



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	156,114
New asylum applications (2019)	901

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/americas/bolivia>
- "Observation Dates" indicate the timeframe statistical data correspond to or other data were last validated. More than one statistical entry for a year indicates contrasting reports.

STATISTICS

Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees by year	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
Criminal prison population	14,598	2016	Percentage of foreign prisoners	4.1	2014
	14,770	2013		6.8	2006
	9,406	2010			
	7,683	2007			
	6,495	2004			
	5,577	2001			
	6,149	1998			
	5,412	1996			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	130	2016			
	140	2013			
	93	2010			
	80	2007			
	71	2004			
	65	2001			
	76	1998			
	70	1996			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	11,700,000	2020	International migrants	156,114	2019
	10,725,000	2015		143,000	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	1.3	2015	Refugees	863	2019
				810	2018
				786	2017
				761	2016
				775	2015
				763	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.07	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	901	2019
	0.07	2014		12	2016
				42	2014
Refugee recognition rate	61.3	2014			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION

Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2017

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Core pieces of national legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Ley N°370 del 8 de Mayo 2013, de Migración	2013	

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Additional legislation	Name	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Reglamento de la Ley de migración, DS N° 1923, 13 de marzo de 2014	2014	

COVID-19 UPDATES

Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	<p>Bolivia has been strongly affected by the Covid-19 crisis. By 31 July, Bolivia had more than 75,000 cases of Covid-19 and 2,894 deaths related to the disease. Faced with the pandemic, the government took several measures including declaring a state of emergency, closing borders, imposing fines and detaining people who do not respect quarantine or confinement measures. Bolivia has also imposed restrictions on citizens wishing to return from abroad. Bolivians in Chile, for instance, must spend 14 days in quarantine prior to returning. Some 1,300 Bolivian nationals--including pregnant women, elderly persons, and children--have been stranded in Chile and hundreds of them have been forced to sleep in freezing conditions with little food and water. For its part, by April the Chilean government had transported approximately 1,000 Bolivian nationals to Colchane, a town near the border, where they were accommodated in schools, with sanitary and basic services.</p>	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Ratification Year
International treaties	OP ICESCR, Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	2012
	OP CRC Communications Procedure	2013
	OPCRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
	ICRMW, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	2009
	ICPED, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	2008
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2006
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2006
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	1999
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1990
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1990
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons	1983
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1982
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1982
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1982
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1982
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1970
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1970

Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	18/19
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Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Acceptance Year
Individual complaints procedure	CRC, [Third] Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child establishing a communications procedure, 2011	2013
	ICESCR, Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2008	2012
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
	CAT, declaration under article 22 of the Convention	2006
	ICERD, declaration under article 14 of the Convention	2006
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2000
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1982

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date	
	7/9			
	7/9			
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	
	Committee on Migrant Workers	§31. The Committee recommends that the State party should take the necessary steps to ensure that its consular services respond more effectively to protect and promote the rights of Bolivian migrant workers and members of their families where necessary and that, in particular, they provide the necessary assistance to any of them who are in detention or subject to an expulsion order.	2013	
	Committee on Migrant Workers	§26. The Committee recommends that the State party ensures that migrants or members of their families when detained for violation of provisions relating to migration are deprived of their liberty for as short a time as possible and that it take steps to guarantee that they are held separately from convicted persons or persons detained pending trial, in accordance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention.	2008	
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives				
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)	
	ACHR, American Convention on Human Rights		1979	
	IACPPT, Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture		2006	
	APACHR, Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		2006	
	CBDP, Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belem do Para)		1994	
	IACFDP, Inter-American convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons		1996	
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Visits by special procedures of the Human Rights Council	Name		Year of Visit	Observation Date
	Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance		2012	2015
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date	
	No	2010	2017	
	No	2014		

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Bolivia is available at the website of the Global Detention Project (www.globaldetentionproject.org)

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