Key migration data at a glance

(latest available)

International migrants ^a		281 million international migrants globally in 2020, or 3.6 per cent of the world's population
Females ^a	135 million	international female migrants globally in 2020, or 3.5 per cent of the world's female population
Males ^a	146 million	international male migrants globally in 2020, or 3.7 per cent of the world's male population
Children ^a	28 million	international child migrants globally in 2020, or 1.4 per cent of the world's child population
Labour migrants ^b	169 million	migrant workers globally in 2019
Missing migrants ^c	Around 8,500	dead and missing globally in 2023



Displaced

persons^{e,†}

usd 831 billion

in international remittances globally in 2022

Low- and middle-USD 647 billion income countries^d

in international remittances was received by low- and middle-income countries in 2022

117 million

people were living in displacement globally at the end of 2022 (includes refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs and others)

Refugees ^e	35.3 million	refugees globally in 2022
Asylum-seekers ^e	5.4 million	asylum-seekers globally in 2022
Others in need of international protection ^e	5.2 million	others displaced globally in 2022, mainly Venezuelans (not including those who were refugees or asylum-seekers)
Internally displaced persons (IDPs) ^f	71.2 million	IDPs globally in 2022: 61.5 million due to conflict and violence; 8.7 million due to disasters

Note: See Chapter 2 for elaboration and discussion.

- Sources: ^a UN DESA, 2021.
 - ^b ILO, 2021.
 - ° IOM, n.d.
 - d Ratha et al., 2023.
 e UNHCR, 2023.
 f IDMC, 2023.