IMMIGRANT: DEFINED

We hear the word everywhere. But what does it actually mean?

THE EUROPEAN MIGRATION NETWORK DEFINES "IMMIGRANT" AS:

"a non-resident [...] arriving in a State with the intention to remain for a period exceeding a year" [4]

Different glossaries serve different contexts: international[1] • European[2] • Irish[3]

ONE WORD. MANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The International Organization for Migration identifies six broad drivers of migration.[5]

- LABOUR
- FAMILY
- INEQUALITY & UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT
- EDUCATION
- ARMED CONFLICT, VIOLENCE & HUMAN RIGHTS
- ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

STOP. THINK. CHECK.[6]

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When you read or hear the word 'immigrant' in conversation
CONSIDER:

Are different circumstances being generalised? Is the language humane? Are claims supported by evidence?

SOURCES

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01 **International Migration Law No. 34: Glossary on Migration**

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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European Commission

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03 **Glossary of Immigration Terms**

Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration · Immigration Service Delivery

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04 **EMN glossary entry: Immigrant**

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05 **Migration Factsheet No. 1 - Drivers of Migration**

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06 **STOP. THINK. CHECK.**

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