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Population (millions, 2009)	1,944
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000–09)	0.8
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	121.7
Labor force (millions, 2008)	1,081
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	4.7
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	45.0
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	18,299
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	6,259
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	3,143
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005–09)	9.8
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	–
Age dependency ratio (2009)	42.9

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **21.7 million** or **1.1 percent** of population
- Top 10 emigration countries: China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Myanmar, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cambodia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Destinations: high-income OECD countries (54.9 percent), high-income non-OECD countries (26.0 percent), intra-regional (15.1 percent), other developing countries (2.1 percent), unidentified (0.3 percent)
- Top 10 migration corridors: China–Hong Kong SAR, China; China–the United States; the Philippines–the United States; Indonesia–Malaysia; Vietnam–the United States; Malaysia–Singapore; China–Japan; the Philippines–Saudi Arabia; China–Canada; China–Singapore

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population (top 10 countries): Samoa (76.4 percent), Tonga (75.2 percent), Fiji (62.2 percent), the Marshall Islands (39.4 percent), the Federated States of Micronesia (37.8 percent), the Lao People's Democratic Republic (37.4 percent), Papua New Guinea (28.5 percent), Vietnam (27.1 percent), Palau (26.1 percent), Kiribati (23.1 percent)
- Emigration of physicians: **33,178** or **1.4 percent** of physicians trained in the region

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **5.4 million** or **0.3 percent** of population (compared to 215.8 million or 3.2 percent for the world)
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **47.4 percent** (compared to 48.4 percent for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **8.8 percent** (compared to 7.6 percent for the world)
- Top 10 immigration countries: Malaysia, Thailand, China, the Philippines, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Vietnam, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, American Samoa

Remittances

<i>US\$ billions</i>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward remittance flows	8.9	15.8	40.0	50.3	57.4	71.1	85.5	85.7^a	91.2
<i>All developing countries</i>	55.2	81.3	159.3	192.1	226.7	278.5	324.8	307.1	325.5
Outward remittance flows	1.6	1.7	8.4	9.9	10.3	12.8	15.0	14.4^b	–
<i>All developing countries</i>	10.4	9.5	28.5	33.0	41.0	52.7	67.3	58.7	–

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.

a. 1.9% of GDP in 2009.

b. 0.3% of GDP in 2009.

REMITTANCES

- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2010 (billions): China (\$51.0 bn), Philippines (\$21.3 bn), Vietnam (\$7.2 bn), Indonesia (\$7.1 bn), Thailand (\$1.8 bn), Malaysia (\$1.6 bn), Cambodia (\$0.4 bn), Mongolia (\$0.2 bn), Myanmar (\$0.2 bn), Samoa (\$0.1 bn)
- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2009 (percentage of GDP): Tonga (27.7 percent), Samoa (22.3 percent), Philippines (11.7 percent), Vietnam (7.0 percent), Kiribati (6.3 percent), Mongolia (4.6 percent), Fiji (3.4 percent), Cambodia (3.0 percent), Indonesia (1.3 percent), China (1.0 percent)