Worldwide, international migrants account for a relatively stable share of the total global population. The number continues to grow by about 2 percent annually. Two-thirds of all migrants originate from middle-income countries and most migrants move within their own regions.

Of the 7.4 billion people in the world, 244 million (about 3.3 percent) are international migrants. Nearly 25 million of those are refugees or asylum seekers.

Continents hosting international migrants, by number

Size indicates number of international migrants living in a country or area other than the one in which they were born.

Color indicates region of origin; composition of continental subregions reflect UN categories.

North America
South America
Africa
Europe
Asia
Australia

Note: All data are mid-2015 estimates.

Sources: UNHCR, UN Population Division

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