

# 356,833 residents of the Transnistrian region hold the citizenship of the Republic of Moldova



According to data provided by the Public Services Agency, as of 31 December 2025, the State Population Register recorded 364,885 residents domiciled in localities on the left bank of the Nistru River and in the municipality of Bender, of whom 356,833 are citizens of the Republic of Moldova.

Of the total number of registered persons, 298,851 hold domestic identity documents, while 337,516 possess a passport of a citizen of the Republic of Moldova.

At the same time, the State Population Register includes 8,052 foreign nationals, including holders of permanent and temporary residence permits, stateless persons, refugees, beneficiaries of humanitarian protection, as well as persons registered who entered the Republic of Moldova through the Transnistrian region by crossing the Moldovan-Ukrainian state border.

The increase in the number of registered individuals is partly due to the implementation of Government Decision No. 757/2024, under which the Public Services Agency ensured the initial registration, on its own initiative, in the State Population Register of children who did not hold identity documents, at the domicile or temporary residence address of their mothers.

Demographic data indicate a balanced population structure, with 172,943 men and 191,942 women. The age structure reveals a predominantly mature population, with approximately 60% aged between 20 and 59, while persons aged 60 and over account for about one quarter of the total, a significant proportion confirming the trend of demographic ageing.

The process of documenting residents from the left bank of the Nistru River reflects the constant commitment of the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to facilitate their reintegration into the national legal framework by ensuring access to public services and guaranteeing fundamental rights. At the same time, citizens of the Republic of Moldova benefit from the advantages of the country's status as a candidate for accession to the European Union, including freedom of movement within the EU and access to multiple economic, educational, and social opportunities.

According to the Henley Passport Index 2025, the passport of the Republic of Moldova ranks 44th out of 227 countries, offering holders the possibility to travel visa-free or with a visa on arrival to approximately 120 destinations. Residents of localities on the left bank of the Nistru River and in the municipality of Bender also benefit from this advantage.

