

Developing Countries

Population (millions, 2009)	5,659
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000–09)	1.3
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	58.5
Labor force (millions, 2008)	2,582
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	5.7
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	45.1
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	98,795
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	16,406
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	2,946
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005–09)	6.5
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	–
Age dependency ratio (2009)	42.9

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **171.6 million** or **3.0 percent** of population
- Top 10 emigration countries: Mexico, India, the Russian Federation, China, Ukraine, Bangladesh, Pakistan, the Philippines, Turkey, the Arab Republic of Egypt
- Destinations: high-income OECD countries (42.8 percent), high-income non-OECD countries (14.1 percent), other developing countries (43.1 percent)
- Top 10 migration corridors: Mexico–the United States; the Russian Federation–Ukraine; Ukraine–the Russian Federation; Bangladesh–India; Turkey–Germany; Kazakhstan–the Russian Federation; the Russian Federation–Kazakhstan; China–Hong Kong SAR, China; China–the United States; India–the United Arab Emirates
- Top 10 migration corridors excluding the former Soviet Union: Mexico–the United States; Bangladesh–India; Turkey–Germany; China–Hong Kong SAR, China; China–the United States; the Philippines–the United States; Afghanistan–the Islamic Republic of Iran; India–the United States; Puerto Rico–the United States; India–the United Arab Emirates

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population (top 10 countries): Guyana (89.0 percent), Grenada (85.1 percent), Jamaica (85.1 percent), St. Vincent and the Grenadines (84.5 percent), Haiti (83.6 percent), St. Kitts and Nevis (78.5 percent), Samoa (76.4 percent), Tonga (75.2 percent), St. Lucia (71.1 percent), Cape Verde (67.5 percent)
- Emigration of physicians: **220,150** or **3.9 percent** of physicians trained in the region

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **80.5 million** or **1.4 percent** of population (compared to 215.8 million or 3.2 percent for the world)
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **50.1 percent** (compared to 48.4 percent for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **13.8 percent** (compared to 7.6 percent for the world)

- Top 10 immigration countries: the Russian Federation, India, Ukraine, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Côte d'Ivoire, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran

Remittances

US\$ billions	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward									
remittance flows	55.2	81.3	159.3	192.1	226.7	278.5	324.8	307.1^a	325.5
<i>World</i>	101.3	131.5	237.0	274.9	317.9	385.0	443.2	416.0	440.1
Outward									
remittance flows	10.4	9.5	28.5	33.0	41.0	52.7	67.3	58.7^b	–
<i>World</i>	97.5	108.5	168.0	185.3	213.7	255.2	295.7	282.5	–
Memorandum items									
<i>Developing countries</i>									
FDI	95	149	208	276	346	514	593	359	–
ODA	57	49	79	108	106	107	128	120	–
Private debt and portfolio equity	83	27	93	165	211	434	157	85	–

Note: This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger. Private debt includes only medium- and long-term debt. FDI = foreign direct investment; ODA = official development assistance.

a. 2.0% of GDP in 2009.

b. 0.4% of GDP in 2009.

REMITTANCES

- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2010 (billions): India (\$55.0 bn), China (\$51.0 bn), Mexico (\$22.6 bn), Philippines (\$21.3 bn), Bangladesh (\$11.1 bn), Nigeria (\$10.0 bn), Pakistan (\$9.4 bn), Lebanon (\$8.2 bn), the Arab Republic of Egypt (\$7.7 bn), Vietnam (\$7.2 bn)
- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2009 (percentage of GDP): Tajikistan (35.1 percent), Tonga (27.7 percent), Lesotho (24.8 percent), Moldova (23.1 percent), Nepal (22.9 percent), Lebanon (22.4 percent), Samoa (22.3 percent), Honduras (19.3 percent), Guyana (17.3 percent), El Salvador (15.7 percent)
- Top 10 remittance senders in 2009 (billions): Russian Federation (\$18.6 bn), Malaysia (\$6.8 bn), Lebanon (\$5.7 bn), China (\$4.4 bn), India (\$4.0 bn), Kazakhstan (\$3.1 bn), Indonesia (\$2.7 bn), South Africa (\$1.2 bn), Brazil (\$1.0 bn), Libya (\$1.0 bn)
- Top 10 remittance senders in 2009 (percentage of GDP): Luxembourg (20.1 percent), Lebanon (17.0 percent), Oman (9.9 percent), Maldives (8.9 percent), Kuwait (8.2 percent), Bahrain (6.6 percent), Saudi Arabia (6.5 percent), Guinea-Bissau (5.4 percent), Guyana (5.2 percent), Tonga (4.3 percent)