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INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION IN THE ARAB REGION: TRENDS AND POLICIES*

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a) Economic line

b) Cultural line

a) Indigenisation of the workforce in the Gulf

b) Prevention of illegal immigration in Northern Africa

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TABLE 1: EMIGRANTS FROM MEDITERRANEAN ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE EU MEMBER STATES AND IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS OF DESTINATION COUNTRIES - MOST RECENT DATA*

Country of Destination		*Country of Origin*								
	*Definition***	*Algeria*	*Egypt*	*Jordan*	*Lebanon*	*Morocco*	*Palestine*	*Syria*	*Tunisia*	*Total*
Austria	B	330	4721	291	382	515	118	583	1194	8134
Belgium	B	7221	793		1045	83631		815	3263	96768
Cyprus	A	19	2609	222	1386	33	182	1638	19	6108
Czech Rep.	B	366	130	134	191	105	72	315	196	1509
Denmark	B	456	637	652	5361	3226	0	1037	508	11877
Estonia	B	1	1		1	1				4
Finland	B	225	210	132	95	613	10	134	183	1602
France	C	685558	15974	933	33278	725782	468	10826	260622	1733441
Germany	B	17308	14477	10435	47827	79838		28679	24243	222807
Greece	B	267	7448	672	1277	526		5552	231	15973
Hungary	B	216	178	131	90	23		487	23	1148
Italy	B	15750	40879	2011	3333	223661	389	2505	58628	347156
Ireland										
Latvia	A	8	8	9	88	6		16		135
Lithuania	B	2	3	14	119					138
Luxembourg	B	103	27	2	36	252	1	1	138	560

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South Africa	C	19	42	14	12	55		2	4	148
Switzerland	B	3127	1369	288	1982	1982	122	671	4876	14417
USA	A	10880	113395	46795	105910	34680		54560	6330	372550
Other Countries*		33652	185124	55107	247897	62944	8237	85763	16402	695126
Total		847320	444145	78559	363357	1900848	108944	190640	385785	4319598

* This table contains only those countries which provide census data on foreign residents by detailed country of nationality / birth. Some of the world major countries of immigration, such Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and other countries of the Gulf, could not be included by lack of accurate data.

** Immigrants are defined as foreign born [A], non-nationals [B], or a combination of both criteria [C]

Sources of data: Algeria: Recensement de la Population 1998 ; Armenia: 2001 population census) ; Australia: 2001 Population Census ; Austria : Population census, 2001 ; Belgium: Office des étrangers, 2005 ; Canada : 2001, Statistics Canada ; Cyprus: Census of Population, 2002 ; Czech Republic: Ministry of the Interior, 2002 ; Denmark: Statistics Denmark, 2003 ; Estonia: Population census, 2000 ; Finland: Statistics Finland, 2003 ; France: Recensement de la population, INSEE, 1999 ; Germany: Central Register on Foreigners, 2002 ; Greece: Population Census, 2001 ; Hungary: Population Census, 2001 ; Iceland: Statistics Iceland, 2003 ; Iran: Statistical Centre of Iran, 2003 ; Ireland: nd ; Italy: Residence permits 31.08.2004 ; Japan: Japan Statistics Bureau, 2000 ; Jordan: Population and Housing Census 1994 ; Latvia: Population and Housing Census, 2000 ; Lithuania: Population and Housing Census 2001 ; Luxembourg: RP2001 ; Malta: nd ; Morocco: Direction Gén. Sûreté Générale, 2002 ; Netherlands: Netherlands statistics, 2004 ; New Zealand: Population census, 2001 ; Norway: Statistics Norway, 2005 ; Palestinian Territory: Israel, Central Bureau of Stat, end 2004 ;

Poland: nd ; Portugal: 2003 ; Romania: Census of Population, 2002 ; Slovakia: nd ; Slovenia: Population Census, 2000 ; South Africa: Statistics South Africa,2003 ; Spain: Source Fuente de información: Dirección General de la Policía, 31.12.2005 ; Sweden: Statistics Sweden, 2003 ; Switzerland: Office fédéral de l'immigration, 2003 ; Tunisia : Recensement de la Population 2004 ; Turkey: Population Census of 2000 ; United Kingdom: 2001 Census ; United States: 2000, U.S. Census Bureau, Census.

Source of the table: Fargues, Ph. (Ed) Mediterranean Migration Report 2005, CARIM, European University Institute, Florence 2005, pp. 374-5

TABLE 2 : MIGRANTS FROM 6 ARAB COUNTRIES BY GROUP OF COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS OF ORIGIN COUNTRIES

Country	*Type of data*	*Country of residence*			*Total*
		*European Countries**	*Arab Countries*	*Other Countries*	
Algeria 1995	A	991796	66398	14052	1072246
Egypt 2000	B	436000	1912729	388000	2736729
Lebanon 2001	B	157030	123966	325604	606600
Morocco 2004	A	2616871	282772	189447	3089090
Tunisia 2003	A	695765	116926	30513	843204
Sub-total		4897462	2502791	947616	8347869
Palestine 2002	C	295075	4180673	231723	4707471
Total		5192537	6683464	1179339	13055340

Type of data: A = consular records; B = survey on expatriates, C = PCBS estimates

TABLE 5: REFUGEE POPULATION BY COUNTRY OF ASYLUM / ORIGIN

Country \ Year	*by country of asylum*		*by country of origin*	
	1994	*2003*	*1994*	*2003*
Algeria	219.1	0.0	20.7	11.7
Bahrain	0.0	0.3		
Djibouti	33.4	234.0	18.1	0.5
Egypt (1)	7.2	0.0	0.5	5.7
Iraq (2)	119.6	134.2	749.8	368.6
Jordan	0.6	1.2		
Kuwait (3)	30.0	1.5		
Lebanon	1.4	2.5	15.7	24.9
Libya	2.0	11.9		
Mauritania	82.2	0.5	68.0	30.5
Morocco	0.3	2.1		
Palestinian Territory			82.6	427.9
Qatar	0.0	0.0		
Saudi Arabia (4)	18.0	240.8		
Somalia	0.4	0.4	631.4	402.3
Sudan	727.2	138.2	405.1	606.2
Syria	40.3	3.7	7.1	20.3
Tunisia	0.0	0.1		
United Arab Emirates	0.4	0.2		
Yemen	48.3	61.9		
Arab Countries	1,330.3	833.5	1,999.1	1,898.7
World Total	15,733.7	9,680.3	15,733.7	9,680.3

Source: http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/statistics

1. The 2002-2003 figures include an estimated 70,000 Palestinian refugees residing in the country.

2. Figure for 2003 refers to end-2002.

3. Since 1995, 27,000 Palestinian and Iraqi refugees, previously assisted by UNHCR, are no

TABLE 6:MOROCCAN POPULATION RESIDING ABROAD ACCORDING TO CONSULAR RECORDS 1993-2004

Country of registration	*1993*	*2004*	*Annual rate of growth %*
Europe			
France	678917	1113176	4.50%
Spain	65847	423933	16.93%
Netherlands	164546	300332	5.47%
Italy	91699	298949	10.74%
Belgium	145363	293097	6.38%
Germany	85156	102000	1.64%
United Kingdom	25000	35000	3.06%
Switzerland	5517	11500	6.68%
Sweden	5500	10000	5.43%
Russia	-	8687	-
Denmark	4622	6300	2.82%
Norway	3400	6300	5.61%
Other	-	7597	-
Total Europe	1279558	2616871	6.50%
Arab Countries			
Libya	102413	120000	1.44%
Algeria	54576	79790	3.45%
Saudi Arabia	9000	27830	10.26%
Tunisia	20000	25637	2.26%
United Arab Emirates	2992	13040	13.38%
Other	7036	16475	7.73%
Total Arab Countries	196017	282772	3.33%
Other countries			
United States	25000	100000	12.60%
Canada	45000	77713	4.97%
Other	3722	11734	10.44%
Total other countries	73722	189447	8.58%
TOTAL	1549297	3089090	6.27%

Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Co-operation, 2005

TABLE 7: NATIONALS FROM SELECTED ARAB COUNTRIES RESIDING IN SPAIN 31/12/1998 - 31/12/2005

Country of nationality	*1998*	*2005*	*Change 1998-2005*	*Annual rate of growth %*
Algeria	5,924	46,278	40,354	29.4
Egypt	799	2,501	1,702	16.3
Morocco	111,043	511,294	400,251	21.8
Tunisia	528	1,566	1,038	15.5
Jordan	696	1,297	601	8.9
Lebanon	1,072	1,442	370	4.2
Syria	1,187	2,579	1,392	11.1
Total 7 countries	123,247	568,962	445,708	21.9

Source: Fuente de información: Dirección General de la Policía - INE 2006

TABLE 8: ACTIVE POPULATION ORIGINATING FROM ARAB COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, COUNTRY OF DESTINATION AND OCCUPATION*

Country of Origin	*Country of Destination*	*Legislators, senior officials and managers*	*Professionals*	*Technicians and associate professionals*	*Clerks*	*Service workers and shop and market sales workers*	*Skilled agricultural and fishery workers*	*Craft and related trades workers*	*Plant and machine operators and assemblers*	*Elementary occupations workers*	*Armed foCe1c-0yorkers*

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TABLE 9: MIGRANT POPULATION AGED 15

Country of origin	*Country of residence*	*Level of Education*			*Total*
		Below primary or primary	*Lower secondary or secondary*	*Tertiary*	
	Tunisia	58	118	174	676
	United-States**	13985	9265	24420	47670
	Jordan	1623	29	96	1748
	Total	21417	14772	37813	74323
Tunisia	Austria	602	378	70	1050
	Canada	655	1050	3510	5215
	France	69515	58559	36233	164307
	Spain	94	536	32	662
	United-States**	915	1030	3610	5555
	Total	71781	61553	43455	176789
Total 8 countries		825132	789106	550232	2165921

*Only countries of residence providing the distribution by occupation of Med-MENA migrants are included in the table

** Population aged 24 and over

Sources : Statistical Institutes of Austria (2001), Germany (2001), Canada (2001), Spain (2001), USA (2000), France (1999), UK (2002), Jordan (2003) and Tunisia (2004).

TABLE 10: NUMBERS OF IMMIGRANTS IN ARAB COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO NATIONAL SOURCES AND UN ESTIMATES

Country	*National data (most recent census / survey)*		*United Nations 2005*	*Difference UN / National*	
	Number	*Year*		*Absolute*	*Relative*
Algeria	72	1998	242	170	237%
Bahrain	245	2001	295	50	21%
Comoros			67		
Djibouti			20		
Egypt	1	1996	166	50	43%
Iraq			28		
Jordan	315	1994	2225	1910	606%
Kuwait	1388	2001	1669	281	20%
Lebanon					

TABLE 11: NUMBERS OF APPREHENDED IRREGULAR MIGRANTS IN MOROCCO, 2000-2005

Year	*2000*	*2001*	*2002*	*2003*	*2004*	*2005*
Nationals	9850	13002	16100	12400	9353	8000
Foreigners	14395	15000	15300	23851	17252	22000
Total	24245	28002	31400	36251	26605	30000

Source: Moroccan Ministry of the Interior