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ABSTRACT

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Sweden did not apply any transitional rules for migrants coming from the ten new European Union member states in May 2004. The migration to Sweden from these countries also increased, especially from Poland and the Baltic states, even if not to the same extent as the immigration to Ireland and the UK (two countries with transitory rules of minor importance). The composition of the migrants changed. While earlier many more women than men arrived, now the gender composition is much more even. In this paper the labour market situation is studied for people living in Sweden at the end of 2005 who were either born in one of new member states or born in Sweden. The immigrants are represented in all sectors of the economy but overrepresented in some sectors. Their wages controlling for education are somewhat lower than those for natives. The labour market situation is rather good for the new immigrants and they are not overrepresented in different income transfer programs. The knowledge of these conditions may explain that Sweden abstained from introducing transitional rules also when Bulgaria and Romania became members of the European Union in January 2007.

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1. Economic effects of an increased immigration¹

Immigration has economic effects for the country of origin. An enlargement of immigration due to an expansion of the European common labour market may have various effects, positive and negative. The size of these effects depends of course on the size of the increase in immigration – a small increase in immigration means small effects. The effects also depend on the composition of the new immigrants and the functioning of the economy they are arriving to. The first section of the paper deals with the discussion of economic effects of an expansion of immigration. In the second section the dimension and composition of the actual migration to Sweden in the first years after the enlargement of the European Union in 2004 is in focus. In the third section the labour market situation of the immigrants from the new member states is analyzed. In the pre-accession debate social (benefit) tourism was a key issue. In the fourth section the migrants and the public sector and especially the migrants and the welfare system is discussed. The last section concludes and also indicates some areas for further study.

There are several different types of international migration. Labour migration, refugee migration and family (re)union are the three most important ones.² For Sweden, labour migration dominated in the post-war period up to the early 1970s. Most of the labour migrants arrived from the neighbouring Nordic countries, especially Finland, and other European countries. The labour migrants typically came directly to work, in many cases recruited in their home countries by Swedish employers. Due to the recession in the early 1970s and in practice a stop for labour migration from outside the common Nordic labour market (later from outside the European common labour market), the labour migration decreased drastically. Since then refugee migration and family (re)union migration have dominated. Those coming for family (re)union are in most cases coming to live with labour migrants and refugees who have arrived earlier.³

Labour migration has continued on a lower level also during the last decades mainly from the countries belonging to the Nordic common labour market or the European Union common

¹ For a background and a first version of this text see Chapter 3 and 4 in Doyle, Hughes and Wadensjö (2006). Earlier versions of this paper have been presented at IZA workshops in Berlin (November 30, 2006) and Bonn (20-21 September 2007) and at a LoWER Workshop on Migration in London (20-21 April, 2007). I am grateful for many helpful comments from the participants of the workshops, to Christer Gerdes for help with the estimations and to SIEPS for economic support to the project. This paper is updated with official statistics for 2006 and the first half of 2007 and individual data for 2005.

² Nilsson (2004) contains a detailed presentation of migration to and from Sweden in the post-war period.

³ See Pedersen, Røed and Wadensjö (forthcoming) for the development of the common Nordic labour market.

labour market. The direction of labour migration is mainly from countries with lower income and wage levels to countries with higher. The variations over time are large, very sensitive to variations in the labour market situation in the country of origin and especially the country of destination. Few migrate to countries that have few job vacancies.

The migration from the new member states will most likely be dominated by labour migration and we can therefore expect large variation in size depending on the Swedish labour market situation.

In the international debate “welfare magnets”⁴ has been a catchword just like “social (benefit) tourism” became one in the Swedish debate. It suggests that immigrants at least to some extent are coming because the country of destination has a highly developed welfare state with generous compensation for those who are out of work. Some studies have related the selection of migrants to different countries or parts of a country (states in the United States) to the generosity of the compensation schemes. Other studies have especially studied immigrant representation in some parts of the welfare system, for example social assistance.

It is important to note that those schemes constitute only a minor part of the total public sector budget. People living in a country, natives and immigrants, are paying taxes and they are receiving different forms of income transfers and public consumption like education and health care. The costs for some forms of public consumption are possible to refer to the individual using it, the costs for other forms of public consumption are related to the size of the population (and increase by that as a result of immigration), and finally some costs are pure public goods that do not vary with changes in the size of the population. The difference between the change in the taxes and the sum of change of the income transfers and public consumption due to migration is the net transfer to the public sector from the migrants.

The net transfer from the immigrants to the public sector may be positive or negative. A factor supporting the presumption of a positive value of the net transfer is that the new immigrants generally are of active age and that the public sector mainly redistributes from people of active age to people of passive age (children and young people, and retired people). However, there are also different forms of transfers within the group of people of active age, mainly between those who have a job and those who do not have a job or if they have a job are not working, but are on sick leave, for example.

⁴ Borjas (1999) is the main advocate for this view using data on immigration to different states in the US. Passel and Zimmermann (2001) do not find support for the welfare magnet hypothesis in a study of the settlement pattern of immigrants in the US. Pedersen, Pytlikova and Smith (2004) do not get support for the welfare magnet hypothesis in their study which is based on international migration between a large number of countries.

Studies of the net transfers from immigrants to the public sector in countries like Sweden show that the net transfers are positive for labour migrants coming from western countries but negative for refugee immigrants coming from non-western countries.⁵ The negative transfer for refugee immigrants is explained by that few of them are integrated into the labour market. This suggests that if immigrants from the new member states become integrated in the labour market, the net transfers will most likely be positive, i.e. going from the immigrants to the public sector. Empirical studies are necessary to determine the actual outcome. The bottom line of this discussion is that it is not sufficient to look at one program, for example social assistance, to determine if the new immigration is a burden for the welfare state. Higher costs for social assistance for immigrants than for natives may be more than compensated by the taxes paid by the new migrants if they are working to a large extent.

2 The development of immigration to Sweden from the new EU member countries⁶

The economic effects of the enlargement of the European Union labour market are primarily dependent on the size of the new migration. Crucial for all predictions of the effects are predictions of the size of the new immigration.⁷ In this section we will present the development of the number and composition of immigrants from the new member states before and after the accession. It will be an incomplete picture for different reasons. One reason is that not all immigrants in Sweden are registered and more important, that the share registered may have changed. It is likely that some immigrants who have lived and worked in Sweden for a period but have not been registered may have registered as a result of the legal change. We also cannot exclude that immigration from other countries, registered and unregistered, may have declined as a result of the accession agreement. Employers who earlier employed immigrants from other countries may have turned to employing immigrants

⁵ See Wadensjö (1973), Ekberg (1983, 1998, 1999) and Gustafsson and Österberg (2001) for Sweden and Coleman and Wadensjö (1999), Wadensjö (2000, 2000a, 2002), Wadensjö and Orrje (2002) and Wadensjö and Gerdes (2004) for Denmark, and Gott and Johnston (2002) for the UK. Some surveys of studies in the field are found in Wadensjö and Orrje (2002), Leibfritz, O'Brien and Poot (2003), and Chonicki (2004).

⁶ There are a few follow-up studies of immigration from the new member states after the enlargement of the European Union. See Dølvik and Eldring (2005) for the migration to the Nordic countries, and Commission of the European Communities (2006) comparing migration from the EU10 and the EU15 to all EU15 countries. Note that the numbers based on residence permits in the latter study are strongly misleading regarding the immigration from EU15 countries to Sweden. Danish and Finnish citizens who constitute the majority of immigrants from other EU15 countries in Sweden do not need a residence permit.

⁷ The predictions of the size and the effects of migration made before the enlargement of the European Union vary much. See for example Boeri, Hanson and MacCormick (2002), Dustmann et al. (2003), Eriksson (2004), Pedersen, Pytlikova and Smith (2004) and Sinn and Ochel (2003). The study most critical to free migration for citizens of the new member states is Sinn and Ochel (2003). They argue that migration without restriction would lead to a dismantling of the welfare state.

from the new member states. It is also important to study the emigration to the new member states. The emigration to those states will mainly be return migration of earlier immigrants. The return migration will increase, given the propensity to re-emigrate, because the immigrant population living in Sweden is larger. But it may also increase if the deregulation of immigration makes it more attractive to return, as a result of that it will be possible to immigrate to Sweden again after a period in the home country. The decision to go back to the home country is easy to change if it is regretted.

Table 1. Immigrants and emigrants according to country of origin and destination in 2000-2006

Country	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Im	Em	Im	Em	Im	Em	Im	Em	Im	Em	Im	Em	Im	Em
Czech R.														
Men	50	50	64	39	86	40	69	48	61	55	71	66	109	62
Women	65	24	66	33	65	28	54	29	59	46	62	53	100	50
Cyprus														
Men	15	31	19	23	25	31	23	22	32	34	21	39	46	39
Women	14	31	13	16	34	33	21	32	23	26	19	42	31	33
Estonia														
Men	98	46	97	36	109	43	88	56	155	69	161	88	193	91
Women	218	22	215	17	236	40	223	43	266	56	263	77	273	68
Hungary														
Men	95	93	96	69	123	71	105	63	113	88	144	91	284	104
Women	111	62	110	65	151	69	139	64	154	85	178	90	237	85
Latvia														
Men	64	21	74	31	63	25	57	33	70	29	98	28	167	50
Women	139	10	114	9	126	21	125	25	148	19	151	21	203	33
Lithuania														
Men	54	14	75	39	85	18	73	22	191	21	356	16	436	39
Women	101	10	143	11	176	5	159	16	253	19	353	10	453	32
Malta														
Men	5	21	13	9	15	32	19	10	12	20	13	17	19	45
Women	4	16	6	8	14	17	14	9	14	12	13	14	7	19
Poland														
Men	309	100	372	117	474	100	470	113	1163	161	1815	177	3474	219
Women	471	99	536	100	712	90	664	103	1358	138	1701	173	2935	192
Slovakia														
Men	29	7	29	5	38	15	22	12	43	16	40	18	64	19
Women	34	6	29	3	38	6	34	11	76	15	59	12	85	15
Slovenia														
Men	7	7	7	7	6	11	10	6	23	9	22	11	36	29
Women	7	10	17	10	8	13	12	4	18	7	19	10	26	24
EU10	1890	680	2095	647	2584	708	2381	721	4232	935	5559	1053	9198	1248
Men	726	390	846	375	1024	386	936	385	1863	512	2741	551	4828	697
Women	1164	290	1249	272	1560	322	1455	336	2369	423	2818	502	4370	551

Note. Im = immigrants, Em = emigrants.

Source: Statistics Sweden.

We will first look at the flows of immigrants and emigrants from the ten new member states in the period 2000-2006. See Table 1. We will underline some of the main results.

- The total numbers show that there is an increase of immigration during the first years of the decade but a much higher increase in 2004, 2005 and especially 2006. That the increase continues in 2005 and especially 2006 is an indication that it is not only a result of higher registration, i.e. a registration effect, but a real increase. The immigration from the new member states is still only a small part of the total immigration to Sweden, however.
- The emigration to the new member states is also increasing but it is much smaller than the immigration (Cyprus and Malta are the only exceptions). Net immigration is a large part of gross immigration.
- Women constituted the majority of the immigrants from the new member states in all years of the period studied up to 2006. That at the same time most of the emigrants have been men indicates that male immigrants are returning to a higher extent. The immigration of men increased more than the immigration of women in 2004, 2005 and 2006, so that more men than women came to Sweden from the ten new member states in 2006. This shift of the composition is a result of a large increase in male immigration from Poland.
- The immigrants to Sweden from the ten new member states are mainly from Poland which accounts for more than half of immigrants. The relative importance of immigration from Poland greatly increased in 2004, 2005 and 2006. Poland is the largest of the new member states and a neighbour to Sweden on the other side of the Baltic Sea.⁸ Besides Poland, the immigration is largest from the Baltic states, especially Lithuania.

The immigration has increased considerably from the new member states, especially from Poland, but it is still small compared to the total immigration and the size of the Swedish labour market. Why is this so? One explanation may be that there have been few job vacancies available for newly arrived immigrants. The Swedish unemployment rate is low compared to that in several other European countries and it is presently declining, but the job

⁸ Poland with a fast growing and changing economy is not only a country of origin for international migration but also a country of destination for especially people coming from some of the successor states to Soviet Union. See Igliska (2005) and also Igliska et al. (2005). A comparison with the migration statistics of other countries for the same migration flows indicates that international migration is probably much under-estimated in Polish statistics.

growth has been low and the job vacancies few. The employment growth is at present (2007) very high in Sweden. This may lead to an increase of labour migration from the EU10 countries. Another explanation to the low immigration may be that the propensity to emigrate has been lower than many expected in the new member states. A interview survey of migration intentions in the Baltic states carried out a few years before the accession date shows that the willingness to move abroad was not very high and also that only a few had the Nordic countries (including Sweden) as the preferred destination.⁹ A third explanation is that those migrating have chosen Ireland and the UK instead of Sweden due to easier access to the labour market in those countries and not least that English is the language of those two countries.

3 The new immigrants and the labour market

We will now turn to the immigrants from the new member states and their position on the Swedish labour market. We will start with those who arrived in the period from 2003 to 2006 and who have been granted residence permits or been registered by Migrationsverket (the Swedish Migration Board). Following as an EU-directive a residence permit is not necessary for EU-country citizens from April 30, 2006, but immigrants from EU-countries (except Denmark and Finland) still have to register at Migrationsverket. The legal change also means that residence permits do not have to be prolonged for those coming from EU-countries.

Table 2 gives some basic information. We have included the four countries of origin with most immigrants and the aggregate information for all coming from the ten new member states and as a comparison those coming from the twelve old member states (according to the rules of the common Nordic labour market, citizens from Denmark and Finland do not need a residence permit). The number of residence permits for citizens from the ten new member states increased in 2004, 2005 and 2006. The increase is large for the categories employers and consults which may include self-employed people, for example in the building sector. But also the number of residence permits granted to students is increasing, and even more those to relatives of people living in Sweden.

⁹ See Brunoskis, Djuve and Hualand (2003).

Table 2. Residence permits (from 2006 registrations) for citizens from the new EU countries in 2003-2006 according to the EES agreement

Year	Countries	Reasons for granting the residence permit						All
		Employees	Employers	Consults	Students	Relatives	Sufficient means for support	
2003	Poland	2134	1	0	320	201		2656
	Estonia	363	0	0	57	53		473
	Latvia	213	0	0	36	43		292
	Lithuania	404	0	0	70	33		507
	EU10	3774	1	0	577	414		4766
	EU12	2788	131	334	2813	2484		8550
	Bulg./Rom.	328	0	0	118	231		677
2004	Poland	3156	99	141	244	1038		4678
	Estonia	383	5	26	122	160		696
	Latvia	278	13	13	74	68		446
	Lithuania	872	14	11	139	193		1229
	EU10	5151	136	209	750	1694		7940
	EU12	2570	140	312	3007	2587		8616
	Bulg./Rom.	531	0	0	100	303		934
2005	Poland	2810	251	194	281	1498		5034
	Estonia	320	12	14	91	83		520
	Latvia	207	8	18	75	72		380
	Lithuania	756	27	13	129	252		1177
	EU10	4477	321	408	815	2120		8141
	EU12	2893	197	315	3042	2254		8701
	Bulg./Rom.	529	0	0	102	350		981
2006	Poland	3927	226	355	265	2159	107	6932
	Estonia	315	12	19	82	87	4	515
	Latvia	226	8	19	69	87	11	409
	Lithuania	720	19	5	88	294	23	1126
	EU10	5718	275	489	681	2888	192	10058
	EU12	3256	183	185	2737	1832	664	8857
	Bulg./Rom.	557	0	0	70	339	0	966
2007 (Jan-June)	Poland	1526	103	42	56	818	45	2590
	Estonia	71	2	0	18	32	4	127
	Latvia	83	0	2	8	24	8	125
	Lithuania	235	12	0	25	77	4	353
	EU10	2144	128	79	167	1047	77	3642
	EU12	1357	73	46	624	78	337	3195
	Bulg./Rom.	527	27	1	44	154	39	790

Notes. EU10 = the ten new member states; EU12 = the states who were members of EU before May 2004 excluding Sweden, Denmark and Finland; Reasons for granting a permit are up to May 2004 estimated for those coming from the new member states.

Source: Migrationsverket (Swedish Migration Board).

The next step is look at the labour market situation of the new migrants. This is however not easy to do. The statistical data bases with information on the labour market which cover the period after the accession of the ten new member states are surveys, mainly the labour force surveys, and the samples are not large enough to be of any use for a study of the new migrants. We have instead used data containing information on all immigrants from the new member states living in Sweden. The latest year for which this data set is available is 2005. This means that we do not have any information for immigrants arriving in 2006 yet. The population included are those who are registered as living in Sweden in the end of 2005 (for those coming from the new member states the criterion is that they have a residence permit and are registered as living in Sweden December 31). The employment information is for September or November (depending on sector). It means that the data set is not including information if people are employed or not for those who have arrived late in 2005, only that they have arrived and are living in Sweden in the end of the year. What we can do and have done is to look at the labour market situation for people who were born in one of ten new member states and were living in Sweden at the end of 2005. We will start with the employment rates for those who were born in the ten new member states with natives as a comparison. See Table 3.

Table 3. Employment rate in September among those born in one of the new member states and in Sweden aged 16-64 living in Sweden in the end of 2005

Country	2005		
	Men	Women	All
Cyprus	49.6	51.6	50.4
Czech R.	57.1	42.6	48.1
Czechoslovakia	64.6	66.3	65.5
Estonia	51.8	55.6	54.3
Hungary	59.5	57.2	58.3
Latvia	43.6	48.3	46.2
Lithuania	58.0	48.8	52.2
Malta	56.0	53.2	54.6
Poland	61.8	58.9	59.9
Slovakia	44.5	39.3	41.1
Slovenia	62.0	56.3	59.1
EU10	60.2	57.9	58.8
Sweden	75.7	73.0	74.4

Note. As those who immigrated to Sweden in December cannot have been employed in Sweden in September the same year the employment rates for the immigrants are underestimated. There are immigrants who have arrived from the areas of the present states Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia who are registered as immigrants from Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. It is not been possible to separate those from others registered as immigrants from Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

The employment rates for those from the ten new member states are considerably lower than for people born in Sweden (but larger than for refugee immigrants according to information from the labour force surveys¹⁰). A closer look behind the figures shows that among those not employed who are from the new member states many do not have any income, not even an income from the income transfer programs (unemployment benefits, sickness benefits, pensions etc.). This category may hide several different groups. The first one, and a not very large group, consists of those who have immigrated to Sweden in October-December and who could not have worked in Sweden in September the same year (it will be possible to exclude this group in a revised estimation). The second one consists of immigrants who have (re)emigrated without notifying the tax authorities about it and that the registration of emigration is delayed due to that. There are some studies of this group showing that quite a few immigrants have returned without registering.¹¹ We do not know the size of this group for those coming from the ten new member states. A third group consists of students (on the secondary level and in higher education) who do not combine studies with work. A fourth group are people who are not working and are supported by other family members, for example housewives. A fifth group consists of people who work in the unregistered part of the economy (the shadow economy). We do not have any estimates of the size of this group.

Even if the employment rate estimations have to be interpreted with care, information on working hours and wages for those employed do not have the same problem. In Table 4 information on working hours in 2005 are shown. There are only small differences between those born in Sweden and those born in the new member states. There is a variation in working hours among the ten countries and between the two years which may be explained by that there are few observations so that outliers have a large influence.

¹⁰ Commission of European Communities (2006) gives information on employment rates based on Labour Force Surveys for 2004 and 2005. For citizens from the EU10 the employment rate was 62 per cent in 2005 in Sweden. This is slightly higher value than that shown in Table 3. There are two main explanations for a difference. One explanation is that citizens of EU10 countries and people born in the EU10 countries are two different populations. Another explanation is that data collecting methods are different. In the labour force only those participating in the survey are included. Those who have left the country without registered it are by that not included. A problem with the labour force surveys is that those employed may be overrepresented among those answering, leading to a selection problem.

¹¹ See for example Edner and Johansson (2006). Statistics Sweden has also made estimates of the share of different groups who have emigrated but who still are registered as living in Sweden. The shares are varying much between different groups and are over 10 per cent for some groups. We do not know the how the share varies with length of stay in Sweden.

Table 4. Working hours among those born in one of the new member states and in Sweden aged 16-64 in September or November 2005

Country	2005		
	Men	Women	All
Cyprus	136.8	105.7	121.1
Czech R.	137.2	129.1	132.6
Czechoslovakia	135.4	116.9	124.0
Estonia	138.5	119.8	124.9
Hungary	137.8	123.1	129.0
Latvia	139.9	114.7	120.4
Lithuania	146.4	105.1	115.7
Malta	167.6	139.5	153.0
Poland	138.5	118.2	123.6
Slovakia	140.0	101.9	116.9
Slovenia	134.1	112.3	122.2
EU10	138.1	118.5	124.4
Sweden	141.8	116.7	127.4

Notes. Only those employed are included. There are immigrants who have arrived from the areas of the present states Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia who are registered as immigrants from Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. It is not been possible to separate those from others registered as immigrants from Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

Table 5 shows the monthly average wage (recalculated to full-time monthly wage for those not working full-time) for people who were born in the ten new member states and in Sweden. The average monthly wage is slightly lower for those born in the new member states than in Sweden. The difference is very small, only a little more than one per cent. Also here there are differences between those coming from different countries, and also here it should be stressed that some groups contain only a small number of individuals. There are differences in the composition according to age and education which may contribute to explain the differences.

Table 5. Monthly wage (for those working less than full-time the wage is recalculated to full-time wage) among those born in one of the new member states and in Sweden aged 16-64 in September or November 2005; in thousands SEK

Country	2005		
	Men	Women	All
Cyprus	27.1	18.3	22.6
Czech R.	25.4	21.8	23.5
Czechoslovakia	31.3	23.8	26.7
Estonia	27.7	21.0	23.0
Hungary	27.2	22.0	24.1
Latvia	27.8	21.9	23.3
Lithuania	25.6	19.8	21.4
Malta	24.4	18.8	21.5
Poland	26.7	21.1	22.6
Slovakia	32.6	23.3	27.1
Slovenia	25.7	19.6	22.4
EU10	27.4	21.4	23.3
Sweden	27.0	20.8	23.5

Notes. Only those employed are included. There are immigrants who have arrived from the areas of the present states Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia who are registered as immigrants from Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. It is not been possible to separate those from others registered as immigrants from Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

Table 6 shows that the educational level is on the average higher among those coming from the new member states than for those born in Sweden. There are large variations between the different states. Note also that we are missing information for a larger share of the immigrants than for those born in Sweden. It is mainly for the newly arrived information on education is missing.

Table 7 shows the industry distribution for those who were born in EU countries and as a comparison those who were born in Sweden. The distribution is very much differences. The main difference is that those coming from EU10 are overrepresented in the health care sector, a sector characterized of a high demand for labour. Those born in Sweden are overrepresented in construction and public administration.

Table 6. Distribution of people born in one of the new member states and in Sweden according to education in 2005; per cent

Country	Education							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	9	All
Cyprus	10	13	45	5	19	1	6	100
Czech R.	2	4	29	6	37	6	17	100
Czechoslovakia	4	8	43	7	34	3	1	100
Estonia	4	9	30	6	38	3	11	100
Hungary	6	7	48	6	27	2	3	100
Latvia	2	9	22	6	41	4	16	100
Lithuania	1	5	18	5	41	5	26	100
Malta	8	14	36	5	25	1	10	100
Poland	4	8	43	6	30	2	7	100
Slovakia	5	7	23	4	31	6	26	100
Slovenia	11	12	50	4	18	1	4	100
EU10	4	8	42	6	31	2	7	100
Sweden	4	16	47	6	24	1	1	100

Notes. Educational classification; 1 primary school less than 9 years, 2 primary school 9(10) years, 3 secondary school, 4 higher education less than two years, 5 higher education two years or more, 6 post-graduate education, 9 missing information

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

Table 7. Distribution of people born in one of the new member states and in Sweden according to industry in 2005; per cent

Country	Industry											
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	All
Cyprus	3	0	11	0	4	19	11	18	15	16	3	100
Czech R.	2	2	18	0	1	15	9	15	20	15	2	100
Czechoslovakia	2	0	17	1	2	15	14	13	22	8	5	100
Estonia	2	1	11	1	5	19	16	12	19	10	5	100
Hungary	1	0	18	1	3	18	14	13	19	9	4	100
Latvia	2	4	10	1	3	14	12	14	22	12	6	100
Lithuania	3	15	12	0	5	12	13	12	18	7	2	100
Malta	2	0	23	0	2	15	21	21	6	9	2	100
Poland	2	1	16	1	5	17	14	11	23	8	4	100
Slovakia	2	0	14	0	2	15	15	11	30	12	1	100
Slovenia	1	0	31	0	4	19	13	8	14	7	4	100
EU10	2	2	16	1	4	17	14	11	22	8	4	100
Sweden	1	2	17	1	6	19	14	11	16	7	6	100

Note: Industry classification; 0 not classified, 1 agriculture, forestry, fishing, 2 manufacturing, mining, 3 public utilities, 4 construction, 5 trade, communication, 6 financial services, business services, 7 education, 8 health care, 9 personal and cultural services, 10 public administration.

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

We have estimated Mincer equations with the logarithm of the monthly full-time wage as the dependent variable, and as independent variables age, age squared, female, educational levels and either dummy variables for being an immigrant from the different EU10-countries or a dummy variable for coming from any of them (see Table 8). In earlier versions we only had access to information on working hours for the private sector and due to that we could only include those working in that sector in the Mincer equation estimations. For this version we have also been able to include those working in the public sector. This means that especially the number of women included in the estimations has increased much as women are strongly overrepresented in the public sector. The result for the coefficient of the EU10-dummy is a negative value indicating a negative wage premium of about 3 per cent for women and 5 per cent for men. When dummies for the different countries are included in the estimations, the coefficients varies. They are negative in most but not all cases (those born in Sweden are the reference group). The coefficients are negative for groups with many recent arrivals – Poland and the Baltic states. The largest negative wage effect is found for immigrants from Lithuania.

Table 8 Wage equation estimates with log monthly wage at full time work in 2005 as the dependent variable

	Men	Women	All	Men	Women	All
Constant	8.990 (0.0046)	9.207 (0.0033)	9.215 (0.0028)	8.990 (0.0046)	9.207 (0.0033)	9.216 (0.0028)
Female			-0.206 (0.0005)			-0.206 (0.0005)
Age	0.0380 (0.0002)	0.0230 (0.0002)	0.0300 (0.0001)	0.0380 (0.0002)	0.0230 (0.0002)	0.0300 (0.0001)
Age squared	-0.00036 (0.000003)	-0.00022 (0.000002)	-0.00029 (0.000002)	-0.00036 (0.000003)	-0.00022 (0.000002)	-0.00029 (0.000001)
Primary school 9 or 10 years	0.071 (0.0019)	0.062 (0.0014)	0.065 (0.0012)	0.071 (0.0019)	0.062 (0.0014)	0.065 (0.0012)
Secondary School	0.147 (0.0017)	0.092 (0.0012)	0.118 (0.0010)	0.147 (0.0017)	0.0917 (0.0012)	0.117 (0.0010)
Higher education less than two years	0.326 (0.0022)	0.233 (0.0019)	0.286 (0.0015)	0.326 (0.0022)	0.233 (0.0019)	0.286 (0.0015)
Higher education two years or more	0.367 (0.0018)	0.297 (0.0012)	0.329 (0.0011)	0.367 (0.0018)	0.297 (0.0012)	0.329 (0.0011)
Post graduate education	0.599 (0.0032)	0.607 (0.0037)	0.595 (0.0024)	0.599 (0.0032)	0.607 (0.0037)	0.595 (0.0024)
Czech Republic				-0.118 (0.043)	-0.073 (0.027)	-0.094 (0.024)
Czechoslovakia				0.023 (0.015)	0.035 (0.009)	0.022 (0.008)
Cyprus				-0.073 (0.038)	-0.085 (0.029)	-0.078 (0.024)
Estonia				-0.069 (0.018)	-0.052 (0.009)	-0.055 (0.008)
Hungary				-0.055 (0.009)	-0.020 (0.007)	-0.035 (0.006)
Latvia				-0.092 (0.027)	-0.065 (0.017)	-0.071 (0.015)
Lithuania				-0.192 (0.040)	-0.154 (0.015)	-0.160 (0.016)
Malta				0.027 (0.060)	-0.076 (0.022)	-0.028 (0.031)
Poland				-0.059 (0.006)	-0.040 (0.003)	-0.049 (0.003)
Slovakia				0.100 (0.063)	-0.005 (0.045)	0.040 (0.037)
Slovenia				-0.009 (0.031)	-0.054 (0.020)	-0.035 (0.018)
EU10	-0.053 (0.004)	-0.035 (0.002)	-0.043 (0.002)			
R squared	0.220	0.227	0.277	0.206	0.228	0.275
Number of observations	735649	938415	1674064	735649	938415	1674064

Note. Standard errors within parentheses.

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

We have re-estimated the equations with dummies for the period of arrival and get as expected that the earlier the immigrants have arrived the smaller is the wage disadvantage (see Table 9). For those who have arrived before 1970 there is no difference and for those who have arrived in the period 2000-05 the difference is 9 per cent for women and 2 per cent for men.

Table 9. Wage equation estimates with log monthly wage at full time work in 2005 as the dependent variable and time of arrival to Sweden among the explanatory variables

	Men	Women	All
Constant	9.021 (0.0042)	9.207 (0.0033)	9.216 (0.028)
Female			-0.206 (0.0005)
Age	0.0380 (0.0002)	0.02301(0.0002)	0.0300 (0.0001)
Age squared	-0.00036 (0.000003)	-0.00022 (0.000002)	-0.00029 (0.000002)
Primary school 9 or 10 years	0.071 (0.0019)	0.062 (0.0014)	0.065 (0.0012)
Secondary School	0.146 (0.0017)	0.092 (0.0012)	0.117 (0.0010)
Higher education less than two years	0.326 (0.0022)	0.234 (0.0019)	0.287 (0.0015)
Higher education two years or more	0.367 (0.0018)	0.297 (0.0012)	0.329 (0.0011)
Post graduate education	0.594 (0.0032)	0.611 (0.0037)	0.595 (0.0024)
Arrived before 1970	0.010 (0.012)	0.032 (0.009)	0.024 (0.007)
Arrived from EU10 1970-74	-0.063 (0.013)	0.019 (0.008)	-0.012 (0.007)
Arrived from EU10 1975-79	-0.061 (0.013)	-0.020 (0.006)	-0.036 (0.006)
Arrived from EU10 1980-84	-0.064 (0.010)	-0.005 (0.006)	-0.028 (0.005)
Arrived from EU10 1985-89	-0.078 (0.009)	-0.046 (0.005)	-0.060 (0.005)
Arrived from EU10 1990-94	-0.083 (0.012)	-0.085 (0.005)	-0.087 (0.005)
Arrived from EU10 1995-99	-0.077 (0.018)	-0.097 (0.008)	-0.091 (0.007)
Arrived from EU10 2000-05	-0.022 (0.016)	-0.092 (0.011)	-0.062 (0.009)
R squared	0.207	0.239	0.277
Number of observations	736219	928354	1674052

Note. Standard errors within parentheses.

Source: The SIEPS database constructed for this study based on individual register data from Statistics Sweden and the Swedish Migration Board.

4 Welfare magnet? Effects for the public sector of the new immigration

As mentioned in the first section, the parts of the welfare states most discussed in connection with the expansion of the European Union are not very large items in the budget of the public sector. Nevertheless it may be of interest to follow up what has happened in the two areas most discussed: social assistance and support for family members (children) not living with the parent in Sweden but in another European Union country.

In Table 10 and 11 the number of applications for social assistance in 2003 and 2004 granted to people who are citizens in one of the ten new member states or were born in one of those states, respectively, are shown. The tables show that there is in practice not any increase in the

number of applicants granted (a slight decline for citizens and a slight increase for foreign born). Social (benefit) tourism is not evident, therefore, in this part of the welfare state.

Table 10. Number of applications for social assistance granted foreign citizens aged 16 and older according to country of citizenship in 2003 and 2004

Country	2003	2004
Cyprus	8	8
Czech Republic	35	31
Estonia	125	124
Hungary	323	328
Latvia	55	59
Lithuania	79	91
Malta	2	4
Poland	1753	1702
Slovenia	28	26
Slovakia	96	112
Total	2504	2485

Source: Socialstyrelsen (The National Board of Health and Welfare).

Table 11. Number of applications for social assistance granted foreign born aged 16 and older according to country of origin in 2003 and 2004

Country	2003	2004
Cyprus	23	24
Czech Republic	38	36
Estonia	230	218
Hungary	680	698
Latvia	102	95
Lithuania	83	96
Malta	3	7
Poland	3021	3020
Slovenia	26	24
Slovakia	66	79
Total	4272	4297

Source: Socialstyrelsen (The National Board of Health and Welfare).

Different forms of support to family members living in another country may be paid according to EU-rules. Information of such payments from March-December 2004 has been published (for the ten new member states payments are only for the period since May 2004).¹² The study shows that the total payments of this type are low, c. 82 million SEK. The major part goes to the neighbouring countries Norway, Denmark and Finland. Only 1 (one) per cent

¹² See Lönnqvist (2005) for the development up to 2005, and also RFV (2004) for an earlier report of the development in the first months after the EU-enlargement.

of this amount (c. 0.9 million SEK), is paid to family members living in one of ten new member states. Social (benefit) tourism for family support has not, therefore, been a “pull” factor for immigrants from the new member states.

5 Conclusions

It is now three years since ten countries became members of the European Union. Three years is very short period for following up what has happened and in practice the period is even shorter. For some types of data we have information for 2004, 2005 and 2006, i.e. for two years and eight months. For other types of data we have information for only 2004 and 2005, i.e. for less than two years. As it takes time to react to a new legal framework, we cannot expect the full effect of the change to have taken place yet. However, we believe that information for this short period may contribute to a better knowledge of the likely effects of the deregulation of migration from the new member states.

- The migration has increased from the new member states after the enlargement of the European Union. It is more than four times larger in 2006 than in 2003. The immigration of men has increased more than that of women. The immigrants are mainly coming from the other side of the Baltic Sea – from Poland and the three Baltic states.
- The number of residence permits granted for citizens in the ten new member states has also increased. Residence permits may be granted for different reasons. All forms of residence permits have increased. The increase is largest for relatives to people living in Sweden.
- According to our data the immigrants from the new member states have an employment rate lower than that for people born in Sweden. Part of it (or all of it) may be explained by lags in the registration of returning migrants. A further study is needed. Among employed immigrants from the new member states the working hours are shorter and the monthly wages for full-time work is lower compared to those of people born in Sweden, but the differences are small.
- There is not any indication that the new immigrants from the new member states are over-represented in the welfare state schemes which were the focus of the pre-

enlargement debate: social assistance and support to migrant family members living in the home country.

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