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New data shows: Germany is often just a stopover

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Professor Yuliya Kosyakova sums up her new data findings in this video: for many immigrants Germany is just a stopover. Why do so many plan to leave and what could make them stay? Politics, taxes, bureaucracy or is it about belonging?

The IAB, together with the Socio-Economic Panel and the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, surveyed over 50,000 people and received surprising answers.

Further reading

Yuliya Kosyakova, Lukas Olbrich, Katia Gallegos Torres, Luisa Hammer, Theresa Koch, Simon Wagner: Germany as a stopover? Insights into return and International Mobility Panel of Migrants in Germany (IMPa), IAB-Research Report No 15/2025en.

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Video

The video can be found on the IAB's YouTube channel.

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