

KEY GLOBAL MIGRATION FIGURES, 2017 - 2019

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MIGRANT POPULATION (STOCKS)



272 MILLION PEOPLE were estimated to be international migrants – people that were born abroad and/or held foreign citizenship – in mid-2019.

Source: UN DESA, 2019.

MIGRATION GOVERNANCE



51 COUNTRIES and **3 CITIES** have participated in the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) project to assess their migration policies and advance the conversation on what well-governed migration might look like in practice.

Source: IOM's Global Migration Data Portal, 2019.

WOMEN



An estimated **47.9 PER CENT** of the international migrant stock in mid-2019 were women.

Source: UN DESA, 2019.

CHILDREN



An estimated **12 PER CENT** of the international migrant stock in 2017 were children below 18 years.

Source: UNICEF, 2018; estimates based on UN DESA data.

LABOUR MIGRANTS



An estimated **164 MILLION MIGRANT WORKERS** made up **59.2 PER CENT** of the international migrant stock in 2017.

Source: ILO, 2018.

REMITTANCES



An estimated **USD 529 BILLION OF REMITTANCES** were sent to low-and middle-income countries in 2018. This is more than three times the volume of official development assistance.

Source: Ratha et al., 2019.

REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS



By the end of 2018, there were an estimated total of **20.4 MILLION REFUGEES** and **3.5 MILLION ASYLUM-SEEKERS** worldwide.

Source: UNHCR, 2019.

INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT



An estimated **28 MILLION PEOPLE** – 10.8 million due to conflict and 17.2 million due to disasters – were **NEWLY DISPLACED** in 2018 within their own countries and territories.

Source: IDMC, 2019.

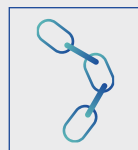
RESETTLEMENT



According to government statistics, **92,400 REFUGEES** were admitted for resettlement in 25 countries in 2018.

Source: UNHCR, 2019.

TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY



91,416 INDIVIDUAL CASES of trafficking have been identified by Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC) partners since 2002.

Source: Counter Trafficking Data Collaborative (CTDC), 2019.

RETURNS



63,316 MIGRANTS who voluntarily decided to return home, but lacked the means to do so, received administrative, logistical or financial support from IOM in 2018.

Source: IOM, 2019.

MISSING MIGRANTS



More than **30,000 MIGRANT DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES** were recorded in the last 5 years. At least **4,736 MIGRANTS** lost their lives while migrating internationally in 2018 alone.

Source: IOM's Missing Migrants Project, 2019.