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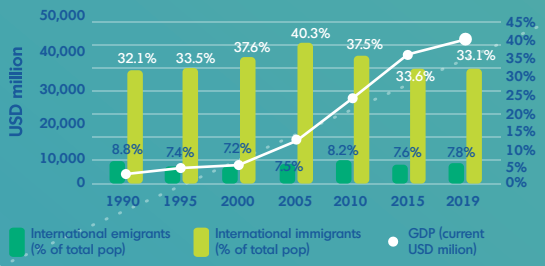
SKILLS AND MIGRATION: JORDAN

Overview

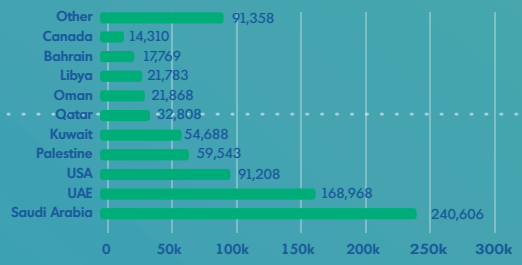
7.8%
International emigrants
(as % of total population)

33.1%
International immigrants
(as % of total poulation)

GDP and migration



Top 10 countries of emigration, 2020



Reasons to migrate:

From Jordan (Highly skilled)

- Saturated occupations for the highly educated
- Job opportunities abroad, especially in nearby Gulf countries

To Jordan (Low skilled)

- Availability of low qualified jobs
- Refugees from Palestine, Iraq, Syria due to conflicts in neighbouring countries

Profile of migrants:

81.6% secondary or higher education

of which

54.9% university education

63.4 male

36.6% female

Key achievements

- New assistance paradigm: integrated vision of measures for Syrian refugees and Jordanian workers (EU–Jordan Compact)
- Immigrants who possess residence and work permit have access to education and training
- The Employment-Technical and Vocational Education and Training Strategy incorporates specific actions for migrants

Outbound mobility ratio of tertiary level students:

8.3%

How can the ETF help?

- Evaluation of refugees' support actions for skills development to improve their effectiveness

Possible way forward

- Better understand labour and skills shortages in terms of both Jordanian and non-Jordanian workers
- Better manage high-skilled emigration including retaining and returning approaches
- A comprehensive immigrant labour strategy

Full datasets, definitions and sources are available in the ETF Skills and Migration country fiche Jordan: https://www.etf.europa.eu/en/regions-and-countries/countries/jordan