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Summary Monitor Internationals

This is a summary of the Dutch research 'Monitor Internationals 2010-2020' executed by Decisio and commissioned by the International Welcome Centre Utrecht Region. This report gives insight into the demographics of Utrecht Region's international citizens between 2010 – 2020 and describes the importance of working internationals for the region, now and in the future.



The province of Utrecht counted 40,665 international employees in 2020. This number has been growing since 2010 by an average of 2.1% every year.



International workers are essential for the economy. Most highly skilled migrants work within ICT, business, and financial services. Most labour migrants work through temporary employment agencies (54%). They are often active in hospitality and business services.



Most internationals working in Utrecht Region earn between 30 and 40 thousand euros every year. Highly skilled migrant workers earn between 50 and 75 thousand euros.



Our target audience in 2020

Highly skilled migrant workers

- 16.210 highly skilled migrants
- Average growth of 3.2% per year.
- High skilled migrants earn an average of €71.675 on yearly basis.
- Highly skilled migrants are more often male (58%).
- Three quarters is between 25 and 45 years old.
- Most high skilled migrants have a partner (72%), relatively often with children.

Labour migrants

- 24.455 labour migrants
- Average growth of 1.4% per year.
- Labour migrants earn an average of € 27.540 on yearly basis.
- Labour migrants are more often male (58%).
- The majority is between 25 and 35 years old.
- Labour migrants often have a partner (62%), about 50% of them have children.

International students

- 3.210 students.
- Average growth of 0.8% per year.
- Students with a side job earn an average of €21.655 on yearly basis.
- Students are more often female (57%).
- Most students are between 15 and 25 (68%) or 25 and 35 (29%) years old.
- The majority lives without a partner.
- Most students work in the hospitality sector.

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Where do the international newcomers come from?

- Utrecht Region's **highly skilled migrants** often come from neighbouring countries. The international newcomers' diversity is increasing and the number of Indians increased a lot since 2020.
- Utrecht Region's **labour migrants** often come from Poland (30%). The number of labour migrants from Mediterranean countries, Romania, Bulgaria, and China has increased.
- Utrecht Region's **international students** often come from Germany (11%). In addition, there is strong influx of students from countries such as Greece, Italy, and Great Britain.

Where do internationals work and live in the Utrecht Region?

Highly skilled migrants

- The majority works within the municipality of Utrecht (58%).
- They also often work in Amersfoort, Nieuwegein, Vijfheerenlanden, Zeist, Houten, and Woerden.

Labour migrants

- The majority works within the municipality of Utrecht (33%).
- Labour migrants often live in Houten, Amersfoort, Renswoude, Nieuwegein, Vijfheerenlanden, Stichtse Vecht, and de Bilt.

Students

- The majority lives within the municipality of Utrecht (74%).
- Relatively many students live in Amersfoort.



Future in Utrecht Region

- International workers and students often stay in Utrecht Region for a longer period of time.
- 52% of the **highly skilled migrant workers** who entered Utrecht Region in 2014 are still economically active 5 years later.
- 34% of the **labour migrants** who entered Utrecht Region in 2014 are still economically active 5 years later.
- 42% of the **students** who entered Utrecht Region in 2014 still lives within the region 5 years later.
- The number of international children in Utrecht Region is growing with an average of 1.3% every year. There are 25,255 international children living in the Utrecht Region in 2020.