



OECD Demographics Survey

Türkiye

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Factsheet

Fertility rate (births/woman)	Net migration rate (entering-leaving/1000)	Family policies	Attitude towards immigration
1.70 (9th in the OECD)	-3.46 (37th in the OECD)	Generous	Friendly

Immigration Policies

Turkey is one of the few countries in the OECD with a negative net migration rate, however this merely speaks to the massive amounts of Turkish emigrants. Turkey is one of the largest refugee-hosting countries in the world, primarily from neighbouring Syria. It is easy to become a Turkish citizen too, one essentially just needs to be a muslim and have enough money. The government's friendly attitude can be partially attributed to its deal with the EU, leveraging its control over migration flows as a bargaining chip. However public attitudes seem to be souring more quickly than those of policymakers.

Potential allies: Hungary, United States, Italy

Family Policies

President Erdogan has often invoked his muslim faith regarding policy matters, but in this case socio-economic reasons are just as much of a motivator. Policies vary from common such as payments to new mothers, and extending maternity leave from 16 to 24 weeks, to more unconventional such as cancelling student loans and offering interest free loans to newlyweds. The government has also been in favor of IVF and against abortion. Promoting extended families has also been seen as a way to reduce healthcare spending, as supporting people who care for their elderly relatives is cheaper than institutionalised care.

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