

# KEY GLOBAL MIGRATION FIGURES, 2019–2023

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## MIGRANT POPULATION (STOCKS)



281 MILLION PEOPLE were estimated to be international migrants – people that were born abroad and/or held foreign citizenship – at mid-year 2020.

Source: [UN DESA, 2020](#).

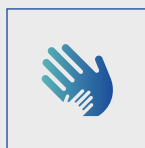
## FEMALE MIGRANTS



An estimated 48 PER CENT of the international migrant stock in mid-year 2020 were girls and women.

Source: [UN DESA, 2020](#).

## CHILDREN MIGRANTS



An estimated 13 PER CENT of the international migrant stock in 2020 were children below 18 years.

Source: [UNICEF, 2021](#); estimates based on UN DESA data.

## MISSING MIGRANTS



More than 52,100 MIGRANT DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES were recorded globally from 2014 to 2022. As of 15 January 2023, at least 4,950 PEOPLE lost their lives while migrating internationally in 2022.

Source: [IOM's Missing Migrants Project, 2023](#).

## LABOUR MIGRANTS



An estimated 169 MILLION MIGRANT WORKERS made up 62 PER CENT of the international migrant stock in 2019.

Source: [ILO, 2021](#).

## MIGRATION GOVERNANCE



Among 92 COUNTRIES that have conducted a Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) assessment, 32 PER CENT have developed specific measures that promote the ethical recruitment of migrant workers.

Source: [Migration Governance Indicators, 2023](#).

## REMITTANCES



Remittances to low-and middle-income countries are estimated to have increased by 4.6 PER CENT and reached USD 626 BILLION in 2022, continuing to overtake Foreign Direct Investments and Official Development Assistance to these countries.

Source: [Ratha et al., 2022](#).

## RETURNS



49,795 MIGRANTS who voluntarily decided to return home, but lacked the means to do so, received administrative, logistical or financial support in 2021 via IOM's AVRR and VHR programmes.

Source: [IOM, 2022](#).

## REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS



By the end of 2021, there were an estimated total of 27.1 MILLION REFUGEES and 4.6 MILLION ASYLUM-SEEKERS worldwide.

Source: [UNHCR, 2022](#).

## INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



An estimated 38 MILLION new INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS – 14.4 million due to conflict and violence and 23.7 million due to disasters – were triggered in 2021.

Source: [IDMC, 2021](#).

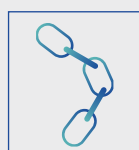
## RESETTLEMENT



According to government statistics, 57,500 REFUGEES were resettled in 2021. Though this number is more than in 2020, it is only 53 PER CENT of pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

Source: [UNHCR, 2022](#).

## TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY



156,330 INDIVIDUAL CASES of trafficking have been identified by or reported to Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC) partners between 2002 and 2021.

Source: [Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative \(CTDC\), 2022](#).