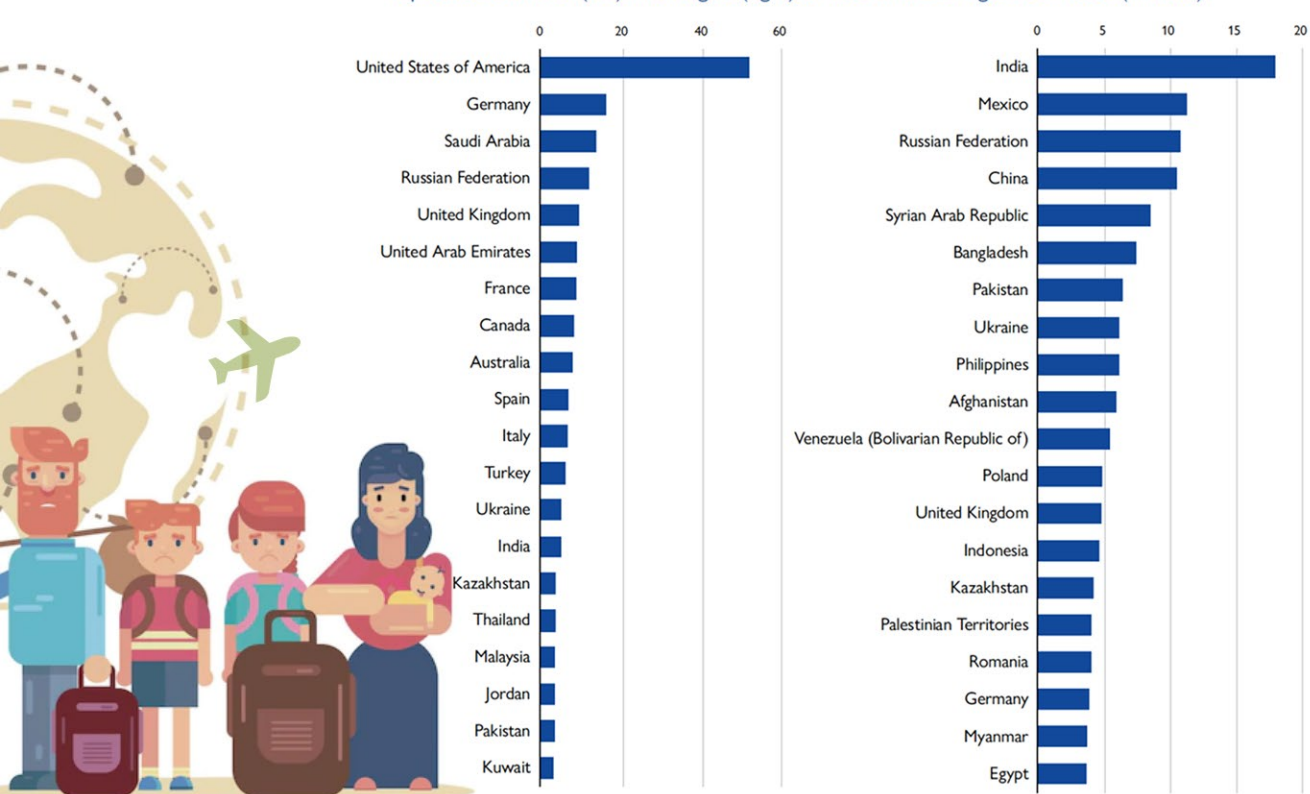


MIGRATION

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Host Countries

Top 20 destinations (left) and origins (right) of international migrants in 2020 (millions)



Graph taken from: A Macauliffe and A Triandafylklidou (eds.) 2021, World Migration Report 2022, International Organization for Migration, Geneva.

Migrants as a Percentage of World Population

	2000	2022
Estimated number of international migrants	173 million	281 million
Estimated proportion of world population who are migrants	2.8%	3.6%
Estimated proportion of female international migrants	49.4%	48.0%
Estimated proportion of international migrants who are children	16.0%	14.6%
Region with the highest proportion of international migrants	Oceania	Oceania
Country with the highest proportion of international migrants	United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates
Number of migrant workers	–	169 million
Global international remittances (USD)	128 billion	702 billion
Number of refugees	14 million	26.4 million
Number of internally displaced persons	21 million	55 million

Source: A Macauliffe and A Triandafylklidou (eds.) 2021, World Migration Report 2022, International Organization for Migration, Geneva.

Mobility Restrictions

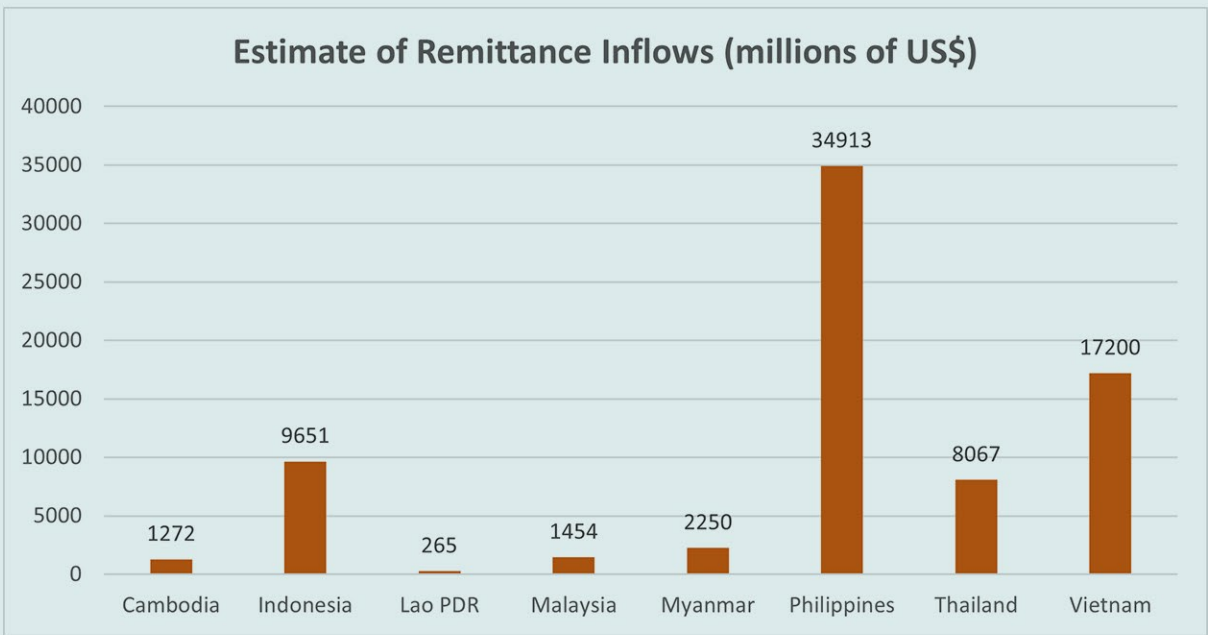
It has been estimated that the number of international migrants for 2020 was lower – by approximately 2 million – than it would have been in the absence of COVID-19. With international mobility restrictions slowly easing in some parts of the world, it is likely that the growth of international migrants may increase, although at nowhere near pre-pandemic levels.

As of 21st February 2022, 92% of countries, territories and areas had some form of entry conditions or restrictions at their various entry points (air, land, sea).

COVID-19 restrictions <sup>(g)</sup>	108,000 COVID-19 travel restrictions globally in the first year of the pandemic	New restrictions; nil in 2019.
Global air passengers <sup>(h)</sup>	1.8 billion air passengers globally in 2020 (international and domestic passengers)	↓ Major decline from 4.5 billion in 2019
Internal displacement events (disaster) <sup>(f)</sup>	Internal disaster displacement events were 30.7 million globally in 2020	↑ Significantly up from 24.9 million in 2019
Internal displacement events (conflict) <sup>(f)</sup>	Internal conflict and violence displacement events were 9.8 million globally in 2020	↑ Up from 8.6 million in 2019

Source: A Macauliffe and A Triandafylklidou (eds.) 2021, World Migration Report 2022, International Organization for Migration, Geneva.

Remittances



Data Source: World Bank, “Annual Remittances Data (updated as of May 2021)”,  
< <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/labormarkets/brief/migration-and-remittances> >.

While all countries in Southeast Asia other than Vietnam seemed to have experienced a drop in remittances compared to previous years, this decrease seems relatively minimal.<sup>1</sup> Total global international remittances declined from approximately 719.4 billion USD in 2019 to 701.9 billion USD in 2020, likely due to COVID-19. <sup>2</sup> While not insignificant, the actual decline (2.4%) was much less than initially projected (20%). <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> World Bank, “Annual Remittances Data (updated as of May 2021)”, 2021,  
<<https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/labormarkets/brief/migration-and-remittances>>, accessed 28 February 2022.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

<sup>3</sup> McAuliffe, M. and A. Triandafyllidou (eds.), 2021. World Migration Report 2022. International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva.