

	Quick Facts	
	Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
	Detained asylum seekers (2019)	Not Available
	Detained minors (2019)	Not Available
	Immigration detention capacity (2019)	Not Available
	Persons expelled (2019)	Not Available
	International migrants (2019)	385,628
	New asylum applications (2019)	2,470
	Number of immigration detainees on a given day (2019)	5,000

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/middle-east/yemen>
- "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	Number of immigration detainees on a given day	5,000	2019
Top nationalities of detainees	Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti	2019	Number of persons granted alternatives to immigration detention	Not Available	2019
Number of detained asylum seekers	Not Available	2019	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2019
				126	2013
Number of detained unaccompanied minors	Not Available	2019	Number of detained accompanied minors	Not Available	2019
Number of detained stateless persons	Not Available	2019	Number of apprehensions of non-citizens	Not Available	2019
Immigration detainees as a percentage of total international migrant population	Not Available	2019	Estimated total immigration detention capacity	Not Available	2019
Number of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	Not Available	2019	Estimated capacity of dedicated long-term immigration detention centres	Not Available	2019
Number of dedicated medium-term immigration detention centres	Not Available	2019	Number of immigration offices	Not Available	2019
Number of transit facilities	Not Available	2019	Number of criminal facilities	Not Available	2019
Number of ad hoc facilities	Not Available	2019	Number of persons removed/returned (voluntary returns and deportations)	Not Available	2019
Number of deportations/forced returns only	Not Available	2019	Percentage of persons removed in relation to total number of people placed in removal procedures	Not Available	2019
Criminal prison population	14,000	2013	Percentage of foreign prisoners	3.2	2013
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	53	2013			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	29,800,000	2020	International migrants	385,628	2019
	26,832,000	2015		344,100	2015
				314,700	2013

International migrants as a percentage of the population	1.3	2015	Refugees	268,503	2019
	1.3	2013		264,369	2018
				270,919	2017
				269,763	2016
				263,047	2015
				257,645	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	9.82	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	2,470	2019
	9.84	2014		4,309	2016
	9.89	2013		6,266	2013
Refugee recognition rate	46.7	2014			
	47.8	2013			

DOMESTIC LAW		
LEGAL TRADITION		
	Name	Observation Date
Legal tradition	Muslim law	2017
	Common law	2017
	Civil law	2017
	Customary law	2017
COVID-19 UPDATES		
	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	<p>Although it has been devastated by ongoing civil war and famine, Yemen has continued to serve as an important migrant and refugee transit country--with many people often enduring torture, rape, and extortion, as well crossfire and airstrikes. In 2019, the IOM estimated that some 138,000 migrants departed from the Horn of Africa to Yemen in the hope of finding jobs as housekeepers, servants, and construction workers in oil-rich neighbouring Saudi Arabia. During the pandemic however, thousands of migrants have found themselves stranded in the country, witnessing growing anti-migrant sentiment and stigmatised as carriers of the virus. Unable to leave the country, more than 14,000 (the majority of whom are Ethiopians) have been rounded and forcibly moved away from urban centres (although it remains unclear whether these round-ups were conducted by Iran-allied Houthi rebels or Saudi-backed government forces). Many are reported to have been abandoned in empty buildings or forced to live on the streets, while others have been confined in detention facilities where they face overcrowding, lack of access to medical services, and inadequate food provision. Others have reportedly been shot by Houthi militia in an attempt to force migrants out of the area they control--with some forced across the border into Saudi Arabia, where they have also subsequently faced arrest, detention, and deportation (see 14 April update on Saudi Arabia). At one point in April, humanitarian organisations estimated that some 20,000 migrants had been abandoned in "slaughter valleys" along the Yemen-Saudi border, with no food, water, or aid.</p>	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name		Ratification Year
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2009
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		1991
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		1991
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		1987
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		1987
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations		1986
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		1984
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		1980
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		1980
ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		1972	
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	10/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2009
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date	
	1/7	2017	
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms			
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2009	2017
	No	2014	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention				
Custodial authority	Agency	Ministry	Ministry Typology	Observation Date

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