

Migration and Remittances in Ghana

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

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 906,698
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 4.1%
- Top 10 destination countries: Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, United States, Burkina Faso, United Kingdom, Togo, Germany, Canada, Benin, Netherlands.

Sources: UNPD, Development Prospects Group.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 42.9% (Source: Docquier and Marfouk 2004)
- Emigration of physicians:
 - a) 450 or 22.3% of physicians trained in the country (Source: Docquier and Bhargava 2006)
 - b) 1,639 or 55.9% of physicians trained in the country (Source: Clemens and Pettersson 2006)
- Emigration of Nurses: 4,766 or 24.1% of nurses trained in the country (Source: Clemens and Pettersson 2006)

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 1,669,267
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 7.6%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 55.6%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 2.5%

Sources: UNPD, UNHCR.

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Inward remittance flows	32	46	44	65	82	99	99*
<i>Of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	32	46	44	65	82	99	..
Compensation of employees
Migrants' transfer
Outward remittance flows	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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* 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. According to a recent news item quoting President Kufuor, remittances to Ghana in 2006 amounted to US\$4 billion. The discrepancy between this figure and the data reported in the IMF Balance of Payments Statistics needs further investigation.

Sources: Development Prospects Group.

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