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Data Sources

INTERNATIONAL
UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
IDMC (Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre) based in Geneva
OECD annual International Migration Outlook report (440pp in 2025)
IOM International Organisation for Migration (270pp in 2026)
Our World in data https://ourworldindata.org/migration

UK BASED
ONS Office of National Statistics
Migration Observatory, Oxford
Sussex Centre for Migration Research (SCMR) Sussex university
R King (2010) *Atlas of Human Migration*

Books

David Yambio *The Master*
Refugees from Libya

Robert Hughes: *The Fatal Shore*
(From Wikipedia): It provides a history of the early years of British colonisation of Australia, and especially the history and social effects of Britain's convict transportation system. It also addresses the historical, political and sociological reasons that led to British settlement.

Marcus Clarke: *For the Term of His Natural Life*
*(*From Wikipedia): Published in *The Australian Journal* between 1870 and 1872 (as *His Natural Life*). It was published as a novel in 1874 and is the best known novelisation of life as a convict in early Australian history. Most of the incidents and many of the individual characters are easily identifiable from historical sources

Alexis Wright: *Carpentaria*
(From Wikipedia): It met with widespread critical acclaim when it was published in mid-2006, and went to win Australia's premier literary prize, the *Miles Franklin Award,* in mid-2007.

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D Grenville: *The Secret River*
C19th migration to Australia

S. Selvon: Lonely Londoners
About a group from the Caribbean in London (Windrush generation)

Z. Smith : *White Teeth*
Families from several cultures in London in 1990

R. Tremain : *The Road Home*
First migrant story of making a life in England

C. N. Adichie : *Americanah*
Nigerian couple experience living in New York & London

C. Lefteri : *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*

Migrant journey from Syrai to England

Horation Clegg *We Came by Sea*

Colin Toibin *Brooklyn* & sequel *Long Island*
Young Irish woman's life in Ireland and New York over 20+years

Movies

Brooklyn (2020) & *Long Island*
Story of a young Irish woman who emigrates to US

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Poetry

Refugees

by Bill Bilston

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

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Songs & music

Carole King song **"***So Far Away"*
"Why does nobody stay in one place anymore?"

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Sculpture

Kinder transport, Liverpool St station

Statue of Liberty

Madeira

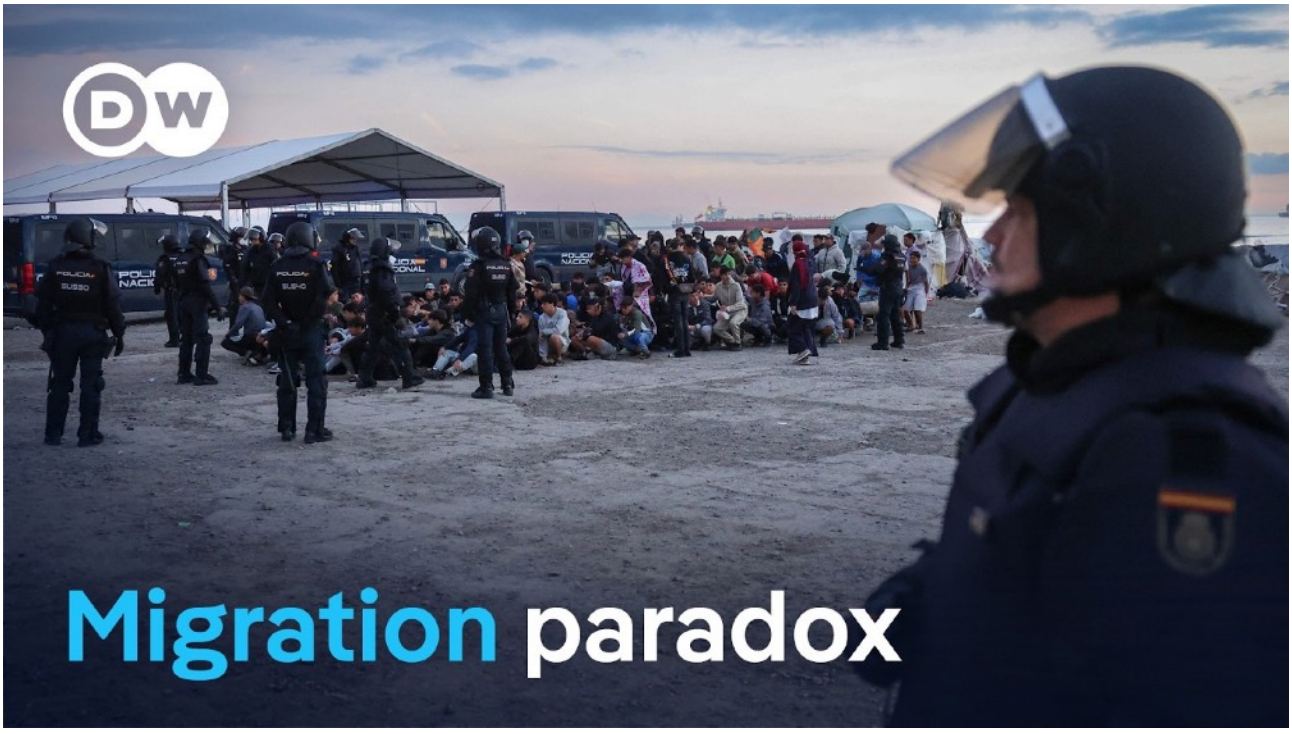
Montgomery, Alabama

Stone Town, Zanzibar, Tanzania

YouTube

Numerous items in response to “migration” query

This one is interesting:



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Charities helping Refugees

The Refugee Council
https://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/

Safe Passage
https://www.safepassage.org.uk

Refugee Action
https://www.refugee-action.org.uk

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Some interesting facts about migration

(all questions relate to latest figures, 2024, unless otherwise stated; all numbers are millions unless otherwise stated)

3.5% percent of the global population live in a different country from the one in which they were born

17.3% (12million of 69.2 million) percent of the UK population in 2024 were born in another country

There are six Local Authority areas in which over 50% of their residents were born abroad.(Brent, Westminster, Kenninsgton & Chelsea,Newnham,Harrow)

Three regisns have less than 4% non-uk born residents? (Staffordshire, Cumbria & North-east)

4.7million people born in UK now live abraod

Largest nationality groups who were born abroad now living in UK are Indian 9%, Polish 8%, Romania 6%, Pakistan 6%

roughly 42.7Million people are classfied as refugees globally by UNHCR ?

Venzuela 6.5m, Ukraine & Syria are the top three countries from which global aslyum seekers originated

Iran, USA, Turkey & Germany host the largest number of refugees

26.5 million, mainly from Central & South America, people migrated to the US 1965 - 2000

66,000 people are currently held in ICE detention centres in US

India $138 bns is the largest recipient of remittances from its emigrant workers

There are 1.2 million asylum seekers in the EU awaiting a decision on their applications

Germany 291,00 is the European country that hosts the largest number of refugees

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Republic of Ireland (2025 5.5 m, 1825 6.8m; -23%) is the only country in Europe to have a smaller population in 2025 than it had in 1825

There are 40,168 asylum seekers in the UK awaiting a decision on their applications

813,000 migrants arrived in the UK in 2025

642,000 people emigrated from UK in 2025

- UK pays about £220 million annually for French border control assistance

11% (88,000) of the migrants arriving in the UK in 2025 arrived illegally (small boats, lorries etc)

- UK budgetted £3.6bn in 2026 for asylum seekers
- 62% of budget is for accommodation & dispersal