

Immigration at a Glance

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Worldwide Immigration*			
* Source: International Organization for Migration			
There are more than 200 million people in the world who live outside their country of birth.	These 200 million people make up 3 percent of the global population.	The number of the migrants worldwide would constitute the fifth most populous country in the world.	49.6 percent of the world's migrants are women. Remittance flows back to their home country and families are estimated at \$337 billion dollars worldwide, \$251 billion of which went to developing countries.

U.S. Immigration *							
* Source: Pew Hispanic Center							
38 million immigrants in the U.S.	12 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.	76% of undocumented immigrants are from Latin America.	59% of undocumented immigrants are from Mexico.	4% of U.S. population is undocumented.	5.4% of U.S. workforce is undocumented.	73% of undocumented immigrants have U.S. citizen children.	1.5 million children under age 18 live in the U.S. as unauthorized immigrants.

Immigration Pop. in the Gulf South in 2007*					
*Source: Adapted by the Rev. Edward Arroyo, S.J., from the Migration Policy Institute					
Gulf South: 7,599,847 total immigrants.	Louisiana: 143,267 total immigrants; 65,000 estimated undocumented immigrants.	Mississippi: 49,483 total immigrants; 35,000 estimated undocumented immigrants.	Florida: 3,440,918 total immigrants; 1,050,000 estimated undocumented immigrants.	Texas: 3,828,904 total immigrants; 1,450,000 estimated undocumented immigrants.	Alabama: 137,275 total immigrants; 100,000 estimated undocumented immigrants.

Migration Facts*					
* Source: United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB). Catholics Confront Global Poverty,					
The ratio of average income in the five richest countries to the 5 – 10 poorest countries was 9 to 1 in 1900, 30 to 1 in 1960, and 100 to 1 in 2004.	Close to 550 million workers around the world live on less than one U.S. dollar a day, while almost half of the world's 2.8 billion workers earn less than two dollars a day.	In Haiti, the average per capita income is \$400 per year. Nearby in the U.S., an unskilled day laborer can earn that much in less than one week.	Mexico has lost more than two million agricultural jobs since the approval of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in 1994 and the reduction of Mexican governmental farm supports.	In the last 20 years, the Mexican minimum wage has decreased by 70 percent in real terms.	More than 4,000 immigrants have died crossing the U.S.-Mexico border since the mid 1990s.