizens with a valid residence permit may apply for such assistance. The Latvian Red Cross social workers and social mentors have been regularly providing information on security measures for refugees and asylum seekers living in the asylum centre of Mucenieki (80 persons, including 11 pupils) and in the city of Riga (19 people, 6 of them pupils). In cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the World Health Organisation, the Latvian Red Cross has developed information materials on preventive protection measures as well as on action to be taken when a person is suspected of being infected with Covid-19.</p> | 2020 |

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

| | Name | Ratification Year |
|---|--|-------------------|
| International treaties | CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | 2010 |
| | CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children | 2004 |
| | CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime | 2003 |
| | CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons | 1999 |
| | CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees | 1997 |
| | PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees | 1997 |
| | ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights | 1992 |
| | ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination | 1992 |
| | 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 |
| VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations | 1992 | |
| Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified | 13/19 | |

| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------|
| Individual complaints procedure | Name | Acceptance Year | |
| | CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities | 2010 | |
| | ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966 | 1994 | |
| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
| Ratio of complaints procedures accepted | Number | Observation Date | |
| | 2/7 | | |
| | 2/7 | | |
| Relevant international treaties and date of ratification | | | |
| Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies | Name | Recommendation Excerpt | Recommendation Year |
| | Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | § 25: The Committee recommends that the State party end the detention of asylum-seeking children, and only detain adult asylum seekers as a measure of last resort, after considering all available alternatives and for as short a time as possible. | 2018 |
| | Committee against Torture | § 17: d) Use detention of asylum seekers only as a measure of last resort for as short a period as possible, refrain from detaining minors and revise policy in order to bring it in line with the Guidelines on the Applicable Criteria and Standards relating to the Detention of Asylum Seekers and Alternatives to Detention of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. | 2013 |
| | Committee on the Rights of the Child | § 61: (a) Review the Asylum Law to exempt asylum-seeking children from detention during the asylum-seeking procedure; (b) Review the Medical Treatment Law to provide asylum-seeking children in detention with necessary advanced health treatment on an equal basis with other detained persons; (d) Continue to cooperate with UNHCR to implement the guidelines on applicable criteria and standards and to end the detention of asylum-seeking children. | 2016 |
| | Human Rights Committee | § 14: The State party should: (b) Amend the Asylum Law to establish safeguards against the arbitrary detention of asylum seekers; (d) Ensure that the detention of asylum seekers is used only as a measure of last resort, for the shortest possible period, and that such detention is necessary and proportionate in the light of individual circumstances, and avoid detaining minors; (e) Ensure that living conditions and treatment in all immigration detention centres are in conformity with international standards; | 2014 |

| Regional treaties, regulations, and directives | | | | | |
|---|--|---|---------------------|--|--|
| Regional legal instruments | Name | | | Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation) | |
| | CPCSE, Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse | | | 2014 | |
| | 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 | |
| | ECPT, European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment of Punishment | | | 1998 | |
| | CATHB, Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings | | | 2008 | |
| | CPCSE, Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse | | | 2014 | |
| Regional treaties, regulations, and directives | | | | | |
| Recommendations issued by regional human rights mechanisms | Name | Recommendation Excerpt | Recommendation Year | Observation Date | |
| | European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) | § 148: not to subject to detention pending expulsion persons who cannot be expelled. § 155: ensure that the detention of asylum seekers is used only as a last resort and that measures alternative to detention are introduced for all other cases. The authorities should ensure that when detention is ordered, the time-limit provided for by law is respected in practice. | 2011 | 2017 | |
| European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) | <u>Border Guard Accommodation Centre for Detained Aliens in Daugavpils</u> §36: Steps to be taken to ensure that staff working in the Centre do not openly carry truncheons in detention areas; if it is deemed necessary for staff to possess such equipment, it should be hidden from view. | 2011 | 2011 | | |

Bilateral/Multilateral agreements linked to readmissions

| Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission | Name | Year in Force | Observation Date |
|--|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Germany | 1999 | 2017 |
| | Austria | 2000 | 2017 |
| | Bulgaria | 2002 | 2017 |
| | Croatia | 1998 | 2017 |
| | Denmark | 1997 | 2017 |
| | Spain | 2000 | 2017 |
| | Estonia | 1995 | 2017 |
| | Finland | 1997 | 2017 |
| | France | 1998 | 2017 |
| | Greece | 2000 | 2017 |
| | Hungary | 2002 | 2017 |
| | Italy | 1997 | 2017 |
| | Lithuania | 1995 | 2017 |
| | Romania | 2004 | 2017 |
| | Slovakia | 1999 | 2017 |
| | Slovenia | 1998 | 2017 |
| | Sweden | 1997 | 2017 |
| | Norway | 1997 | 2017 |
| | Switzerland | 1998 | 2017 |
| Liechtenstein | 1998 | 2017 | |
| Armenia | 2003 | 2017 | |
| Russian Federation | 2009 | 2017 | |
| Ukraine | 2003 | 2017 | |
| Uzbekistan | 2004 | 2017 | |

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

| Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council | Name | Year of Visit | Observation Date |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Working Group on arbitrary detention | 2004 | 2017 |

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

| | Name | Recommendation Excerpt | Recommendation Year | Observation Date |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Relevant recommendations by UN Special Procedures | Working Group on arbitrary detention | § 86: (a) Avoid detaining people who, in the eyes of the Latvian law, are non-nationals although they were born or have long lived in Latvia and often have very strong family ties to the country; (b) Ensure that anyone detained under immigration law has effective legal means of challenging the legality of administrative decisions to detain, deport or return (refouler) him/her; (c) Extend, in practice, the right to be assisted by assigned counsel to foreigners being detained with a view to their deportation or return (refoulement); (d) Extend the time limits established under the accelerated asylum procedure, in particular in order to guarantee that people whose applications for asylum have been rejected can lodge an effective appeal; (e) Reduce the maximum time that asylum-seekers can spend in detention. | 2004 | 2017 |

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

| Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review | Recommendation Issued | Year Issued | Observation Date |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Yes | 2016 | 2017 |
| | No | 2011 | |

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 | 2014 |

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

| | Agency | Ministry | Ministry Typology | Observation Date |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Custodial authority | State Border Guard | Ministry of Interior | Interior or Home Affairs | 2017 |
| | Special Multi-Branch Prosecutor's Office | Ministry of Justice | Justice | 2010 |

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

| | Entity Name | Entity Type | Observation Date |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Detention Facility Management | State Border Guard | Governmental | 2017 |
| | Border Guard | Governmental | 2010 |
| | Police | Governmental | 2006 |

| Institutions responsible for immigration detention | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Formally designated detention estate? | Formally designated immigration detention estate? | | | | Types of officially designated detention centres | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | |
| | Yes | Police stations | | | | | | 2019 | | | | | | | |
| | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2017 |
| | Yes | | | | | | Yes | Yes | | | | | | | 2015 |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Authorized monitoring institutions | Institution | | | | Institution Type | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | |
| | Latvian Centre for Human Rights | | | | Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) | | | | | | 2017 | | | | |
| | Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Latvia | | | | National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI) | | | | | | 2016 | | | | |
| | European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) | | | | International or Regional Bodies (IRBs) | | | | | | 2011 | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | 2015 | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Does NHRI carry out visits? | Does NHRI carry out visits in practice? | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints? | Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints? | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2015 | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention? | Does NHRI publicly release reports on immigration detention? | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2014 | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do NGOs carry out visits? | Do NGOs regularly carry our visits? | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention? | Do NGOs publish reports on immigration detention? | | | | | | Observation Date | | | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2015 | | | | | | | | |

| 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 | | | | | | | 2011 |
| Detention monitoring institutions | | | | | | | | |
| Do IRBs publicly report their findings from inspections? | Do IRBs publicly report their findings from detention inspections? | | | | | | Observation Date | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2011 | |
| 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 |
| | 5,675 | Yes | | | Yes | Yes | | 2013 |
| Foreign sources of funding for detention operations | | | | | | | | |
| Does the country receive external sources of funding? | Benefitted from non-state funding sources? | | | | | | Observation Date | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2017 | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2016 | |
| | Yes | | | | | | 2015 | |
| Yes | | | | | | 2014 | | |

Foreign sources of funding for detention operations

| | Description of non-state assistance | Observation Date |
|--|---|------------------|
| Description of foreign assistance | During the period 2014-2017, Latvia used funds provided through the EU's Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) for various detention-related activities, including one or more of the following: increased staff at detention facilities; renovation of detention facilities; operational costs of running detention facilities; interpretation and healthcare services; legal assistance for detainees; leisure, cultural and educational activities at detention facilities. Proposed future regulations for this fund include encouraging recipients to consider possible joint use of reception and detention facilities by more than one Member State (see "The Way Forward, p.39). | 2017 |
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More information about immigration detention in Latvia is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)