



China

East Asia & Pacific		Lower middle income
Population (millions, 2006)	1,312	Surface area (1,000 sq. km, 2006)
Population growth (avg. annual %, 1997–2006)	0.7	GNI (\$ billions, 2006)
Population density (people per sq. km, 2006)	141	GNI per capita, Atlas method (\$, 2006)
Labor force (millions, 2006)	783	GDP growth (avg. annual %, 2002–2006)
Urban population (% of pop., 2006)	41.3	Poverty headcount ratio at national poverty line (% of pop., 2004)
Age dependency ratio	0.4	

Emigration, 2005

- Stock of emigrants: 7,258,333
- Stock of emigrants as percentage of population: 0.6%
- Top 10 destination countries: United States, Singapore, Japan, Canada, Thailand, Malaysia, Rep. of Korea, Australia, Italy, Germany.

Skilled Emigration, 2000

- Emigration rate of tertiary educated: 4.2%
- Emigration of physicians: 2,407 or 0.1% of physicians trained in the country

Immigration, 2005

- Stock of immigrants: 595,658
- Stock of immigrants as percentage of population: 0.1%
- Female as percentage of immigrants: 49.1%
- Refugees as percentage of immigrants: 50.3%

Remittances

(US\$ million)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 ^e
Inward remittance flows	6,244	8,385	13,012	17,815	19,014	20,337	23,319	25,703
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	556	912	1,679	3,343	4,627	5,495	6,830	..
Compensation of employees	202	297	674	1,283	2,014	3,337	4,319	..
Migrants' transfer	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Outward remittance flows	790	990	1,223	1,645	2,067	2,602	3,025 **	..
<i>of which</i>								
Workers' remittances	75	84	223	477	616	732	695	..
Compensation of employees	679	852	950	1,120	1,382	1,817	2,330	..
Migrants' transfer	35	54	50	48	69	53	..	..

* 0.9% of GDP in 2006. **0.1% of GDP in 2006. This table reports officially recorded remittances. The true size of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be larger. Total flows may not always equal the sum of the components as they may have been taken from alternative sources.

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- Nearly 200 million people or 3 percent of the world population live outside their countries of birth. Current migration flows, relative to population, are weaker than those of the last decades of the nineteenth century.
- The volume of South–South migration is almost as large as that of South–North migration.
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