

What expatriates bring

In a hyper-globalised world, movement of people brings many benefits to host countries. Expatriates fill workforce gaps and can reinvigorate declining sectors, contribute to public finances through taxes paid, and provide access to home markets through diaspora networks, among other benefits. This infographic is part of a series that highlights the contribution of key migrant communities.

The United Nations estimates the number of international migrants at

243m in 2015

The share of expatriates as a percentage of the world's population has remained just above











3% for the last fifteen years

Expatriate sending and hosting countries

Top 10 hosting countries

-  **USA**
46,627,102
-  **Germany**
12,005,690
-  **Russia**
11,643,276
-  **Saudi Arabia**
10,185,945
-  **United Kingdom**
8,543,120
-  **UAE**
8,095,126
-  **Canada**
7,835,502
-  **France**
7,784,418
-  **Australia**
6,763,663
-  **Spain**
5,852,953

Top 10 sending countries

-  **India**
15,575,724
-  **Mexico**
12,339,062
-  **Russia**
10,576,766
-  **China**
9,546,065
-  **Bangladesh**
7,205,410
-  **Pakistan**
5,935,193
-  **Ukraine**
5,825,745
-  **Philippines**
5,316,320
-  **Syria**
5,011,509
-  **United Kingdom**
4,917,460

Top migration corridors



Skills levels of working-age expatriates (15 to 54 years) in OECD countries

