

Lesson 3**Focus Question #3****How has immigration impacted Germany and Other European Union Member States?**

- What does the data on immigration tell us about patterns of immigration to Germany and other EU States?
- What factors cause people to “pull up roots” and move to another country?
- How has immigration affected citizenship eligibility in Germany?
- What new requirements might face immigrants applying for German citizenship?

Background Information

Currently, about 15 million migrants in Europe are foreigners in their countries of residence. They do not have formal citizenship status. Well over half of them have the status of permanent resident alien, which can be established by living in host countries for a period of from two to ten years. There are also an estimated 3 million undocumented foreigners in western European countries.

Essential Content ✎

Note: The following words/concepts are essential to an understanding of this lesson. Put the words on your Word Wall and use them in context as you teach this lesson.

- ✎ Immigrants and emigrants
- ✎ Nationals
- ✎ Host countries
- ✎ Melting pot
- ✎ Naturalization
- ✎ Ethnic Germans
- ✎ *Ius sanguinis*
- ✎ *Ius soli*
- ✎ Right of return