

Migration and Remittances in China

This is a snapshot of migration and remittances based on available data from various sources.

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 7,258,333
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 0.6%
- Top 10 destination countries: United States, Singapore, Japan, Canada, Thailand, Malaysia, Rep. of Korea, Australia, Italy, Germany.

Sources: UNPD, Development Prospects Group.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 4.2%
- Emigration of physicians: 2,407 or 0.1% of physicians trained in the country

Sources: Docquier and Marfouk (2004), Docquier and Bhargava (2006).

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 595,658
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 0.1%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 49.1%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 50.3%

Sources: UNPD, UNHCR.

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Inward remittance flows	6,244	8,385	13,012	17,815	19,014	22,492	22,492*
<i>of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	556	912	1,679	3,343	4,627	5,495	..
Compensation of employees	202	297	674	1,283	2,014	3,337	..
Migrants' transfer	-	-	-	-	-	4,155	..
Outward remittance flows	790	990	1,223	1,645	2,067	2,602	2,602
<i>of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	75	84	223	477	616	732	..
Compensation of employees	679	852	950	1,120	1,382	1,817	..
Migrants' transfer	35	54	50	48	69	53	..

* 0.9% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger.

Sources: Development Prospects Group.

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