

MIGRATION AND HUMAN MOBILITY: KEY GLOBAL FIGURES

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INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS



Globally, 281 MILLION PEOPLE were estimated to be international migrants - people who were born in another country and/or held foreign citizenship - at mid-year 2020.

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

CHILD MIGRANTS



An estimated 13 PER CENT of the total number of international migrants in 2020 were children below 18 years of age.

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

LABOUR MIGRANTS



An estimated 169 MILLION INTERNATIONAL MIGRANT WORKERS – defined as international migrants of working age in the labour force – made up 62 PER CENT of the total number of international migrants in 2019.

Source: [ILO, 2021](#).

MISSING MIGRANTS



Between 2014 and 2022, at least 54,403 people lost their lives while migrating internationally. In 2023, another 4,427 migrant deaths and disappearances were recorded globally as of 21 September.

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

REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS



By the end of 2022, there were an estimated total of 35.3 MILLION REFUGEES and 5.4 MILLION ASYLUM-SEEKERS worldwide.

Source: [UNHCR, 2023](#).

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPS)



At the end of 2022, an estimated total of 71.1 MILLION people remained displaced within the borders of their own country – 62.5 million as a result of conflict and violence and 8.7 million as a result of disasters.

Source: [IDMC, 2023](#).

FEMALE MIGRANTS



An estimated 48 PER CENT of the total number of international migrants at mid-year 2020 were girls and women.

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

YOUTH AND MIGRATION



An estimated 11 PER CENT of the total number of international migrants at mid-year 2020 were between 15 and 24 years of age.

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

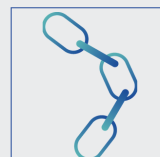
REMITTANCES



In 2022, remittances to low-and middle-income countries are estimated to have increased by 8 per cent compared to 2021 and reached USD 647 billion, continuing to overtake Foreign Direct Investments and Official Development Assistance to these countries.

Source: [Ratha et al., 2023](#).

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](#).

RESETTLEMENT



According to government statistics, 114,300 REFUGEES were resettled in 2022. Though this number is double than in 2021, it is only 7 per cent of the estimated resettlement needs.

Source: [UNHCR, 2023](#).

NEW INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS



Disasters caused 53 per cent of the estimated new 60.9 MILLION INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS in 2022. Among new internal displacements due to disasters, this is the highest annual number in a decade as well as 41 per cent higher than the annual average of the past decade.

Source: [IDMC, 2023](#).