Feminization of migration—or not?

As the saying goes “a picture can be worth a thousand words”, so these data snapshots have been provided to help explain changes in migration through innovative data analysis. The “thousand words” can be found in the report itself—clicks on the link below.

This Data Snapshot shows while the number of female international migrants has increased since 2000, the rate of growth of female migrants is much lower than that of male migrants. In 2000, female international migrants were 49.4% of all international migrants; in 2020, the female share had declined to 47.9%.

The latest data on international migrant workers shows us that labour migration is more gendered. In 2019, female migrant workers made up 41.5% of all international migrant workers; 58.5% were male.

Read more about this data output in Chapter 2 (Global Overview) of the World Migration Report 2022. The full report can be accessed here. The interactive data visualization platform is here.