

Irregular migration

Paths of migration not adhering to legal provisions of entry and residence.

Undocumented migrants in the European Union

Undocumented migrants are third-country nationals* without a valid residence permit or visa allowing them to reside in the country of destination and who, if detected, may be liable to deportation.

Sub-categories of undocumented migrants

Failed asylum seekers: migrants who after having been refused asylum go underground to avoid deportation.

Illegal entrants: migrants unlawfully entering the country of destination.

Overstayers: migrants remaining in the country of destination after having had their residence permits revoked or after expiration of their visas.

Undocumented migrants by birth: persons born to undocumented migrants and who inherit their parents' irregular status.

South Asian migrants

Migrants originating from countries on the Indian subcontinent, including Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

*Migrants from non-EU countries and countries outside the Schengen Area.