

immigration in France

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definitions

- **Nationality or citizenship:** juridical belonging to a determined state.
- **French by acquisition:** born as a foreigner. The legislation for acquiring the French nationality is changing with governments. The last law from 1998 allows to a person born in France from foreign parents to choose the French nationality when s/he is 18 if s/he has lived in France at least 5 years between.

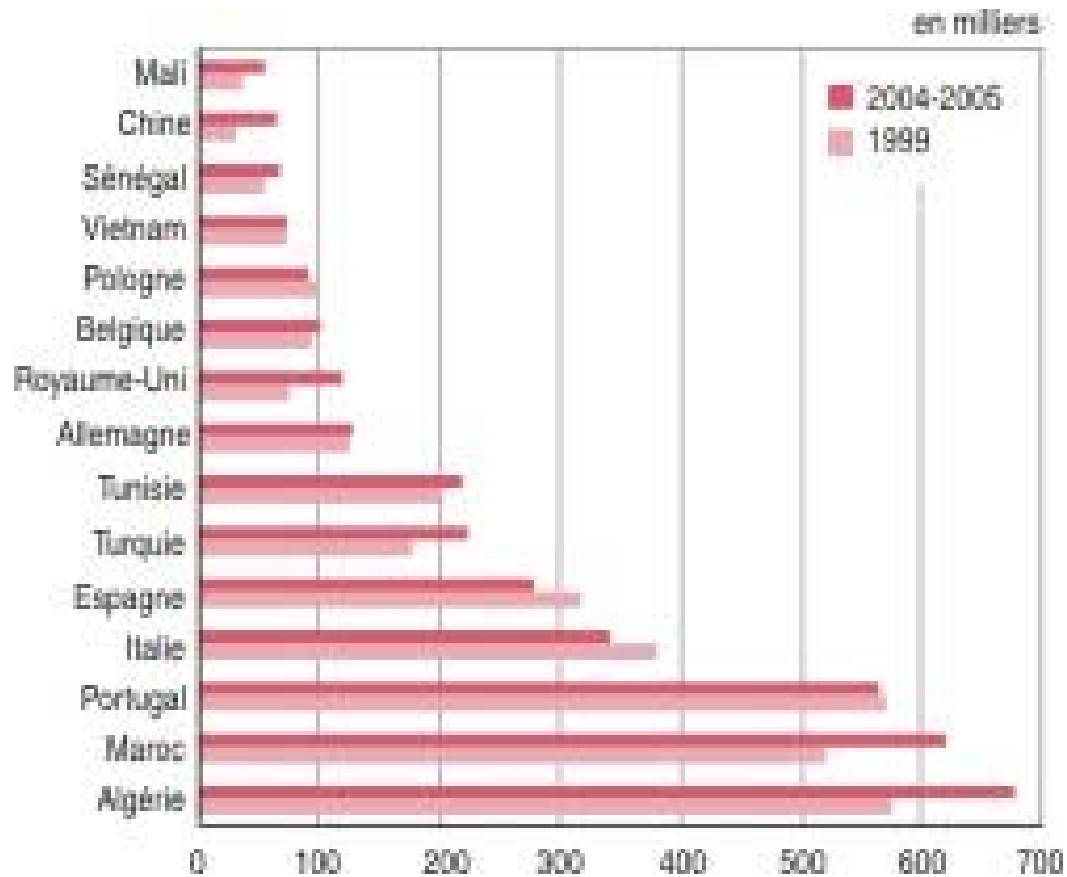
definitions

- **Foreign Population:** a person who has not the French nationality. Persons born in France but whose parents are foreigners are also foreigners.
- **Immigrants:** linked to the place of birth and to the original nationality. An immigrant is born in a foreign country (parents not French), but lives in France. Being in France s/he can become French by “acquisition” or remaining a foreigner. In France the qualification of immigrant is permanent: someone who becomes French by “acquisition” still belongs to the immigrant population.

figures

- 4,9 millions immigrants (mid 2004) - 8,1 %
- 760 000 more than in 1990 - 7,4 %
- increase of 18 % since 1990 against 7 % for the whole population
- 960 000 immigrants come to France between 1999 and mid-2004
- More than 25% come from a 25 EU country

Immigrants by their country of birth in 1999 and 2004-2005



Source : Insee, census from 1999, annual counting from 2004 and 2005.
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origine (europe)

- In 2004-2005, 1,7 M immigrants are from a 25 EU country (same figure as in 1999).
- Reduction from Spain, Italy, Poland (- 8 000)
- Other countries + 100 000
- Majority UK: 45 000
- Eastern Europe (non EU) + 37%
250 000 in 2004
- Nb. EU migrants decreasing
57 % in 1975, 49 % in 1999, 40 % mid-2004

origine (other)

- In 2004-2005, 1,5 M immigrants are from North Africa (+ 220 000 / 1999, + 17%).
- Algeria, Marocco: + 200 000
- Other parts of the world: 1,4 M
 - 29 % of the immig. pop. in 2004, 20 % in 1999*
 - Asia 48 %*
 - Turkey 16 %*
 - Sub-Saharan Africa 40 %*
 - 570 000 mid 2004, +45% / 1999*
 - 7/10 ex-French colonies*

reasons

- Temporary workers (10 000 since 2001)
 - USA, Poland, Brazil, China, Canada, Algeria
- Seasonal workers
 - from 100 000 in 80s to 15 000 (1/2 Polish)
- Asylum seeker
 - *1st country followed by Germany and UK, decrease*
 - *40% of demands from Haiti, Turkey, China, Congo, Sri Lanka or Algeria*
- Refugees increase
 - 5 185 in 2000 up to 13 213 in 2005
- Family immigration predominant but decreasing in 2005 (around 95 000)

reasons for immigration

	2001		2002		2003	
	EES	Other	EES	Other	EES	Other
Work migration	13400	9250	12850	8000	13850	6900
Family migration	11000	73250	10400	89500	11600	100150
Visitors	9050	8950	8950	10000	11250	7600
Refugees	0	7650	0	9200	0	11200
Other	50	8350	50	8100	50	10500
All	33500	107 450	32250	124800	36750	136350
All origins	140950		157500		173100	

EES: European Economic Space

Sources: OMI, OFPRA and ministry of internal affairs

level of qualification

- from 1982 to 1999 considerable increase

Only primary certificate: 41% in 2004, 80% in 1982

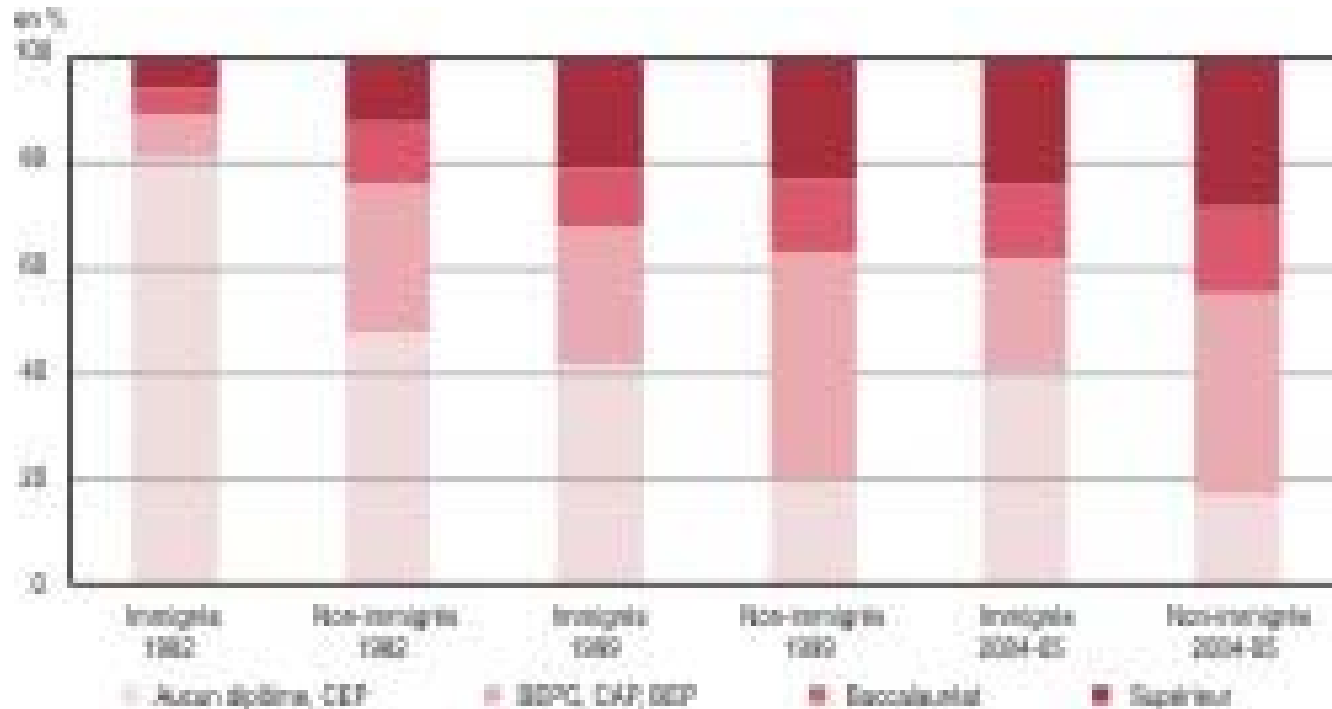
- proportion of immigrants with a degree is getting closer to non migrants

24 % against 29 %

X 4 since 1982

- but new migrants from 2004-2005 are a little less qualified than the new migrants from 1999

evolution of diploma structure of immigrants and non-immigrants



Scope: persons aged between 30 and 49 at the counting date, non student.

Source: Insee, census from 1982 and 1999, annual enquiries from 2004 and 2005

immigration and work

- in 2005, foreigners bring 1 456 000 persons to the active population
 - 1 040 000 being employed,*
 - 283 000 being unemployed*
- North African (618 000 persons) and EU 15 (517 000) : 78 %
- 18% in industry, 24% in construction and 54 % in the tertiary sector

immigration and work

- A small part

in 2005, 11 400 persons come to work (7 %)

- Slow increase

7041 in 2004 and 8920 in 2005

*3/5 of these immigrant permanent workers
already living in France under another status*

Reservoir of workforce : women

North African activity rate < 45%, Turkish < 28%.