

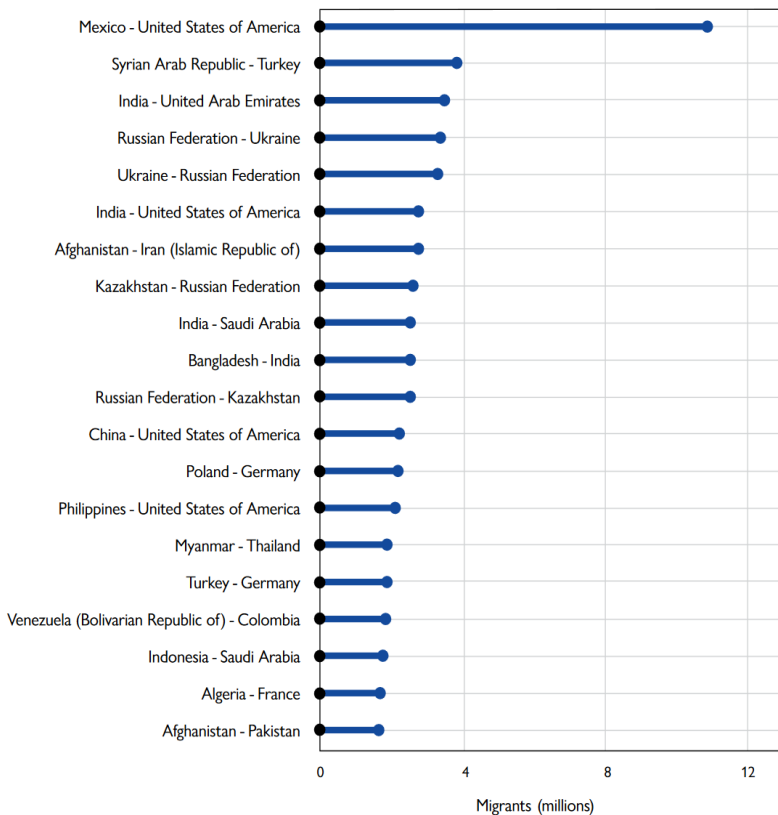


WORLD MIGRATION REPORT DATA SNAPSHOT

The world's largest migration corridors

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.

Figure 3. Top 20 international migration country-to-country corridors, 2020



Source: UN DESA, 2021a.

Note: The corridors present the number of international migrants (millions) born in the first-mentioned country and residing in the second. Corridors represent an accumulation of migratory movements over time and provide a snapshot of how migration patterns have evolved into significant foreign-born populations in specific destination countries.

This Data Snapshot shows the largest country-to-country migration corridors representing the consolidation of many years of migratory movements. The size of one migration corridor is measured as the number of people born in the country of origin who were residing in country of destination in 2020, such that individuals included may have undertaken migration in recent years or even decades ago.

The Mexico to United States of America corridor is the largest in the world (11 million people), as a result of migration over many decades. In contrast, the second largest corridor in the world, from the Syrian Arab Republic to Turkey (nearly 4 million), has developed in recent years due to large-scale conflict displacement from the Syrian Arab Republic.

Read more about this data output on long-term migration corridors 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](#).

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