

KEY GLOBAL MIGRATION FIGURES, 2017 - 2019

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MIGRANT POPULATION (STOCKS)



258 MILLION PEOPLE were estimated to be international migrants – people that were born abroad and/or held foreign citizenship – in 2017.

Source: [UN DESA, 2017](#).

MIGRATION GOVERNANCE



49 COUNTRIES and **3 CITIES** have participated in the Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) project to assess the comprehensiveness of their migration policies.

Source: [IOM's Global Migration Data Portal, 2019](#).

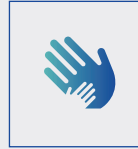
WOMEN



An estimated **48.8 PER CENT** of the international migrant stock in 2017 were women.

Source: [UN DESA, 2017](#).

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** make up **59.2 PER CENT** of the international migrant stock.

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 2017, there were an estimated total of **25.4 MILLION REFUGEES** and **3.1 MILLION ASYLUM-SEEKERS** worldwide.

Source: [UNHCR, 2018](#).

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, 2018](#).

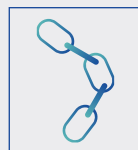
RESETTLEMENT



According to government statistics, **102,800 REFUGEES** were admitted for resettlement in 2017.

Source: [UNHCR, 2018](#).

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



72,176 MIGRANTS who voluntarily decided to return home, but lacked the means to do so, received administrative, logistical or financial support from IOM in 2017.

Source: [IOM, 2018](#).

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](#).