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# Migration data sources: Ultimate compilation

## Overview

I am constantly referring back to these data sources in my daily work. So I decided to create this list of the sources I use the most, then thought it would be useful to share it with others!

Feel free to get in touch at loksanharley.com or by LinkedIn if you have any questions, need support collecting or interpreting the data, or want to suggest additions or corrections! You can also subscribe to my mailing list if you want more free resources or are interested in receiving now-and-again updates about what I do.

Thanks and I hope you find this useful.

## Global/country analyses

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| World Migration Report | IOM | Annual account of migration trends and issues worldwide. |
| Migration Data Portal | IOM | Portal to a range of migration data sources. |
| Migration Profile repository | IOM | Inventory of national migration profiles. |
| Migration governance country reports | IOM | Analysis of migration governance in around 50 countries. |
| International migration report | UN DESA | Last revised in 2017. |
| Migration law database | IOM | |

## Stocks and flows

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
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| International migration stocks<br>• Total international migrant stock<br>• By age and sex<br>• By destination and origin | UN DESA | |
| International migration flows to and from selected countries | UN DESA | Last revised in 2015. |

## Remittances and diasporas

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
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| Remittances data | World Bank | |
| Remittances prices | World Bank | Cost of sending and receiving relatively small amounts of money from one country to another. |
| RemitSCOPE | IFAD | Country-level remittances data. |
| Diaspora engagement country factsheets | ICMPD | Interactive map and factsheets providing data and information on diasporas and engagement strategies. |

**Labour migration**

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Statistics on labour migration | ILO | Range of data available. |

**Trafficking in persons**

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
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| Trafficking in Persons report | US Department of State | Annual country reporting on human trafficking. |
| Global Report on Trafficking in Persons | UNODC | Last published for 2018. |
| Global dataset on victims of trafficking | CTDC | Open-source information on over 100,000 individual trafficking cases. The Migration Data Portal offers a more user-friendly way to view data on victims of trafficking. |

**Smuggling of migrants**

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
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| Smuggling of migrants knowledge portal | UNODC | Portal of info on migrant smuggling, including databases on case law, legislation, and bibliography. |

**Forced displacement (including refugees)**

| Data (hyperlinked) | Source | Notes |
|---|---|---|
| Refugee Data Finder | UNHCR | Tool to access info on displaced and stateless populations. |
| Operational portal | UNHCR | Data on refugee/asylum seeker numbers and situation reports by country. |
| Global Internal Displacement Database | IDMC | |
| Displacement Tracking Matrix<br>• Displacement Data<br>• Global Displacement Risk Model<br>• Displacement Data Exploration Tool | IOM | Data on the mobility, vulnerabilities, and needs of displaced and mobile populations. |
| UNHCR Global Report (on refugees) | UNHCR | Produced every June. See also UNHCR's Global Trends. |
| Global Report on Internal Displacement | IDMC | Produced annually. |