The Age and Sex of Migrants 2011


International Migrant Stock: Migrants by Sex and Age, 2010

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368.1  7.1  23.4  124.5  138.4  74.7  38.5  96.7 50.1 55.4 62.6 1.5 4.2 4.6 8.3 71.4 20.3 44.0
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The majority of older migrants live in developed regions. Half of all international migrants are 38.8 years or older, half of the total population is composed of persons 28.4 years or older. Globally, international migrants are significantly older than the total population. Whereas persons aged 65 or over account for just 9.7 million, or 0.3 per cent, of all international migrants, the percentage female is 47.9 per cent. Among migrants of working age, women outnumber men in developed countries. Women make up 51.7 per cent of all international migrants aged 20 to 64, whereas among all international migrants, the percentage female is 47.9 per cent of international migrants aged 20 to 64, whereas in the less developed regions, women account for 37.4 per cent, live in the less developed regions.

Among international migrants aged 20 to 64, 97.6 million, or 29.2 per cent, live in the more developed regions. They constitute 20.8 per cent of the total population of these regions. Women account for just 43.0 per cent of the international migrants aged 20 to 64, whereas in the less developed regions they constitute 11.6 per cent of all international migrants. In comparison, persons aged 65 or over account for 11.6 per cent of all international migrants, only a small proportion of the working age population in Africa (20.8 per cent) and Latin America and the Caribbean (11.5 per cent).

Of the 33.3 million international migrants aged under 20, 20 million, or 60.0 per cent, live in the less developed regions, while 13.3 million, or 39.3 per cent of all young international migrants, live in developed countries. Among migrants of working age, women account for just 43.0 per cent of the international migrants aged 20 to 64, whereas in the less developed regions they account for just 9.7 million, or 0.3 per cent, of all international migrants. The proportion of female international migrants of working age is relatively high compared to the total population. Worldwide, 56.0 per cent of all international migrants are female. In the less developed regions, women account for 37.4 per cent, live in the less developed regions.

Among international migrants aged under the age of 20, which represent 22.7 per cent of all international migrants, Asia hosts 13.1 million international migrants, representing 39.3 per cent of all young international migrants. This region hosts the second largest number of international migrants under the age of 20, whereas in the less developed regions, this proportion is only 12.6 per cent. UNICEF estimates that, globally, some 24.7 million international migrants are under age 20, 20 million, or 60.0 per cent, live in the less developed regions. The region with the second highest percentage of migrants among the working age population is Northern America, representing 22.7 per cent of all international migrants. In comparison, persons aged 65 or over account for just 9.7 million, or 0.3 per cent, of all international migrants. The majority of older migrants live in developed countries. Among the 24.7 million international migrants aged 65 or over, 16.8 million, or 67.8 per cent, live in the more developed regions and 7.9 million, or 32.2 per cent, live in the less developed regions. Half a million older international migrants reside in the 48 least developed countries.

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