

5 FACTS ABOUT MIGRATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

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1. **The earliest human migrations are estimated to have taken place around 1.8 million years ago.** This was when Homo Erectus began to migrate out of Africa and into Eurasia.

2. **The number of international migrants has grown by 49% since 2000, going from 2.7% to 3.4% of the world's population.** Migration is projected to increase in the coming years for many reasons, including large demographic changes, climate change, conflict, and more.





3. **In 2017, migrants sent home approximately** \$600 billion in remittances, or roughly 15% of their earnings, back to their countries of origin – that's about three times more than all official development assistance.

4. **Nearly half – or 48% of all migrants – are women.** While research shows that women send home higher percentages of their earnings than men, women migrants often face more restrictive employment policies. They also face greater risks of exploitation and gender-based violence.



5. According to the UN Migration Agency (IOM), from 2014 to 2019, around 34,532 people have died or gone missing on migratory routes.

The journey across international borders and into unfamiliar communities exposes migrants to a range of dangers: physical and sexual violence, exploitation, abduction, and extortion. Children are particularly vulnerable to these risks.



With more than 272 million migrants currently living outside their country of birth - and that number expected to rise - the need for a common, cooperative approach to migration has never been more urgent.

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