

# Migration in the world

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# Migration in numbers

- number of international migrants reached 191 million, nearly half of whom are female
- developed countries host 60 per cent of all international migrants (115 million)
- just 28 countries host 75 per cent of all international migrants with the United States being the major country of destination

# Migration in numbers

Seventy-five million international migrants lived in developing countries in 2005:

- 51 million in Asia
- 17 million in Africa
- and 7 million in Latin America and the Caribbean
- The number of migrants in

Developing countries increased by scarcely 3 million since 1990

# Migration in numbers

Migration to developed countries remained high during 1990-2005. The major increases in the number of international migrants occurred in Northern America (17 million) and Europe (15 million).

Major area	Number of international migrants (millions)		Increment (millions)	Percentage distribution of international migrants		Percentage of female migrants	
	1990	2005		1990	2005	1990	2005
World	154.8	190.6	35.8	100.0	100.0	49.0	49.6
More developed regions	82.4	115.4	33.0	53.2	60.5	52.0	52.2
Less developed regions	72.5	75.2	2.8	46.8	39.5	45.7	45.5
Least developed countries	11.0	10.5	-0.5	7.1	5.5	46.2	46.5
Africa	16.4	17.1	0.7	10.6	9.0	45.9	47.4
Asia	49.8	53.3	3.5	32.2	28.0	45.1	44.7
Latin America and the Caribbean	7.0	6.6	-0.3	4.5	3.5	49.7	50.3
Northern America	27.6	44.5	16.9	17.8	23.3	51.0	50.4
Europe	49.4	64.1	14.7	31.9	33.6	52.8	53.4
Oceania	4.8	5.0	0.3	3.1	2.6	49.1	51.3

# Migration in Europe-history

- The fall of the Berlin Wall and the break-up of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s ushered in an era of increased migration within the former communist countries of Eastern Europe and made possible increased migration to the industrialized countries in the West

# Migration in Europe-history

- during 1990-2002, Germany received over 4 million ethnic Germans from other countries
- nearly 600,000 Jews moved to Israel
- the Russian Federation has become the destination of growing numbers of temporary migrant workers. Between 2000 and 2004, the number of work permits issued by the Russian Federation doubled, to reach nearly 400,000.

# Migration in Europe-history

Nowadays there is a growing presence of workers from Bulgaria and the Ukraine in Portugal and Spain and rising numbers of Polish workers in the United Kingdom

# Europe in numbers

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated number of international migrants at mid-year (both sexes)</b>
1990	49 381 119
1995	55 286 554
2000	58 216 735
2005	64 115 850

<b>Year</b>	<b>Growth rate of the migrant stock (percentage)</b>
1990-1995	2.3
1995-2000	1.0
2000-2005	1.9

# Europe in numbers

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated number of female migrants at mid-year</b>
1990	26 054 101
1995	29 158 218
2000	31 063 667
2005	34 264 6

<b>Year</b>	<b>Estimated number of male migrants at mid-year</b>
1990	23 327 018
1995	26 128 336
2000	27 153 068
2005	29 851 239

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2005</b>
Estimated number of international migrants at mid-year (both sexes)	49 381 119	55 286 554	58 216 735	64 115 850
Estimated number of refugees at mid-year	1 317 763	3 004 855	2 486 718	2 015 932
Population at mid-year (thousands)	721 390	727 885	728 462	728 389
Estimated number of female migrants at mid-year	26 054 101	29 158 218	31 063 667	34 264 611
Estimated number of male migrants at mid-year	23 327 018	26 128 336	27 153 068	29 851 239
International migrants as a percentage of the population	6.9	7.6	8.0	8.8
Female migrants as percentage of all international migrants	52.8	52.7	53.4	53.4
Refugees as a percentage of international migrants	2.7	5.4	4.3	3.1
Percentage of international migrants by major area or region	31.9	33.5	32.9	33.6

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# Directives

		Parties to United Nations instruments	
Instrument	Year entered into force	Number of countries	Percentage of countries
1949 ILO Convention concerning Migration for Employment (Revised 1949) (No. 97)	1952	43	22
1975 ILO Convention concerning Migration in Abusive Conditions and the Promotion of Equality of Opportunity and the Treatment of Migrant Workers (Supplementary Provisions) (No. 143)	1978	18	9

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1990 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	2003	33	17
2000 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2003	92	47

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Instrument	Year entered into force	Number of countries	Percentage of countries
2000 Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea	2004	81	42
1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees	1954	143	74
1967 Protocol relating to the Status of Refugees	1967	143	74