

Foreigners Committing Fewer Crimes, More Immigration Violations

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The crime rate among foreigners in Moscow has decreased by more than 10 percent, although the number of violations of immigration rules in the country has gone up, according to data released by the Federal Migration Service.

Illegal acts by foreigners and people without citizenship in Moscow went down 11.4 percent compared to last year, and serious crime fell 8 to 9 percent, the migration service said a statement Thursday, according to Interfax.

Crimes committed against foreign citizens and those without citizenship have decreased by about 20 percent, the statement said.

But the number of immigration violations by foreigners in Russia has increased 9.5 percent, due in part to a 38.7 percent increase in violations of residence and visitation regulations, meaning violations of registration or other rules or instances of foreigners overstaying their

visas.

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