

# Deportations of Foreigners Increase by 21 Percent in Moscow

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The number of Moscow-based foreigners deported from Russia increased by 21 percent in 2015, the Moskva news agency reported Tuesday, citing spokespeople for the Moscow branch of the Federal Court Marshals Service.

“The overall percentage of foreign nationals deported in 2015 has grown by 21 percent compared to the same period last year. Since the beginning of 2015, court bailiffs have already deported more than 2,700 foreign nationals for violating the regulations on residing in Russia,” an unidentified spokesperson was cited by the news agency as saying Tuesday.

Foreigners living and working in Russia have also been leaving the country en masse of their own accord, due to the economic crisis. Since January 2014, 41 percent of Spanish nationals, 38 percent of British nationals, 36 percent of U.S. nationals and 31 percent of German nationals residing in the country have left, the Federal Migration Service said last month.

By the beginning of July, 20 percent of Tajik nationals had also left the country, Vedomosti newspaper reported last month. In 2014, between 1.2 and 1.3 million Tajiks worked in Russia, the report said. By July 1, only 1 million remained.

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