

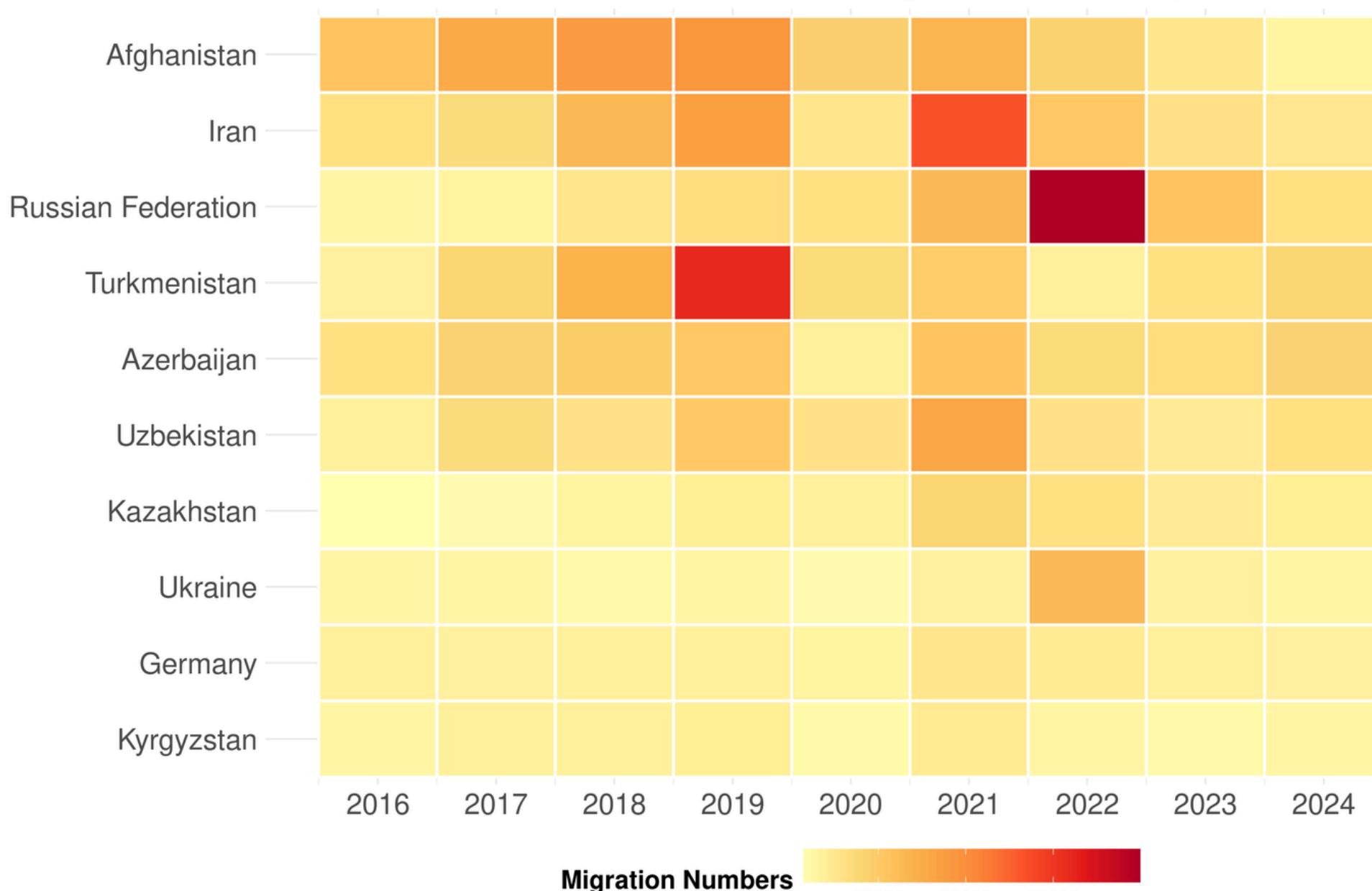
FOREIGN CITIZENS WHO IMMIGRATED TO TÜRKİYE



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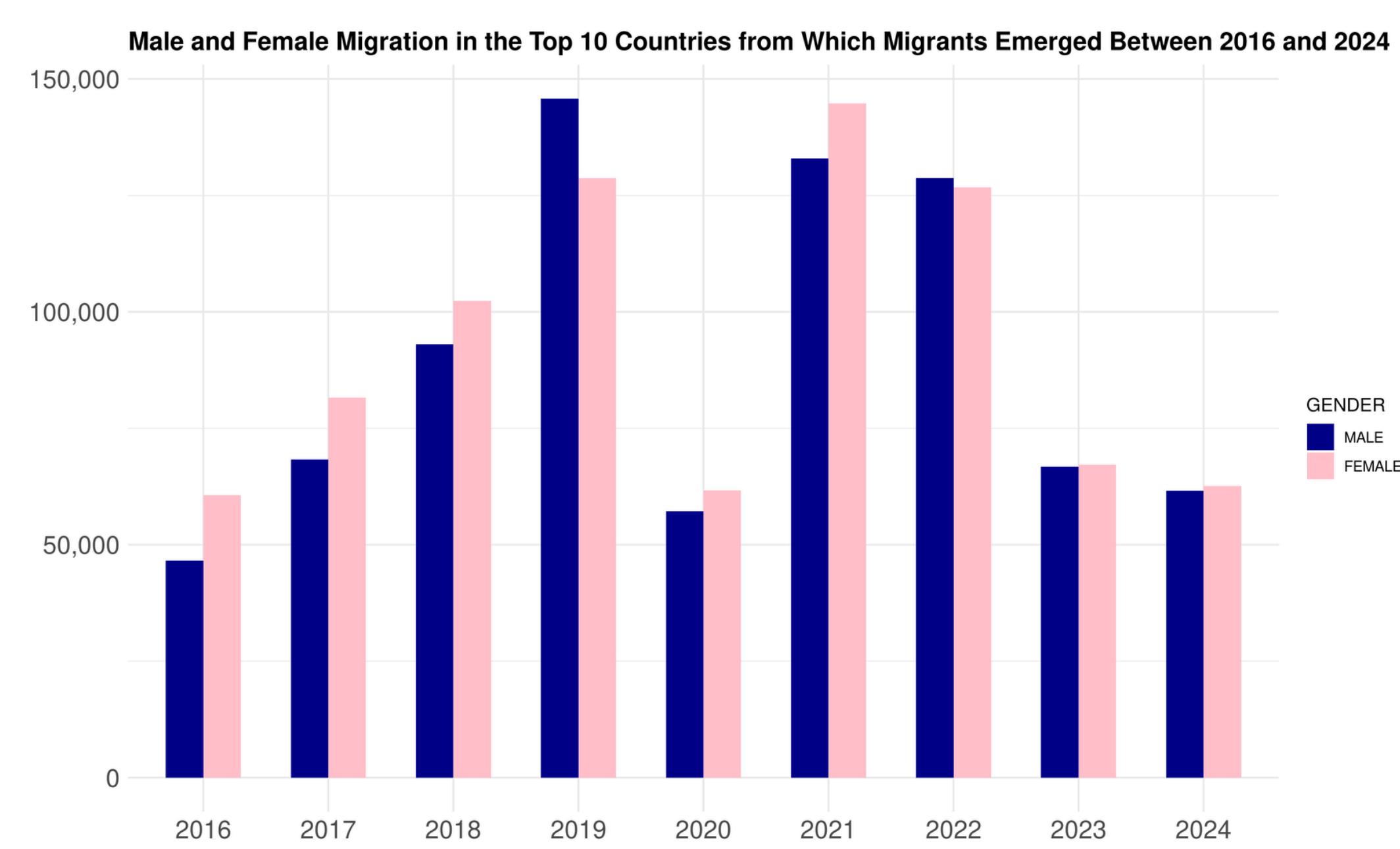
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Top 10 countries from which migrants arrive in Türkiye.



Between 2016 and 2024, we see the top 10 nationalities that migrated to Türkiye the most. In 2016 and 2017, these migrations progressed steadily. In 2018, there was an increase in Afghan, Iranian, and Turkmen citizens, primarily due to job opportunities. This trend continued in 2019, but the largest increase was from Turkmenistan. In 2020, there was a significant decrease in these migrations due to the coronavirus pandemic that affected the entire world. In 2020, Turkey did not accept any citizens from other countries except its own. In 2021, with the effects of the coronavirus subsiding, migration to Turkey continued, with the largest number of migrants being from Iran. In 2022, there was an increase in citizens from the Russian Federation and Ukraine, primarily due to the war between Russia and Ukraine, which began on February 24, 2022. Migration rates decreased in 2023-2024, primarily due to the significant depreciation of the Turkish Lira, high inflation, stricter residency permit procedures, and increased controls.

We see the gender distribution of people who migrated to Türkiye between 2016 and 2024. While female migration was greater than male migration between 2016-2018, this changed in 2019, with more men migrating. Migration to Türkiye increased every year during these years. In 2020, this increase changed due to the coronavirus pandemic, and a decrease occurred. In 2021, there was an increase after the end of the pandemic. From 2021 to 2024, migration has decreased every year.



This graph shows male migration patterns. Between 2016 and 2018, the largest number of migrants were from Afghanistan. In 2019, the largest number of migrants were from Turkmenistan. In 2021, there was a 50% decrease in Turkmenistani male migrants compared to 2019, and the largest number of migrants were from Germany. In 2022, there was a significant increase from the Russian Federation, making it the country with the highest number of migrants between 2016 and 2024.

We see female migrants arriving in Türkiye. Similar to men, between 2016 and 2018, the largest number of migrants were Afghan women. In 2019, the largest number were Turkmen women. In 2021, there was a sixfold increase in German women compared to 2019. This increase is due to the fact that Turkish-origin individuals with German passports living in Germany were unable to travel to Türkiye in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Similarly, in 2022 and 2023, there was a high number of female migrants from the Russian Federation. In 2024, the migration of Azerbaijani and Turkmen women was almost equal.

