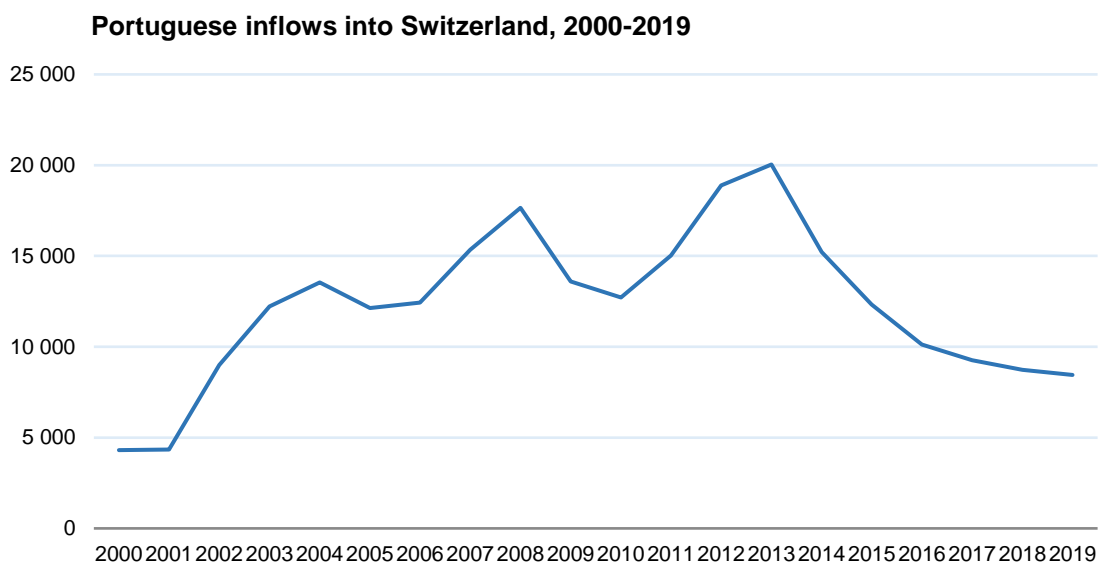


## Fewer Portuguese entering Switzerland for the sixth consecutive year

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According to data from the Office Fédéral de la Statistique, 8,443 Portuguese entered Switzerland in 2019. The official statistics department counted a total of 145,608 foreigners entering Swiss territory in that year, with the Portuguese accounting for 5.8% of that total. +

This was the sixth consecutive year in which emigration to Switzerland declined significantly, after reaching its peak in 2013. Since 2001, the number of Portuguese entering Switzerland has not been so low. The recessive trend translated into a relative loss of importance of Portuguese immigration: while in 2013 the Portuguese accounted for 12% of migrant arrivals in Switzerland, in 2019 they represented only 5.8%. The decrease in Portuguese emigration to Switzerland, however, shows a tendency towards deceleration: from -24% in 2014 to -3.3% in 2019.



**Source** Graph by Observatório da Emigração [Emigration Observatory], data by Office Fédéral de la Statistique, Immigration de la population résidante permanente étrangère selon la nationalité, le sexe et l'âge.

**Link** <https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home.html>

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