

Europe gets tough on immigration

Across Europe's political spectrum, leaders from the left and right are striking a tougher stance on undocumented migrants, often rolling back protections to make it easier to deport them

UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS *(number of illegal border crossings detected)*
How 2025 is shaping up, compared to previous 10 years

2025 **89,074** *(To end of May)*

2024 **238,626**

2023 **380,227**

2022 **326,335**

2021 **202,322**

2020 **124,000**

2019 **139,000**

2018 **150,114**

2017 **204,700**

2016 **503,700**

2015 **1,820,000**



Note: People can be counted more than once if they cross borders multiple times
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