



migration quiz

Many people migrate out of economic necessity to improve their lives. Regardless of where they move to, they often send money—remittances—back home (to their country of origin). Remittances are earnings that migrants send home from abroad to help out their families financially.

1. How much money will migrants from developing countries send home in 2007?

- a. US\$140 billion
- b. US\$240 billion
- c. US\$340 billion

2. Which region in the world gets most remittances?

- a. East Asia
- b. Sub-Saharan Africa
- c. Latin America and the Caribbean

3. Which country receives most remittances from migrants living abroad?

- a. China
- b. India
- c. Mexico

4. Which country receives most migrants?

- a. United States
- b. Saudi Arabia
- c. Australia

5. Where do remittances make up more than a quarter of the country's GDP (gross domestic product)?

- a. Tajikistan
- b. Moldova
- c. Honduras



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Answers

1. b. US\$240 billion

According to official data, migrants from developing countries will send US\$240 billion home in remittances. But the real amount is much larger as many people send money back home through informal channels. For example, in Nepal almost 70% of remittances come through informal channels.

2. c. Latin America and the Caribbean

Latin America and the Caribbean is the largest recipient of (recorded) remittances. They account for 70% of foreign direct investment. They are also 5 times larger than official development assistance (ODA) the region receives. (ODA is money that donors—rich countries—give to poor countries.)

3. b. India

India receives US\$27 billion in remittances, closely followed by China (US\$25.7 billion) and Mexico (US\$25 billion). Together, these countries account for 1/3 of all remittances received by developing countries.

4. a. United States

The United States receives most migrants, followed by Russia and Germany. Saudi Arabia and Australia are also among the top 10 migrant-receiving countries.

5. a. Tajikistan, b. Moldova, and c. Honduras (all are correct)

In all three countries remittances account for more than a quarter of GDP: Tajikistan and Moldova 32% and Honduras 25%. GDP is the value of all goods and services produced in a year. It can be measured by adding up all of an economy's incomes—wages, interest, and profits.)