

MIGRATION AND HUMAN MOBILITY: KEY GLOBAL FIGURES

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Next planned update: 1 March 2025

INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS



Globally, 304 MILLION PEOPLE were estimated to be international migrants - people who were born in another country and/or held foreign citizenship - at mid-year 2024.

Source: [UN DESA, 2025](#).

FEMALE MIGRANTS



An estimated 48 PER CENT of the total number of international migrants at mid-year 2024 were girls and women.

Source: [UN DESA, 2025](#).

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](#).

YOUNG MIGRANTS*



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](#).

LABOUR MIGRANTS



An estimated 167.7 MILLION INTERNATIONAL MIGRANT WORKERS – defined as international migrants of working age in the labour force – made up 59 PER CENT of the total number of international migrants in 2022.

Source: [ILO, 2024](#).

REMITTANCES



In 2023, remittances to low-and middle-income countries (LMICs) are estimated to have increased by 0.7 per cent compared to 2022 and reached USD 656 billion. Remittance flows exceeded Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows to LMICs by more than USD 270 billion in 2023.

Source: [Ratha et al., 2024](#).

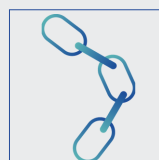
MISSING MIGRANTS



Between 1 January 2014 and 17 December 2024, at least 70,723 migrants were recorded as missing or dead in the world during international migration.

Source: [IOM's Missing Migrants Project, 2024](#).

HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS



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](#).

REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS



At the end of 2023, there were an estimated total of 37.6 MILLION REFUGEES and 6.9 MILLION ASYLUM-SEEKERS worldwide.

Source: [UNHCR, 2024](#); [UNRWA, 2024](#).

RESETTLED REFUGEES



According to government statistics, 158,700 REFUGEES were resettled in 2023. Though this number is 39 per cent higher than during the same period in 2022, it accounts for only 8 per cent of the estimated resettlement needs.

Source: [UNHCR, 2024](#).

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS



At the end of 2023, an estimated total of 75.9 MILLION people remained displaced within the borders of their own country - 68.3 million as a result of conflict and violence and 7.7 million as a result of disasters.

Source: [IDMC, 2024](#).

NEW INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS



In 2023, there were an estimated 46.9 MILLION NEW INTERNAL DISPLACEMENTS - 26.4 million as a result of disasters and 20.5 million due to conflict and violence. New internal displacements due to conflict and violence in 2023 was 28 per cent lower than in 2022. However, the global figure in 2023 was 70 per cent higher than the past decade's annual average.

Source: [IDMC, 2024](#).

*Note: These are the latest available estimates for young and child migrants, since UN DESA's mid-2024 estimates were not disaggregated by age.