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MIGRATION PROFILES

Part I. Global legal instruments related to international migration

States parties to United Nations legal instruments

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<td>1981 1951 Refugee Convention</td>
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<td>- 1975 ILO Migrant Workers Convention</td>
<td>2004 2000 Migrant Smuggling Protocol</td>
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Part II. Population indicators

Population estimates

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<td>Males ('000)</td>
<td>776</td>
<td>899</td>
<td>987</td>
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<td>Females ('000)</td>
<td>821</td>
<td>957</td>
<td>1 022</td>
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<td>Total ('000)</td>
<td>1 598</td>
<td>1 856</td>
<td>2 009</td>
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<tr>
<td>Percentage urban population</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Percentage rural population</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>73</td>
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Average annual rate of change

1985-90 1995-00 2005-10 2010-15

- 1.69 - 1.14 - 0.85 - 1.08

Annual rate of natural increase*

25.10 19.59 10.93 12.71

Crude net migration rate*

- 8.18 - 8.25 - 2.48 - 1.94

Total net migration ('000)

- 63 - 74 - 24 - 20

* Per 1,000 population

Projected change in total population by component (x 1000)

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<tr>
<td>Total population at end of period</td>
<td>2 226</td>
<td>2 419</td>
<td>2 612</td>
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<td>Population change during period</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>99</td>
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<td>Annual rate of natural increase*</td>
<td>11.55</td>
<td>9.62</td>
<td>9.26</td>
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<td>Crude net migration rate*</td>
<td>- 1.84</td>
<td>- 1.69</td>
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* Per 1,000 population

Projected change in working-age (15-64) population (x 1000)

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<td>Medium variant</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>110</td>
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<td>Zero-migration variant</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>Difference</td>
<td>- 16</td>
<td>- 14</td>
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Part III. Development indicators

Development indicators (years are approximate for some indicators / countries)

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<td>Life expectancy at birth</td>
<td>59.4</td>
<td>47.3</td>
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<td>Adult literacy rate (ages 15 and older)</td>
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<td>86.3</td>
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<td>Combined gross enrolment ratio in education (per cent)</td>
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<td>GDP per capita (PPP in thousands of US dollars)</td>
<td>872</td>
<td>1 034</td>
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<td>Human development index (HDI)</td>
<td>0.47</td>
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* 2013 or latest available

Remittances (years are approximate for some indicators / countries)

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<td>Inflows (millions of US dollars)</td>
<td>428</td>
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<td>Inflows as a share of GDP (%)</td>
<td>78.6</td>
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* Estimate
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#### Part IV. International migrant stocks

**International migrant stock by age and sex**

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<td>3 922</td>
<td>8 240</td>
<td>3 335</td>
<td>2 832</td>
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**Total population by age and sex, 2013**

**Migrant stock by origin (2013)**

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<td>91</td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
<td>67</td>
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<td>Zambia</td>
<td>46</td>
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<td>India</td>
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**Refugee population by origin (end 2012)**

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**Tertiary students by origin (2013)**

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**Migrant stock by destination (2013)**

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<td>Mozambique</td>
<td>7 695</td>
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<td>Botswana</td>
<td>2 970</td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
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<td>Swaziland</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>United States of America</td>
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<td>Cuba</td>
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<td>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</td>
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<td>Australia</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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DEFINITIONS AND SOURCES


Males: De facto male population as of 1 July of the year indicated. Data are presented in thousands. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Females: De facto female population as of 1 July of the year indicated. Data are presented in thousands. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Total population: De facto population in a country, area or region as of 1 July of the year indicated. Figures are presented in thousands. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.


Annual rate of change: Average exponential rate of growth of the population over a given period. It is expressed as a percentage. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.


Crude net migration rate: The ratio of net migration during the year to the average population in that year. The value is expressed per 1 000 inhabitants. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Total net migration: Net number of migrants, that is, the number of immigrants minus the number of emigrants. It is expressed in thousands. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013) World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Total population at end of period: Total population on 30 June of the final year of the period. Data are from the medium variant (see below) of the World Population Prospects. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Population change during period: Total population change over a period, that is, the difference between the population at the end of the period and that at the beginning of the period. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Medium variant: The medium projection variant combines the medium fertility assumption together with normal-mortality and normal international migration assumptions and is a central reference for trends over the longer term that results from the probabilistic approach that simulates future fertility paths for each country. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Zero-migration variant: Under this assumption, the medium variant is modified so that international migration for each country is set to zero starting in 2010-2015. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.

Life expectancy at birth: Number of years a newborn infant could expect to live if prevailing patterns of age-specific mortality rates at the time of birth stay the same throughout the infant’s life. Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision.


Combined gross enrolment ratio in education: Total enrolment in a specific level of education, regardless of age, expressed as a percentage of the eligible official school-age population corresponding to the same level of education in a given school year. For the tertiary level, the population used is that of the five-year age group following on from the secondary school leaving. Source: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Institute for Statistics (2012). http://stats.uis.unesco.org

GDP per capita (PPP in USD): Gross domestic product converted to international dollars using purchasing power parity rates. An international dollar has the same purchasing power over GDP as the U.S. dollar has in the United States. GDP at purchaser's prices is the sum of gross value added by all resident producers in the economy plus any product taxes and minus any subsidies not included in the value of the products. It is calculated without making deductions for depreciation of fabricated assets or for depletion and degradation of natural resources. Data are in current international dollars. Source: World Development Indicators - World Bank (2013).
**Human development index (HDI):** A composite measure of achievements in three basic dimensions of human development—a long and healthy life, access to education and a decent standard of living. For ease of comparability, the average value of achievements in these three dimensions is put on a scale of 0 to 1, where greater is better, and these indicators are aggregated using geometric means. **Source:** United Nations Development Program (2013). Human Development Report Office.

**Remittances:** Remittances are defined as the sum of workers’ remittances, compensation of employees, and migrants’ transfers. Regional aggregates were calculated by the United Nations Population Division. All data are reported in current U.S. dollars. Remittance **inflows** refer to the sum of workers' remittances, compensation of employees and migrants' transfers received by the country of enumeration, while **outflows** refer to remittance outflows by the country of enumeration. **Source:** World Bank staff calculation based on data from IMF Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook 2012 and data releases from central banks, national statistical agencies, and World Bank country desks.

**Remittance inflows as share of GDP:** **Source:** World Bank staff calculation based on data from IMF Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook 2012 and data releases from central banks, national statistical agencies, and World Bank country desks.

**International migrant stock by age and sex:** The mid-year (1 July) estimate of the number of people living in a country or area other than that in which they were born. If the number of foreign-born was not available, the estimate refers to the number of people living in a country other than that of their citizenship. **Source:** United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2013). Trends in International Migrant Stock: The 2013 Revision (United Nations database, POP/DB/MIG/Stock/Rev.2013). See: www.unmigration.org


**Refugee population by origin (end 2012):** Persons by country of origin who are recognized as refugees under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol or under the 1969 Organization of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa; those granted refugee status in accordance with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Statute; those granted humanitarian status or temporary protection by the State in which they find themselves; those in refugee-like situations; and Palestinian refugees registered with UNRWA. **Source:** UNHCR (2013). 2012 Global Trends: Refugees, Asylum-seekers, Returnees, Internally Displaced and Stateless Persons. See: www.unhcr.org/statistics.

**Refugee population (destination) (end 2012):** Persons by country of destination who are recognized as refugees under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol or under the 1969 Organization of African Unity Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa; those granted refugee status in accordance with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Statute; those granted humanitarian status or temporary protection by the State in which they find themselves; those in refugee-like situations; and Palestinian refugees registered with UNRWA. **Sources:** UNHCR (2013). 2012 Global Trends: Refugees, Asylum-seekers, Returnees, Internally Displaced and Stateless Persons. See: www.unhcr.org/statistics.

**Tertiary students:** Student population by country of origin and destination enrolled in programmes with an educational content more advanced than what is offered at ISCED levels 3 and 4. The first stage of tertiary education, ISCED level 5, covers level 5A, composed of largely theoretically based programmes intended to provide sufficient qualifications for gaining entry to advanced research programmes and professions with high skill requirements; and level 5B, where programmes are generally more practical, technical and/or occupationally specific. The second stage of tertiary education, ISCED level 6, comprises programmes devoted to advanced study and original research, and leading to the award of an advanced research qualification. **Source:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Institute for Statistics (2012). http://stats.uis.unesco.org