

# EMIGRATION ATTITUDES

## *Top Line Report*

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# Survey Description

## *Objectives*

- ✓ ***Main objectives***
  - ✓ **Measuring emigration attitudes and intentions among population of Republic of Bulgaria in age group between 15 and 60 years old.**
  - ✓ **Define dimensions and destinations of the potential emigration flow**
  - ✓ **Estimate the amount of possible emigration flow of Bulgarians to EU member-countries**

# Survey Description

## *Methodology*

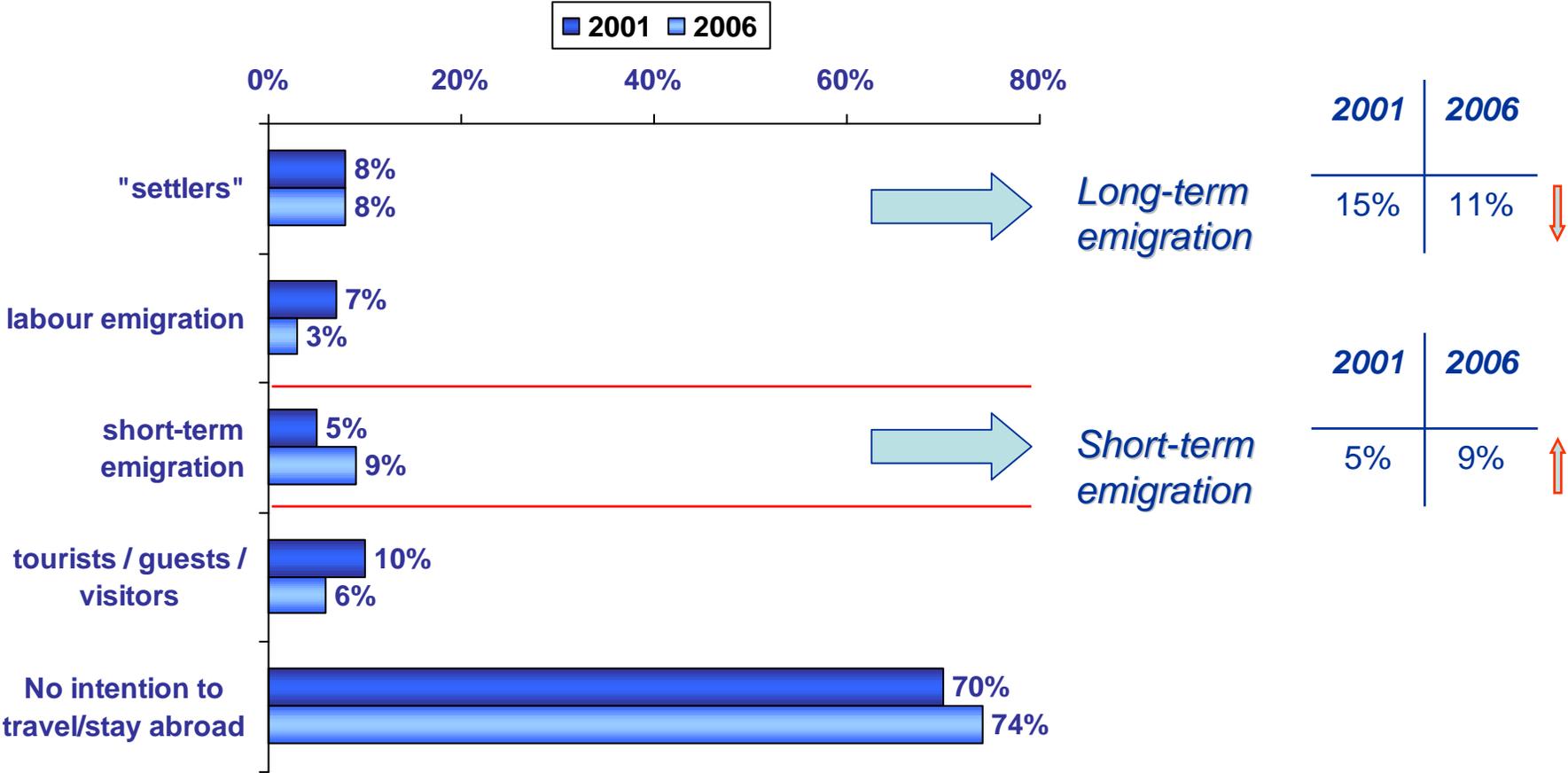
- ✓ **Sample size**
  - ✓ 2500 individuals
  - ✓ The sample is nationally representative by:
    - gender
    - age
    - ethnicity
    - employment status (social group)
    - education
    - region
    - type of settlement (urban vs. rural)
- ✓ **Methodology**
  - ✓ Face to face individual interviews in home of respondent
  - ✓ Sample method used – double clustered random probability sample
- ✓ **Period of conducting**
  - ✓ August 2006

# Methodological Notes

- ✓ The results of the present survey are compared to results of a previous survey conducted in similar methodological mode in 2001 year.
- ✓ In order to define more detailed conclusions, respondents was separated in groups.
- ✓ On the first level, eligible respondents was define as those who intend to stay/travel abroad for at least one month.
- ✓ On the second level, respondents was divided into two main groups: “Long-term external migration” and “Short-term external migration”, accordingly to declared period of stay abroad.
- ✓ Into Long-term external migration group was included all respondents who intend to stay abroad for more than one year and also respondents who declared wish to live and work abroad. Those respondents was divided additionally into two subgroups – “settlers” and “labour emigration”.
  - ✓ First subgroup (“settlers”) includes respondents who declare wish to leave off Bulgaria and also respondents who declare that they prefer to live and work/study abroad.
  - ✓ Second subgroup (labour emigration) includes respondents who declare wish to work or study abroad for more than one year, but prefer to return and live in Bulgaria – they do not declare wish to live abroad.
- ✓ Into Short-term external migration group was included all respondents who intend to stay abroad for up to one year and do not declare wish to live abroad.

# Overall situation – comparison 2001 – 2006 year

Base: All who find likely to stay abroad more than 1 month



**Unchanged overall level of emigration attitudes/intentions (20%) and of people who have no any intentions to emigrate (80%).**

**Decreasing of level of Long-term emigration group and especially within group of "labour emigration".**

**Increasing of level of Short-term emigration.**

# Estimations of the factual emigration flow

## Methodological notes (1)

- ✓ Estimations of the factual amount of the emigration flow are based on the data for the population of Republic of Bulgaria from Bulgarian National Statistical Institute (published 16.06.2006). Accordingly to those data population of Republic of Bulgaria in the age group of 15 - 60 years old is 4987 thousand people. One percent of the sample of present survey is equal to 49 870 people.
- ✓ There must be noticed that present survey measures attitudes and intentions which are not necessary going to be realized.
- ✓ The universe of potential emigrants was defined as including people who prefer to live and work abroad or people who declare wish and possibility to work or study abroad for period of more than one year.
- ✓ That preliminary universe size is equal to 5.2% of the total sample or about 259,3 thousand people of the population of the Republic of Bulgaria in age between 15 and 60 years old. The “settlers” are 3.1% (59.6% of the potential emigrants) and “labour emigrants” – 2.1% (40.4% of the potential emigrants).

# Estimations of the factual emigration flow

## Methodological notes (2)

- ✓ Several groups of respondents was additionally excluded from the “emigration universe”:
  - People who have not prepared any documents needed for departure
  - Who declare wish to study abroad but are older than 30
  - Who do not point at any country when have been asked where they want to stay in
  - Who do not know any foreign language
  - Who find possibility for departure only in the far future
  
- ✓ Finally, emigration universe was evaluated on 45 880 people.
  
- ✓ Intervals in estimations are based on standard deviation assumed of +/- 4.5%.

# Estimations of the factual emigration flow(1)

	2001	2006
<b>Total</b>	<b>48 900 - 61 100</b>	<b>43 800 - 47 900</b>
incl. labour emigrants	28 200 - 35 300	15 100 - 16 200
<u>labour emigrants in EU</u>	20 700 - 25 900	14 000 - 15 300
<b>Within one year – total</b>	<b>12 500 - 15 700</b>	<b>10 500 - 11 500</b>
incl. labour emigrants	7 400 - 9 300	4 300 - 4 700
<u>labour emigrants in EU</u>	5 500 - 6 800	3 400 - 3 700
<b>Next 2–3 years – total</b>	<b>24 000 - 29 900</b>	<b>18 800 - 20 600</b>
incl. labour emigrants	13 700 - 17 100	7 600 - 8 300
<u>labour emigrants in EU</u>	10 000 - 12 600	6 000 - 6 600
<b>More distant future - total</b>	<b>12 400 - 15 500</b>	<b>14 500 - 15 800</b>
incl. labour emigrants	7 100 - 8 900	5 800 - 6 400
<u>labour emigrants in EU</u>	5 200 - 6 500	4 600 - 5 000

*Rounded figures*

# Estimations of the factual emigration flow(2)

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Settlers</i>	<i>Labour emigrants</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43 800 - 47 900</b>	<b>26 100 - 28 600</b>	<b>17 700 - 19 400</b>
<b>EU total</b>	31 600 - 34 500	18 300 - 20 000	14 000 - 15 300
Spain	9 200 - 10 000	6 000 - 6 600	4 600 - 5 000
Germany	7 000 - 7 700	3 700 - 4 000	3 200 - 3 500
USA	4 400 - 4 800	2 100 - 2 300	1 900 - 2 100
Italy	3 900 - 4 300	2 300 - 2 600	350 - 390
Greece	3 500 - 3 800	2 900 - 3 100	1 600 - 1 700
UK	3 100 - 3 400	2 300 - 2 600	1 400 - 1 500
France	2 200 - 2 400	1 300 - 1 400	530 - 580
Turkey	1 800 - 1 900	1 000 - 1 100	-
Canada	1 300 - 1 400	1 000 - 1 100	530 - 580
Asia	440 - 480	260 - 280	350 - 390
Ireland	530 - 580	-	530 - 580
Norway	350 - 390	-	350 - 390
Brasil	350 - 390	-	350 - 390

*Rounded figures, based on the first mentioned destination*

# Summary of Main findings (1)

- ✓ *Overall level of emigration attitudes and intentions is unchanged in comparison with 2001 year, but there is change in the internal structure of emigration background.*
- ✓ *There is decrease in the share of Long-term emigrants (with over 50%) and increase in the share of Short-term emigrants (in similar proportions).*
- ✓ *Estimations of the expected factual emigration shows that around 46 000 people within Bulgarians between 15 and 60 years old have serious intentions and possibilities to work and stay abroad.*

## Summary of Main findings (2)

- ✓ *Around 36 000 people declare intention to work and live in European Union member-countries for more than one year.*
- ✓ *The most preferred destinations are Spain and Germany.*
- ✓ *Around 1/4 of the potential emigrants plan to depart within one year, slightly over 40% - in 2-3 years after that (i.e. 2008-2010 year) and around 1/3 – in the more distant future.*
- ✓ *Dimensions of the declared emigration intentions and calculations of the expected factual emigration flow show that the Bulgarian emigrants are not imminent for EU labour market and for EU member-countries on overall.*