

Migration and Remittances in Maldives

This is a snapshot of migration and remittances based on available data from various sources.

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 1,618
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 0.5%
- Top 10 destination countries: Nepal, United Kingdom, India, Australia, Germany, United States, Switzerland, New Zealand, Japan, Italy.

Sources: UNPD, Development Prospects Group.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 2.2%
- Emigration of physicians: 3 or 1.2% of physicians trained in the country

Sources: Docquier and Marfouk (2004), Docquier and Bhargava (2006).

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 3,370
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 1.0%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 44.8%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 0.0%

Sources: UNPD, UNHCR.

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Inward remittance flows	2	2	2	2	3	2*	2
<i>of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Compensation of employees	2	2	2	2	3	2	2
Migrants' transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outward remittance flows	46	50	51	55	62	70	84
<i>of which</i>							
Workers' remittances	46	50	50	55	61	70	83
Compensation of employees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Migrants' transfer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 0.3% of GDP in 2005. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger.

Sources: Development Prospects Group.