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Migration Statistics

Data from World Migration 2005: Costs and Benefits of International Migration unless noted otherwise.

Regional and Country Figures

Migrant population, 2005			
Geographic Area	Migrants (millons)	Percentage of the Area's Population	
Europe	64.1	8.8	
Asia	53.3	1.4	
North America	44.5	13.5	
Africa	17.1	1.9	
Latin America	6.7	1.2	
Oceania	5.0	15.2	

Countries hosting the largest number of international migrants in 2005 [*]		
Country	International Migrations (millions)	
United States	38.4	
Russian Federation	12.1	
Germany	10.1	
Ukraine	6.8	
France	6.5	
Saudi Arabia	6.4	
Canada	6.1	
India	5.7	
United Kingdom	5.4	

Spain	4.8
Australia	4.1

Top 3 Migrant Sending Countries		
Country	Estimated Diaspora (millons)	
China	35.0	
India	20.0	
The Philippines	7.0	

Countries where international migrants made up more than 60 per cent of the population in 2000

- Andorra
- Macao Special Administrative Region of China
- Guam
- The Holy See
- Monaco
- Qatar
- The United Arab Emirates

Traditional countries of immigration

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- United States

New countries of destination of migrants

- Ireland
- Italy
- Norway
- Portugal

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United Nations, Trends in Migrant Stock: The 2005 Revision, data in digital form.