

# East Asia and Pacific

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| Population (millions, 2006)                  | 1,900 | Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)                                  | 16,300 |
| Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006) | 0.9   | GNI (\$ billions, 2006)  | 3,647  |
| Population density (people per sq. km, 2006) | 120   | GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)                            | 1,863  |
| Labor force (millions, 2006)                 | 1,076 | GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)                              | 8.8    |
| Urban population (% of pop., 2006)           | 42.3  | Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2004) | 9.1    |
| Age dependency ratio (2006)                  | 0.44  |  |        |

## Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 19.3 million or 1.0% of population
- Top 10 emigration countries: China, Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Dem. Rep. of Korea, Myanmar, Lao PDR, Cambodia.
- Identified destinations: high-income OECD countries (50.0%), high-income non-OECD countries (27.3%), intra-regional (13.1%), other developing countries (1.1%); unidentified (8.5%).
- Top 10 migration corridors: Philippines-United States, China-United States, Vietnam-United States, Malaysia-Singapore, Indonesia-Malaysia, China-Singapore, Philippines-Saudi Arabia, China-Japan, China-Canada, Indonesia-Saudi Arabia.

## Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated (top 10 countries): Tonga (74.2%), Samoa (66.6%), Fiji (58.7%), Marshall Islands (41.0%), Vietnam (39.0%), Fed. Sts. of Micronesia (36.4%), Palau (30.0%), Papua New Guinea (28.2%), Kiribati (24.9%), Philippines (14.8%).
- Emigration of physicians: 19,071 or 0.8% of physicians trained in the region

## Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 4.4 million or 0.2% of population (compared to 190.6 million or 3.0% for the world)
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 48.1% (compared to 49.6% for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 10.8% (compared to 7.1% for the world)
- Top 10 immigration countries: Malaysia, Thailand, China, Philippines, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Dem. Rep. of Korea, Papua New Guinea, Lao PDR.

## Remittances

| (US\$ billion)                  | 1995        | 2000        | 2001        | 2002         | 2003         | 2004         | 2005         | 2006          | 2007e        |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Inward remittance flows</b>  | <b>9.7</b>  | <b>16.7</b> | <b>20.1</b> | <b>29.5</b>  | <b>35.4</b>  | <b>39.1</b>  | <b>46.6</b>  | <b>52.8*</b>  | <b>58.0</b>  |
| <i>All developing countries</i> | <i>57.5</i> | <i>84.5</i> | <i>95.6</i> | <i>115.9</i> | <i>143.6</i> | <i>161.3</i> | <i>191.2</i> | <i>221.3</i>  | <i>239.7</i> |
| <b>Outward remittance flows</b> | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>1.7</b>  | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>5.4</b>   | <b>5.5</b>   | <b>8.4</b>   | <b>9.9</b>   | <b>10.4**</b> |              |
| <i>All developing countries</i> | <i>12.4</i> | <i>11.5</i> | <i>13.6</i> | <i>20.4</i>  | <i>23.8</i>  | <i>30.9</i>  | <i>36.0</i>  | <i>44.2</i>   |              |

\* 1.5% of GDP in 2006. \*\* 0.3% 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.

- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2007: China (\$25.7 bn), Philippines (\$17.0 bn), Indonesia (\$6.0 bn), Vietnam (\$5.0 bn), Thailand (\$1.7 bn), Malaysia (\$1.7 bn), Cambodia (\$0.3 bn), Mongolia (\$0.2 bn), Fiji (\$0.2 bn), Myanmar (\$0.1 bn).
- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2006 (percentage of GDP): Tonga (32.3%), Philippines (13.0%), Kiribati (9.9%), Vietnam (7.9%), Mongolia (6.8%), Solomon Islands (6.3%), Fiji (5.8%), Cambodia (4.1%), Vanuatu (2.8%), Indonesia (1.6%).

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