

# Children, Adolescents and Migration: Filling the Evidence Gap

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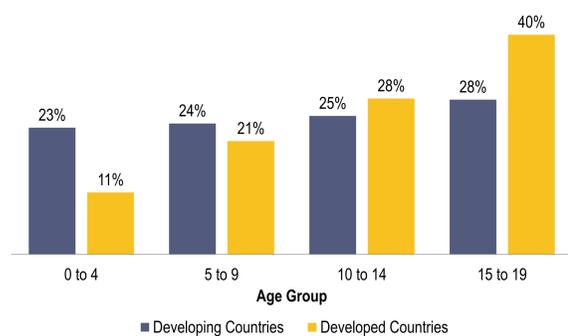
## International Migrants Under 20 Years of Age: In Developing and Developed Countries

(Mid 2010 estimates)\*\*

A majority of the 33 million migrants under the age of 20 reside in developing countries (60%). In least developed and developing countries, migrants 0 to 19 years of age represent 29 per cent and 23 per cent of the total migrant population, respectively.

In contrast, in developed countries, the group 0 to 19 years of age represent 10 per cent of the total migrant population.

International migrants under 20 years of age

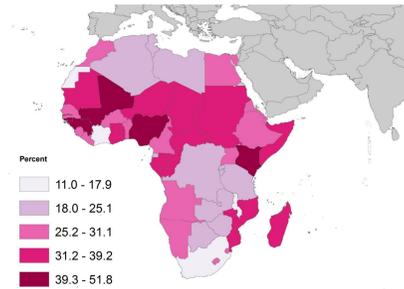


Among international migrants under 20 years of age, the group 15 to 19 years is the largest in both developing (including least developed countries) and developed regions, representing 28 and 40 per cent, respectively. The group 0 to 4 years, in contrast, represents 23 per cent of migrants under 20 years of age in developing countries and 11 per cent in developed countries.

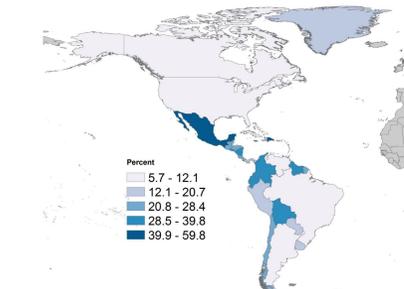
## International Migrants Under 20 Years of Age: Regional Perspectives

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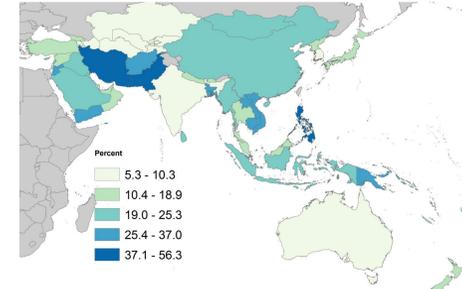
Percentage of international migrants under 20 years of age: Africa



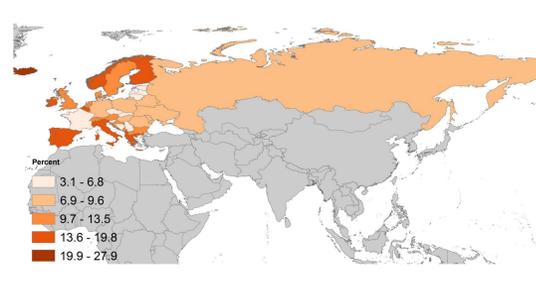
Percentage of international migrants under 20 years of age: Americas



Percentage of international migrants under 20 years of age: Asia and Oceania



Percentage of international migrants under 20 years of age: Europe



The proportion of international migrants under the age of 20 is greatest in Africa (28%), followed by Asia and Oceania (20%) and the Americas (11%) and Europe (11%).

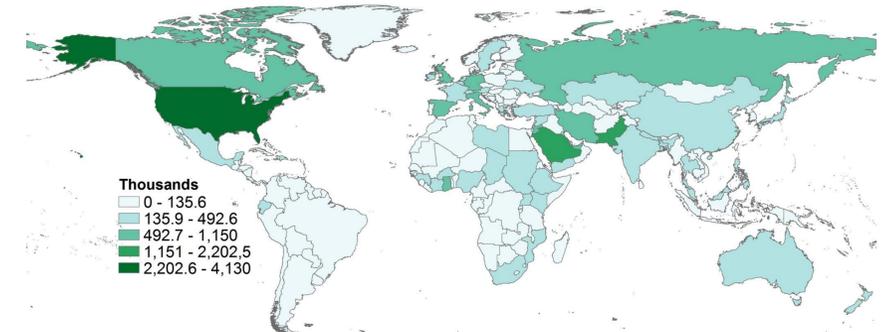
There are regional variations among migrants under 20 years of age. In Africa, the group 15 to 19 years of age represent around 31 per cent of the total migrant population under 20 years of age, while the group 0 to 4 represent 21 per cent. In the Americas, migrants between 15 and 19 years of age represent 39 per cent of the total migrant population under 20 years of age, whereas the group 0 to 4 years of age represent 13 per cent. In Asia and Oceania, the differences are less pronounced. The group 15 to 19 and 0 to 4 years of age represent 28 and 23 per cent of the total migrant population under 20 years of age, respectively. In Europe, international migrants between 15 and 19 years of age represent 38 per cent, while the migrants between 0 and 4 represent 12 per cent of the total migrant population under 20 years of age.

Regional differences exist also among the proportion of male and female children and adolescent migrants. In the Americas, Asia and Oceania and Europe, there are 91, 91 and 95 female migrants for every 100 male migrants between 0 and 19 years of age, respectively. In contrast, in Africa for every 100 male migrants there are 108 female migrants under the age of 20.

## International Migrants under 20 Years of Age: A Global Picture

(Mid 2010 estimates)\*\*

International Migrants under the Age of 20

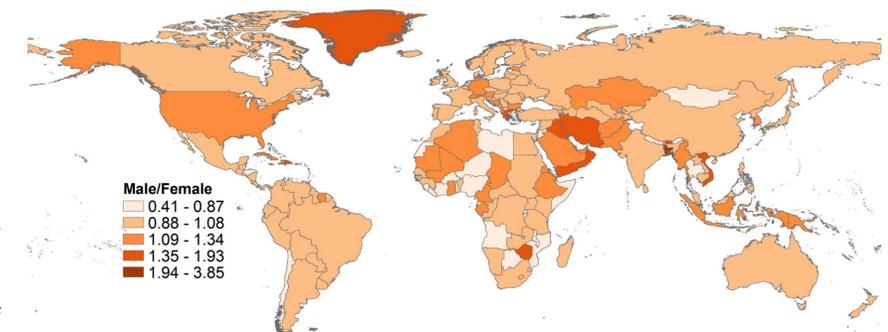


There are some 33 million migrants under the age of 20, which represents around 15 per cent of the total migrant population.

## International Migrants Under 20 Years of Age: Sex Ratio

(Mid 2010 estimates)\*\*

Sex Ratio (Male / Female)



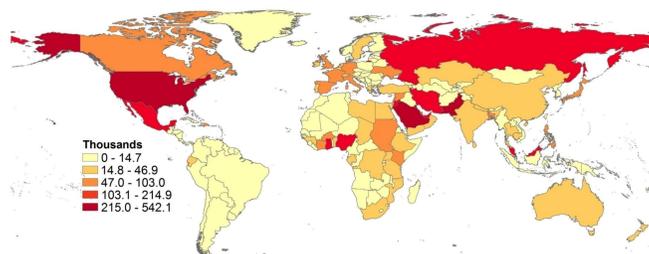
Male migrants under 20 years of age outnumber female migrants. Globally, there are 94 female migrants for every 100 male migrants under the age of 20.

Migrant females are least numerous in developed countries in comparison to developing countries. For every 100 male migrants under 20 years of age in developed countries, there are 93 female migrants, while in developing countries for every 100 male migrants there are 95 female migrants.

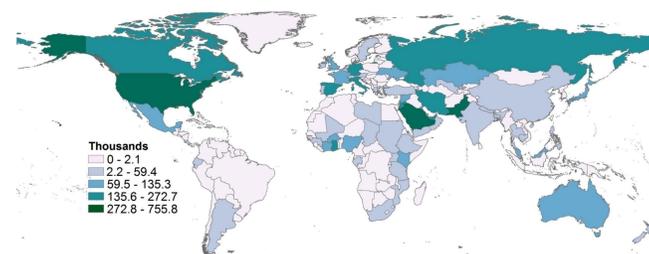
## International Migrants Under 20 Years of Age: Age Distribution

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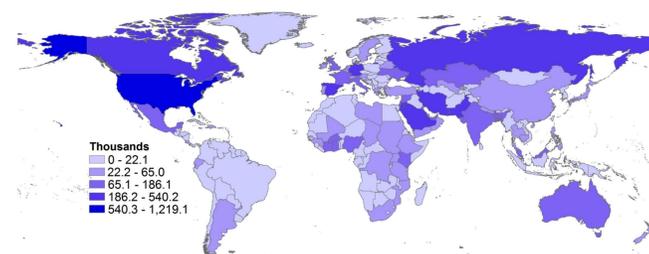
International migrants between 0 and 4 years of age



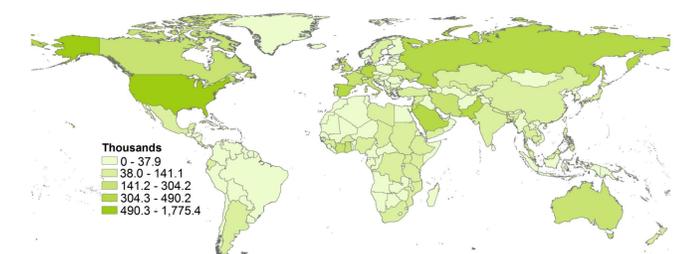
International migrants between 5 and 9 years of age



International migrants between 10 and 14 years of age



International migrants between 15 and 19 years of age



Among the 33 million international migrants under 20 years of age, 15 to 19 year olds make up the largest group, accounting for some 33 per cent (11 million) of all migrants under the age of 20, followed by the age group 10 to 14, which represents around 26 per cent (9 million) of the total migrant population under 20 years of age. Age groups 5 to 9 and 0 to 4 represent 22 (7 million) and 18 per cent (6 million) of the total migrant population under 20 years of age, respectively.

**Notes:**

- Changes from previous versions of this poster reflect estimates up to mid-2010 rather than latest available data points.
- Includes foreign born and foreign citizens. Foreign born refers to persons born outside the country of enumeration. Foreign citizen refers to persons who do not have the citizenship of the country of enumeration. Scales are drawn using Jenks natural breaks to reflect the nature of the distributions.
- The designations "developed countries" and "developing countries" are used for statistical purposes and do not reflect any judgement about the stage reached by a particular country or are in the development process. Developed countries are those in Europe, Northern America plus Australia, New Zealand and Japan. Developing countries are all the rest.
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