

Middle East and North Africa

Population (millions, 2006)	311	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)	8,990
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	1.9	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)	811
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	35	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)	2,481
Labor force (millions, 2006)	112	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)	4.3
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	57.4	Poverty headcount ratio at national	
Age dependency ratio (2006)	0.60	poverty line (% of pop., 2004)	1.5

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 12.9 million or 4.2% of population
- Top 10 emigration countries: Morocco, Egypt, Algeria, Iraq, Iran, West Bank and Gaza, Jordan, Tunisia, Lebanon, Rep. of Yemen.
- Identified destinations: high-income OECD countries (52.2%), high-income non-OECD countries (21.3%), intra-regional (16.3%), other developing countries (1.7%); unidentified (8.5%).
- Top 10 migration corridors: Afghanistan-Iran, Algeria-France, Egypt-Saudi Arabia, Morocco-France, Morocco-Spain, West Bank and Gaza-Syrian Arab Republic, Israel-West Bank and Gaza, Rep. of Yemen-Saudi Arabia, Tunisia-France, Egypt-Libya.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated (top 10 countries): Lebanon (29.7%), Djibouti (17.8%), Iran (13.1%), Morocco (10.3%), Tunisia (9.6%), Iraq (9.1%), Algeria (6.5%), Jordan (6.4%), Rep. of Yemen, (5.7%), Syrian Arab Republic (5.2%).
- Emigration of physicians: 15,974 or 4.7% of physicians trained in the region.

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 9.6 million or 3.1% of population (compared to 190.6 million or 3.0% for the world)
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 43.4% (compared to 49.6% for the world)
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 59.9% (compared to 7.1% for the world)
- Top 10 immigration countries: Jordan, Iran, West Bank and Gaza, Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Oman, Libya, Rep. of Yemen, Algeria, Egypt.

Remittances

(US\$ billion)	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007e
Inward remittance flows	13.4	12.9	14.7	15.3	20.4	23.1	24.2	26.7*	28.5
<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>
Outward remittance flows	2.2	2.3	2.6	5.2	6.9	7.3	7.8	8.8**	
<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>	

* 3.9% of GDP in 2006. ** 2.6% 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: Egypt, Arab Rep. (\$5.9 bn), Morocco (\$5.7 bn), Lebanon (\$5.5 bn), Jordan (\$2.9 bn), Algeria (\$2.9 bn), Tunisia (\$1.7 bn), Yemen, Rep. (\$1.3 bn), Iran, Islamic Rep. (\$1.1 bn), Syrian Arab Republic (\$0.8 bn), West Bank and Gaza (\$0.6 bn).
- Top 10 remittance recipients in 2006 (percentage of GDP): Lebanon (22.8%), Jordan (20.3%), West Bank and Gaza (14.7%), Morocco (9.5%), Yemen, Rep. (6.7%), Tunisia (5.0%), Egypt, Arab Rep. (5.0%), Djibouti (3.8%), Syrian Arab Republic (2.3%), Algeria (2.2%).

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