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# Hungary

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## Factsheet

Fertility rate (births/ woman)	Net migration rate (entering-leaving/1000)	Family policies	Attitude towards immigration
1.59 (19th in the OECD)	4.32 (25th in the OECD)	Generous	Hostile

### Immigration Policies

Since the 2015 migrant crisis the Hungarian government has been one of the most vocal critics of the EU's immigration policy. It has built fences protected by razor wire on the country's southern border, conducted pushbacks of people entering the country without authorization, denying them the right to apply for asylum and detaining them in "transit zones". The government has taken a softer stance on immigration from China, and recently passed a law making it easier for Russian and Belarussian citizens to obtain visas to the country.

### Family Policies

Hungary has one of the most generous family policies in Europe, costing the country around 5% of its GDP every year. Financial incentives to have children include a lifetime exemption of women with 4 or more children from income tax, a subsidy for first time home buyers with children (a similar scheme exists for car purchases as well), and an upfront loan that does not have to be repaid if the couple has at least 3 children. The increase in fertility rates in the 2010s (from 1.2 to 1.6), seems to have stalled and possibly reversed in recent years.

**Potential allies:** Italy, Switzerland, United States, Turkey

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