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Perspectives on international migration from a regional approach: the Americas

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REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES AROUND INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION IN AMERICA

- 1.- America, at a continental level, has been and will continue to be a very dynamic region regarding human mobility.**
- 2.- International migration is a rapid response to contexts of economic uncertainty, political instability, social violence and environmental frailty.**

Total and foreign-born population in America, selected countries. 2020

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	2020	2020	2020
Argentina	45,196	2,282	5.0
Bolivia	11,673	164	1.4
Brazil	212,559	1,080	0.5
Canada	37,742	8,049	21.3
Chile	19,116	1,645	8.6
Colombia	50,883	1,905	3.7
Costa Rica	5,094	521	10.2
Cuba	11,327	3	0.0
Dominican Republic	10,848	604	5.6
Ecuador	17,643	785	4.4
El Salvador	6,486	43	0.7
Guatemala	17,916	84	0.5
Haiti	11,403	19	0.2
Honduras	9,905	39	0.4
Jamaica	2,961	24	0.8
Mexico	128,933	1,198	0.9
Nicaragua	6,625	42	0.6
Panama	4,315	313	7.3
Paraguay	7,133	170	2.4
Peru	32,972	1,225	3.7
USA	331,003	50,633	15.3
Uruguay	3,474	100	3.1
Venezuela	28,436	1,324	4.7

Source: United Nations, (2019).

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- US and Canada continue to be the main magnets in the region.
- Panamá, Costa Rica and Chile have a high proportion of FB population.
- Argentina, Colombia, Chile and Perú have received large flows from neighboring countries.
- Mexico had more than 1 million migrants, mainly from US (64%)

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Total population and population living abroad, America, selected countries 2020

- For several countries, more than 10% of their population live abroad.

- 1 of every 3 Jamaicans and 1 of every four Salvadoreans live abroad.

Selected country	Total population in country	Population living abroad	%
	2,020	2020	2020
Argentina	45,196	931	2.1
Bolivia	11,673	926	7.9
Brazil	212,559	1,467	0.7
Canada	37,742	1,171	3.1
Chile	19,116	629	3.3
Colombia	50,883	3,007	5.9
Costa Rica	5,094	150	2.9
Cuba	11,327	1,504	13.3
Dominican Republic	10,848	1,593	14.7
Ecuador	17,643	1,127	6.4
El Salvador	6,486	1,588	24.5
Guatemala	17,916	1,341	7.5
Haiti	11,403	1,713	15.0
Honduras	9,905	975	9.8
Jamaica	2,961	1,114	37.6
Mexico	128,939	11,179	8.7
Nicaragua	6,625	718	10.8
Panama	4,315	139	3.2
Paraguay	7,133	895	12.5
Peru	32,972	1,455	4.4
United States of America	331,003	2,449	0.7
Uruguay	3,474	357	10.3
Venezuela	28,436	5,359	18.8

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- More than 11 million Mexicans living abroad.


- Other main countries in outmigration flows: Venezuela, Colombia and US

- In 2023: more than 7 million Venezuelans living abroad.

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FUTURE MIGRATION SCENARIOS

1. The continent will remain highly mobile, in spite of the demographic convergence in the region.
2. US as a magnet for labor migration.
3. Establishment of large migrant communities across countries that keep family and social ties.
4. Constant (although fluctuating) return migration.
5. Through Central America and Mexico: in transit migration and extra-continental flows (from Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia)
6. Climate change, political instability and violence as drivers of migration in the short and medium term.
7. Heterogenous profile of migration flows: children, family units, vulnerable populations.



**Towards a secure, orderly, efficient
and regular management of
migration in the Americas...**

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

**REGIONAL
COMPREHENSIVE
STRATEGY**

**ATTENTION ON
THE DRIVERS OF
MIGRATION**

**INCREASE AND
DIVERSIFICATION
OF LEGAL PATHS
TO MIGRATION**

**SUPPORT
INITIATIVES
IMPLEMENTED BY
THE CIVIL
SOCIETY**

1. Protecting women, children, indigenous populations and the internally displaced.
2. Addressing economic drivers of migration.
3. Tackling political-institutional drivers of migration.
4. Anticipating environmental drivers of migration.
5. Changing the narrative and supporting integration.



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