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Population (millions, 2009)	330.9
Population growth (avg. annual %, 2000–09)	1.9
Population density (people per km ² , 2008)	37.6
Labor force (millions, 2008)	108.7
Unemployment rate (% of labor force, 2008)	9.5
Urban population (% of pop., 2009)	57.6
Surface area (1,000 km ² , 2008)	8,778
GNI (US\$ billions, 2009)	1,190.5
GNI per capita, Atlas method (US\$, 2009)	3,594
GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2005–09)	4.8
Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2005)	–
Age dependency ratio (2009)	56.5

Migration

EMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of emigrants: **18.1 million** or **5.3 percent** of population
- Top 10 emigration countries: the Arab Republic of Egypt, Morocco, West Bank and Gaza, Iraq, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, the Republic of Yemen, the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Lebanon
- Destinations: high-income OECD countries (40.2 percent), high-income non-OECD countries (23.2 percent), intra-regional (31.5 percent), other developing countries (1.2 percent), unidentified (4.0 percent)
- Top 10 migration corridors: West Bank and Gaza–the Syrian Arab Republic, the Arab Republic of Egypt–Saudi Arabia, Algeria–France, the Republic of Yemen–Saudi Arabia, West Bank and Gaza–Jordan, the Arab Republic of Egypt–Jordan, Morocco–France, Morocco–Spain, Morocco–Italy, the Arab Republic of Egypt–Libya

SKILLED EMIGRATION, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary-educated population (top 10 countries): Lebanon (38.6 percent), Morocco (17.0 percent), the Islamic Republic of Iran (14.5 percent), Tunisia (12.5 percent), Iraq (11.1 percent), Djibouti (11.0 percent), Algeria (9.4 percent), Jordan (7.2 percent), West Bank and Gaza (7.2 percent), the Syrian Arab Republic (6.1 percent)
- Emigration of physicians: **27,265** or **7.8 percent** of physicians trained in the region

IMMIGRATION, 2010

- Stock of immigrants: **12.0 million** or **3.5 percent** of population (compared to 215.8 million or 3.2 percent for the world)
- Females as percentage of immigrants: **45.7 percent** (compared to 48.4 percent for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: **65.3 percent** (compared to 7.6 percent for the world)
- Top 10 immigration countries: Jordan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, West Bank and Gaza, Lebanon, Libya, the Republic of Yemen, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Algeria, Djibouti

Remittances

<i>US\$ billions</i>	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010e
Inward									
remittance flows	13.3	13.1	23.2	25.1	26.5	32.1	35.9	33.7^a	35.4
<i>All developing</i>									
<i>countries</i>	55.2	81.3	159.3	192.1	226.7	278.5	324.8	307.1	325.5
Outward									
remittance flows	0.7	0.8	5.7	5.6	6.1	5.1	6.7	8.1^b	–
<i>All developing</i>									
<i>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. 3.1% of GDP in 2009.

b. 0.6% of GDP in 2009.

REMITTANCES

- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2010 (billions): Lebanon (\$8.2 bn), the Arab Republic of Egypt (\$7.7 bn), Morocco (\$6.4 bn), Jordan (\$3.8 bn), Algeria (\$2.0 bn), Tunisia (\$2.0 bn), the Republic of Yemen (\$1.5 bn), Syrian Arab Republic (\$1.4 bn), West Bank and Gaza (\$1.3 bn), the Islamic Republic of Iran (\$1.1 bn)
- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2009 (percentage of GDP): Lebanon (22.4 percent), Jordan (15.6 percent), Morocco (6.6 percent), Tunisia (5.3 percent), the Republic of Yemen (5.2 percent), the Arab Republic of Egypt (4.0 percent), Djibouti (2.7 percent), Syrian Arab Republic (2.4 percent), Algeria (1.4 percent), the Islamic Republic of Iran (0.3 percent)