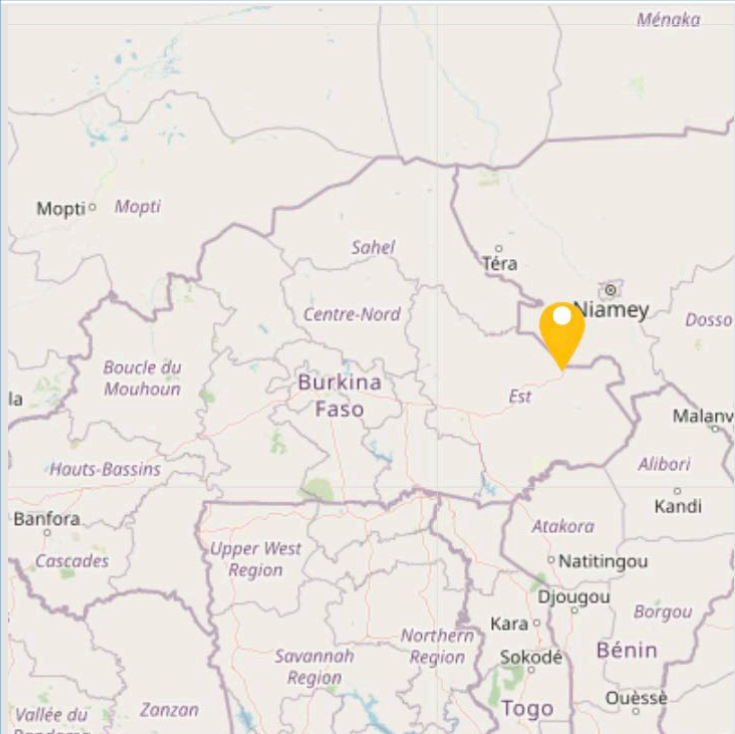


Burkina Faso Immigration Detention Data Profile

	Quick Facts	
	Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
	International migrants (2019)	718,338
	New asylum applications (2019)	28

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/burkina-faso>
- "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	Criminal prison population	7,544	2015
				5,823	2013
				5,198	2010
				4,207	2007
				2,799	2004
				2,757	2001
				2,039	1998
				1,653	1995
Percentage of foreign prisoners	4.1	2013	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	41	2015
				32	2013
				31	2010
				28	2007
				20	2004
				21	2001
				17	1998
				15	1995

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	20,900,000	2020	International migrants	718,338	2019
	18,106,000	2015		704,700	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	3.9	2015	Refugees	25,869	2019
				25,122	2018
				24,155	2017
				32,546	2016
				34,017	2015
				31,894	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	1.75	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	28	2019
	1.81	2014		77	2016
				190	2014
Refugee recognition rate	100	2014			

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION		
Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Civil law	2017
	Customary law	2017
COVID-19 UPDATES		
Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	<p>Burkina Faso has rapidly turned into an “unprecedented humanitarian emergency” as conflicts in the Sahel region have displaced hundreds of thousands of people in the past two years, according to MSF. As the Covid-19 pandemic takes hold in the country, UNHCR has expressed alarm over “the growing insecurity in Burkina Faso, where violence is forcing thousands of people to flee their homes every day.” On 3 May, there were 652 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Burkina Faso, making it the most affected of the West African Sahel country. Authorities declared a state of sanitary emergency on 27 March, closed its borders, and announced a quarantine in eight cities. A week before, on 19 March, the Ministry of Justice suspended most visits in prisons, allowing only lawyers to visit clients if they respected sanitary measures. On 3 April, the president announced the release of 1,207 detainees based on their age, state of health, amount of time served. At that time, 7,621 people were imprisoned in the country and the occupancy level in prisons, based on official capacity, was at approximately 190 percent. In 2019, the UN Committee against Torture expressed concern “about conditions of detention, impunity, impacts of counterterrorism measures on human rights, and actions by members of self-defence militias (Koglweogo) who are reportedly carrying out illegal arrests, detention, murder and acts of torture.” On 10 April, the ICRC distributed medical equipment to the country. Soap, antiseptic gel and thermometers, amongst other things, were then re-distributed by the government to prison facilities. In the Goudoubo refugee camp, located in the northeast, attacks from armed groups forced refugees to flee in early April. A UNHCR spokesperson reported that “Some took refuge in the overcrowded sites initially reserved for the internally displaced.”</p>	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
International treaties	Name	Ratification Year
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons	2012
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2010
	ICPED, International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	2009
	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	2003
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2002
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2002
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1999
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1999
	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	1987
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1980
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1980
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1974
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1964
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	18/19	
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
Individual complaints procedure	Name	Acceptance Year
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999	2005
	CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966	1999	
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification		
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date
	3/9	2017

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
	Committee on Migrant Workers	"§25 (b) ensure that any form of detention of migrant workers for offences against immigration law is not arbitrary and is used only as a measure of last resort; (c) take measures to improve conditions of detention, including in detention facilities for foreign nationals, in the light of international standards."	2013

Regional treaties, regulations, and directives

Regional legal instruments	Name	Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights	1984
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	1992
	APRW, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol)	2006

Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recommendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2009	2017
	No	2013	2017

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

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