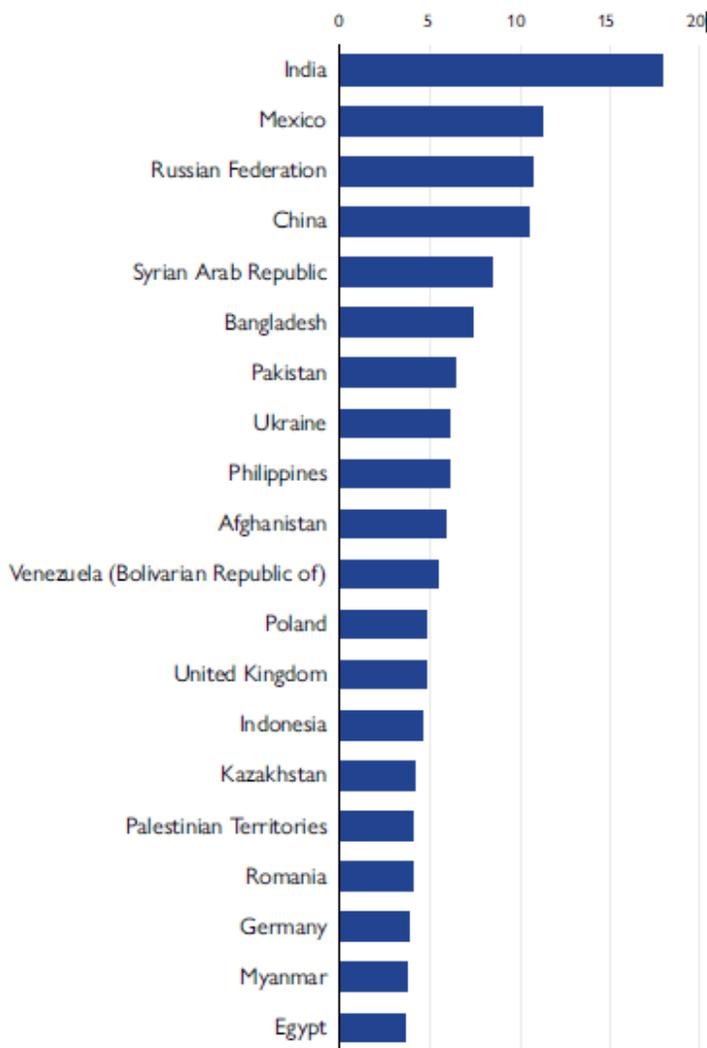


WORLD MIGRATION REPORT DATA SNAPSHOT

Top origin and destination countries

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 2. Top origins of international migrants in 2020 (millions)

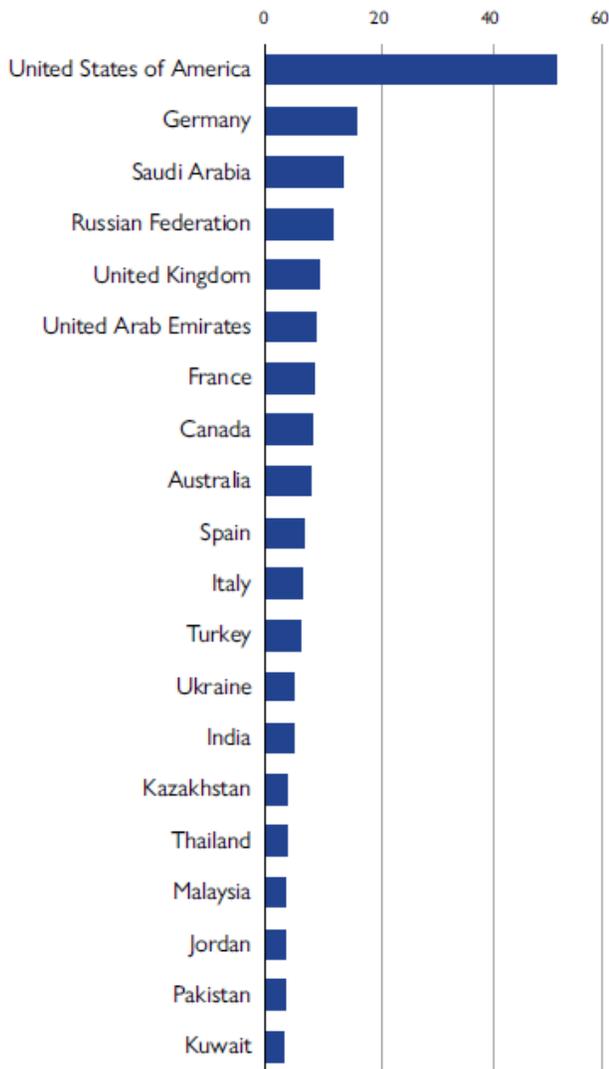


This Data Snapshot shows that India is the top origin of international migrants, with 18 million living abroad. India is followed by Mexico (11 million), the Russian Federation (10.8 million) and China (10 million).

The top 5 also includes the Syrian Arab Republic with over 8 million emigrants, mainly refugees who have been displaced to a number of countries including Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

Read more about this data output in Chapter 2 (Global Overview) of the World Migration Report 2022. The full report can be accessed [here](#).

Figure 2. Top destinations of international migrants in 2020 (millions)



Source: UN DESA, 2021a.

With nearly 51 million international migrants, the United States of America remains the main destination for international migrants globally, just as it has been for the past 50 years.

In 2020, Germany was the second top destination, with nearly 16 million migrants, followed by Saudi Arabia (13 million), the Russian Federation (12 million) and the United Kingdom (9 million).

In the top 20 destinations, countries that host large populations of refugees are present (e.g. Turkey, Pakistan, Germany, Jordan).

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