

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](#).

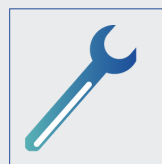
CHILD MIGRANTS



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 2023, at least 63,285 people lost their lives while migrating internationally. In 2024, another 679 migrant deaths and disappearances were recorded globally as of 8 March 2024.

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

REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS



By mid-year 2023, there were an estimated total of 36.4 MILLION REFUGEES and 6.1 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](#).

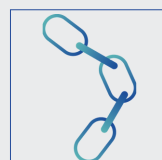
REMITTANCES



In 2023, remittances to low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) are estimated to have increased by 4 per cent compared to 2022 and reached USD 669 billion. Remittance flows exceeded Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to LMICs by more than USD 250 billion in 2023.

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

TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY



Over 206,000 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS of trafficking have been identified by or reported to Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC) partners between 2002 and 2022.

Source: [Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative \(CTDC\), 2024](#).

RESETTLEMENT



According to government statistics, 59,500 REFUGEES were resettled in the first half of 2023. Though this number is 41 per cent higher than during the same period in 2022, it is only 3 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](#).