

Migration and Remittances in SA

Preliminary findings

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Key features of contemporary migrations in SSA

- **extreme instability** over time. Net migration positions fluctuate over time
- most international migrations are to **neighbouring countries**, and **circular migration** is common
- **Cross border trading** is common
- more than three quarters of the **refugees** from SSA are located in the region
- emigration from Africa has accelerated in the 1990s with the **largest absolute stocks of emigrants** in the OECD in 2000 being South Africa, Nigeria, Kenya and Angola.
- Southern Africa, and Western Asia, has the lowest portion of **female migrants** of any region in the world (Martin, 2004)

- Survey took place from mid-November to Dec 2009
- Difficult period to carry out such a survey
- Two provinces which are part of at least 3 out of 5 migration corridors in SA
- No representative data on migrants in SA
- No consistent (over time) population registers in SA
- Data is preliminary. **PLEASE NOTE!**

Age

	Without migrants	With Emigrants	Internal migrants	With Immigrations	Total
Average age of individuals	35.6	32,3	29.2	24.8	22.8
Household size	6.4	4.89	5.3	6.1	6.01

Where were household heads born

		Number	Percent
South Africa	Urban	809	39.9
	Rural	884	43.6
Foreign born		327	16.1
Missing		7	0.3
Total		2,027	100
Foreign Born			
	Zimbabwe	157	48.0
	Mozambique	71	21.7
	DRC	13	4.0
	Malawi	12	3.7
	Lesotho	9	2.8
	Other African	51	15.6
	Other	14	4.3
		327	100.0

Place/Country of birth of household members

		Number	Proportion
South Africa	Urban	3,359	27.4
	Rural	3,467	28.3
Foreign born		744	6.1
Missing		4,677	38.2
Total		12,247	100

Foreign Born

	Zimbabwe	350	47.0
	Mozambique	158	21.2
	Lesotho	26	3.5
	Ethiopia	23	3.1
	DRC	22	3.0
	Other African	127	17.1
	Other	38	5.1
	Total	744	100.0

Immigrants: total members

Total household members in sample

Non immigrant	11005	89.9
Urban	136	1.1
Rural	494	4.0
Foreign	612	5.0
Total	12,247	100

Immigrants

Zimbabwe	324	52.9
Mozambique	122	19.9
Lesotho	35	5.7
DRC	25	4.1
Ethiopia	19	3.1
Malawi	17	2.8
Other African	64	10.5
Other	6	1.0
Total	612	100.0

Immigrant heads of households

Non immigrant	1900	93.7
Urban	13	0.6
Rural	49	2.4
Foreign	65	3.2
Total	2,027	100

Zimbabwe	30	46.2
Mozambique	16	24.6
Lesotho	5	7.7
DRC	6	9.2
Ethiopia	1	1.5
Malawi	2	3.1
Other African	5	7.7
Other		0.0
Total	65	100.0

Education levels of immigrant heads

	No formal	Primary	Middle	Secondary matric	secondary	Tertiary	Don't know	
DRC	29.2	4.2	4.2	12.5	8.3	41.7	0.0	24
Ethiopia	27.8	11.1	16.7	22.2	5.6	16.7	0.0	18
Lesotho	5.9	14.7	35.3	29.4	2.9	8.8	2.9	34
Mozambique	40.5	31.4	14.0	5.0	5.0	0.8	3.3	121
Zimbabwe	6.9	17.5	21.3	39.7	5.0	9.1	0.6	320
Other	12.6	17.2	12.6	32.2	4.6	18.4	2.3	87
Total	15.9	19.4	18.5	29.5	5.0	10.3	1.5	604

Reasons for immigration

	Education	Job search	Job transfer	Civil conflict	Family re-unification	Better living conditions	Other	
DRC	29.2	37.5	0.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	24
Ethiopia	0.0	5.3	5.3	78.9	0.0	10.5	0.0	19
Lesotho	0.0	38.2	11.8	0.0	14.7	0.0	35.3	34
Mozambique	2.5	51.7	5.1	15.3	10.2	5.1	10.2	118
Zimbabwe	4.5	51.6	7.3	10.2	3.5	11.1	11.8	314
Other	10.7	32.1	11.9	10.7	8.3	3.6	22.6	84
Total	5.6	46.0	7.4	13.5	5.9	7.8	13.8	593

Employment status

	Employed	Self-employed	Unemployed	Studying	Other	Total	
DRC	6.7	33.3	46.7	6.7	6.7	100.0	15
Ethiopia	11.1	55.6	33.3	0.0	0.0	100.0	9
Lesotho	30.4	26.1	26.1	0.0	17.4	100.0	23
Mozambique	37.5	22.7	37.5	1.1	1.1	100.0	88
Zimbabwe	44.8	14.5	38.6	0.8	1.2	100.0	241
Other	39.7	23.5	27.9	4.4	4.4	100.0	68
Total	39.9	19.6	36.3	1.6	2.7	100.0	444

Choice of decision to move

	Migrant	Spouse	Children	Parents	Entire Family	Other relatives	Work unit	Government/ NGO	Friends at destination	Other	
DRC	41.7	16.7	0.0	16.7	20.8	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	24
Ethiopia	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19
Lesotho	58.8	11.8	2.9	20.6	0.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	34
Mozambique	59.8	12.0	0.0	17.1	6.8	1.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	117
Zimbabwe	73.7	11.7	0.3	9.2	1.6	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.3	316
Other	63.4	9.8	0.0	15.9	2.4	4.9	1.2	0.0	1.2	1.2	82
Total	68.2	11.3	0.3	12.3	3.4	2.5	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.3	592

Main reasons for choice of destination

	Knew people in SA	Had information about SA	Job offer	Better wages	Better prospects	Better job	More/ Better land	Better quality of life	Better Schools	Better climate	Close to family/ friend	Cost of moving	Other	Total
DRC	21.7	0.0	4.3	0.0	13.0	0.0	26.1	8.7	0.0	21.7	0.0	4.3	100	
Ethiop.	5.6	5.6	5.6	0.0	83.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	
Lesotho	20.0	6.7	10.0	0.0	26.7	0.0	6.7	3.3	0.0	23.3	0.0	3.3	100	
Mozambique	21.4	12.5	4.5	1.8	23.2	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	12.5	0.0	11.6	100	
Zimbab.	22.2	16.1	1.9	6.8	27.0	1.3	8.4	2.6	1.0	7.4	1.3	4.2	100	
Other	20.8	11.7	6.5	0.0	19.5	0.0	14.3	3.9	0.0	15.6	0.0	7.8	100	
Total	21.2	13.3	3.7	4.0	26.4	0.7	10.3	2.5	0.5	10.7	0.7	6.0	100	

Education levels and Employment

	Self					Total
	Employed	employed	Unemployed	Studying	Other	
Non formal	24.2	20.2	42.4	1.0	12.1	100.0
Primary	37.9	15.9	42.8	1.4	2.1	100.0
Middle	35.8	13.6	43.2	2.5	4.9	100.0
Secondary matric	46.2	14.7	33.2	3.1	2.7	100.0
Secondary Technical	36.7	26.7	33.3	3.3	0.0	100.0
Tertiary	56.4	12.7	21.8	5.5	3.6	100.0
Post secondary	50.0	0.0	25.0	12.5	12.5	100.0
Graduate	62.5	25.0	0.0	0.0	12.5	100.0
Other	60.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	10.0	100.0
Dont know	68.8	25.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	100.0
Total	41.2	15.9	36.1	2.5	4.4	100.0

Remittance Channels

Transfer Channel	Immigrants	Return migrants	Emigrants	Internal migrants
Western Union	4.0	7.1	2.5	10.3
Postal money order	6.0	28.6	2.5	16.2
Direct transfer	22.8	0	35.3	22.6
Friends/relative	37.2	0	5.9	7.5
Courier, bus, <i>malaicha</i>	26.8	0	0.0	4.1
Self during visits	4.4	35.7	18.5	15.6
ATM/Pre-paid cards	3.0	28.6	20.2	12.7
Other	11.1	0	15.1	11
	100	100.0	100.0	100

Thank You