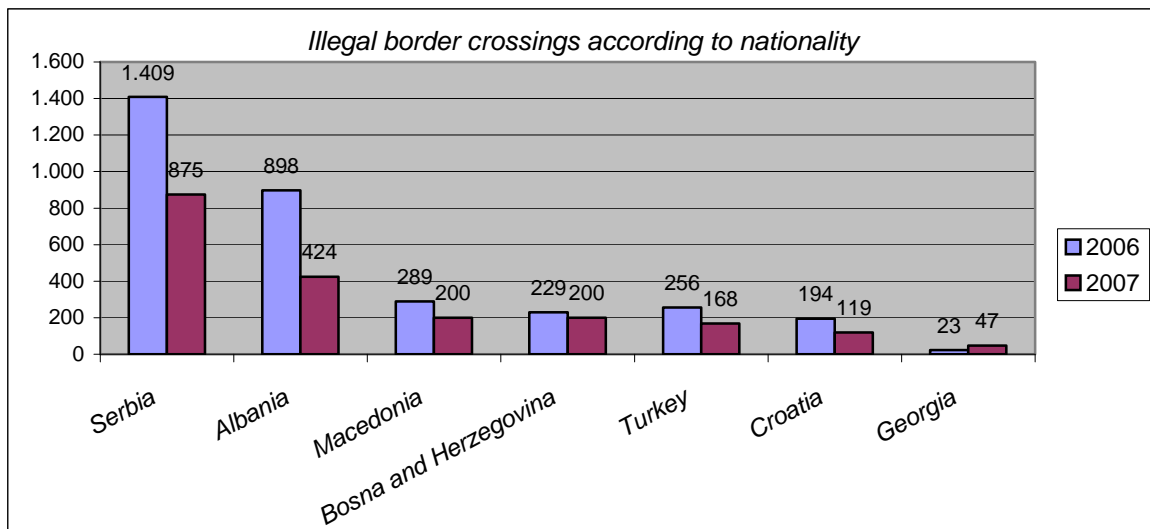


## ILLEGAL MIGRATION ON THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA IN 2007

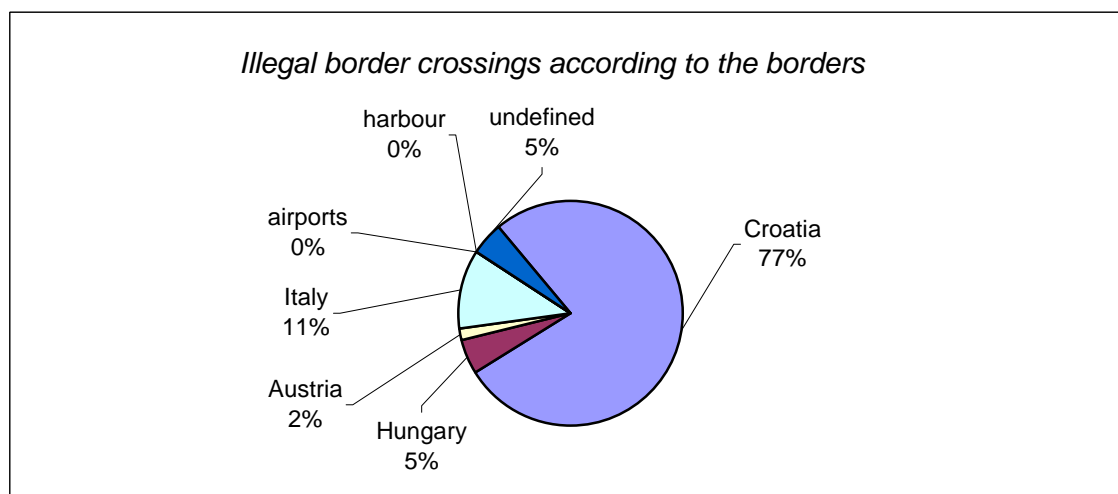
In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007, the police dealt with **2,479** (3.992) illegal border crossings on the territory of Slovenia, which is 38 % less than in 2006.

### Overview of illegal border crossings according to nationality: (In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007)



Most frequently, the police dealt with the following nationals: Serbians - 875 (1,487), Albanians - 424 (898), Macedonians - 200 (289), Bosnians - 200 (229), Turks - 168 (256), Croatians 119 (194) and Georgians - 47 (23).

### The number of illegal border crossings according to the borders: (In the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007)



Most illegal crossings were detected on the border with Croatia, namely 1.913 (3.129), or 39 percent less than in the same period in 2006. The number of illegal crossings on this border

represented 77 percent of all illegal border crossings. On this border, the police most often dealt with the following nationals: Serbians - 733 (1,193), Albanians - 374 (761), Bosnians - 163 (203), Macedonians - 162 (259), Turks - 134 (227), and Croatians 101 (169).

On the border with Italy, 277 (545) illegal crossings were recorded. The nationals most frequently represented among illegal migrants were Serbians, Albanians and Bosnians.

On the borders with Hungary and Austria, 123 (110) and 46 (67) illegal crossings were recorded respectively.

**Implementation of international agreements on return of persons:**

**a) Return of persons to foreign law enforcement agencies**

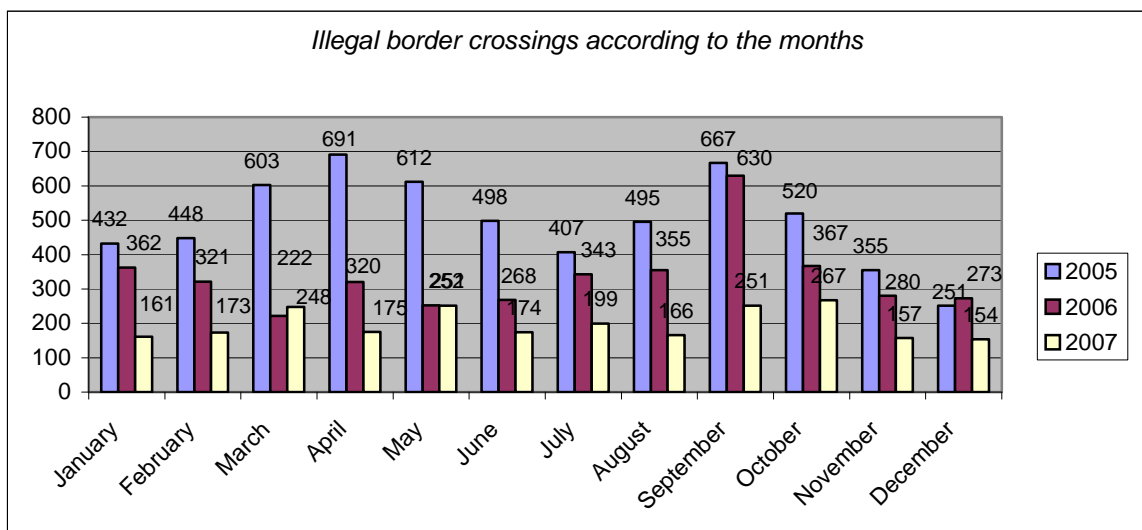
Pursuant to international agreements, the Slovenian Police returned 1.210 (2.013) foreigners to foreign law enforcement agencies. Of this, the majority was returned on the border with Croatia - 1.107 (1.916). The police most often dealt with the following nationals: Serbians - 433 (667), Albanians - 275 (573), Macedonians - 116 (198), Bosnians - 107 (118), Turks - 83 (120), Croatians 119 (194) and Georgians - 47 (23).

63 (55) illegal migrants were returned on the border with Hungary, 7 (8) on the border with Austria, and 18 (27) on the border with Italy.

**b) Readmission of persons from foreign law enforcement agencies**

Pursuant to international readmission agreements, foreign law enforcement agencies returned 337 (608) illegal migrants to Slovenia. The majority of them were readmitted on the border with Italy - 158 (384). 48 (51) illegal migrants were readmitted on the border with Austria, 47 (58) on the border with Croatia, and 84 (113) at the airport border crossing point.

**The number of illegal border crossings according to the months in the last tree years:**



In December, the number of illegal border crossings decreased slightly compared to September and October, and was, together with that of November, the smallest in 2007.

Similarly to the last quarter of 2007, illegal crossings were in a slight decrease in the last years during the same period of time.

In 2007, illegal border crossings were on the decrease compared to 2006 and the years before. In comparison with 2006, it was solely the number of illegal migrants from Georgia that increased (by 104 %), who entered Slovenia from Hungary, whereas the number of illegal migrants from other countries decreased.

Similarly to the past years, in the last year the majority of foreigners illegally entered Slovenia from Croatia. Thus, Slovenia remains to be a transit country, for most foreigners head for other EU countries.

**NOTE:**

- Statistical data date back to 14 January 2008,
- Numbers in brackets are for 2007,
- Data referring to Serbian nationals are not quite comparable, because until August 2006 they were gathered together with the data on Montenegrin nationals.