

	Quick Facts	
	Immigration detainees (2017)	Not Available
	Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
	International migrants (2019)	504,053
	New asylum applications (2019)	25,355

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/egypt>
- "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	2017	Total number of detained minors	Not Available	2017
	3,051	2014		822	2016
	1,500	2013		543	2015
Number of criminal facilities	57	2014	Number of ad hoc facilities	1	2014
Criminal prison population	106,000	2016	Percentage of foreign prisoners	1	2002
	66,000	2011			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	116	2016			
	80	2011			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	102,300,000	2020	International migrants	504,053	2019
	91,508,000	2015		491,600	2015
	84,000,000	2012		600,000	2013
International migrants as a percentage of the population	0.5	2015	Estimated number of undocumented migrants	500,000 - 4,000,000	2012
	0.4	2013			
Refugees	258,391	2019	Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	2.29	2016
	246,749	2018		2.64	2014
	232,648	2017		1.41	2012
	213,500	2016		1.2	2011
	212,500	2015			
	230,086	2014			
	180,000	2013			
Total number of new asylum applications	25,355	2019	Stateless persons	4	2018
	30,672	2016		Not Available	2017
	9,996	2014		19	2016
	6,667	2012		21	2015
	5,499	2011		23	2014
				60	2012

DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION				
Legal tradition	Name		Observation Date	
	Muslim law			
	Civil law			
LAWS AND REGULATIONS				
Constitutional guarantees?	Yes/No	Constitution and Articles	Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Yes	Constitution of 2014. Articles 54, 55, 56 and 96	2014	2014
LAWS AND REGULATIONS				
Core pieces of national legislation	Name		Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Law of Entry and Residence of Aliens in the Territories of the United Arab Republic and their Departure Therefrom, 1960. (Law of Entry and Residence) Presidential Decree No. 89 (1960). Amended by Laws 49/1968; 124/1980; 100/19823; 99/1996; and 88/2005		1960	2005
LAWS AND REGULATIONS				
Additional legislation	Name		Year Adopted	Last Year Amended
	Law 64 on Combating Trafficking in Persons, May 2010		2013	2013
	Code of Criminal Procedure (Act No. 150 of 1950) as amended by law 95 of 2003		1950	2003
LAWS AND REGULATIONS				
Regulations, standards, guidelines	Name			Year Published
	Presidential Decree of the Arab Republic of Egypt number 204 of 2010, defining the boundary areas of the border of the Arab Republic of Egypt			2010
	The Presidential Decree Security of the Eastern Border of Arab Republic of Egypt (1995)			1995
GROUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE IMMIGRATION-RELATED DETENTION				
Immigration-status-related grounds	Name		Observation Date	
	Detention to prevent unauthorised entry at the border		2013	
	Detention to establish/verify identity and nationality		2013	
	Detention for unauthorised entry or stay		2013	
	Detention to prevent absconding		2013	
	Detention for failing to respect a voluntary removal order		2013	
	Detention during the asylum process		2013	
	Detention for unauthorized stay resulting from criminal conviction		2013	
Detention for unauthorised exit		2013		
CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES				
Does the country provide specific criminal penalties for immigration-related violations?	Fines	Incarceration	Observation Date	
	Yes	Yes	2013	

CRIMINALIZATION OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED OFFENCES				
Grounds for criminal immigration-related detention/incarceration and maximum potential duration of incarceration	Grounds for Incarceration	Maximum Number of Days of Incarceration		Observation Date
	Unauthorized entry	180		2013
	Unauthorized exit	180		2013
LENGTH OF DETENTION				
Maximum length for administrative immigration detention in law.	Number of Days		Observation Date	
	No Limit		2016	
PROCEDURAL STANDARDS				
Provision of basic procedural standards	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Information to detainees		No	2018
	Right to legal counsel		No	2016
	Access to asylum procedures		No	2016
	Right to appeal the lawfulness of detention		No	2016
	Information to detainees	No	No	2013
	Right to legal counsel	No		2013
	Access to consular assistance	No	No	2013
	Independent review of detention	No	No	2013
	Complaints mechanism regarding detention conditions	No	No	2013
	Access to asylum procedures		No	2011
	Right to appeal the lawfulness of detention	Yes		2011
VULNERABLE PERSONS				
Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name	In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Survivors of torture		Yes	2018
	Unaccompanied minors		Yes	2013
	Accompanied minors		Yes	2013
	Asylum seekers		Yes	2013
	Refugees		Yes	2013
	Women		Yes	2013
	Stateless persons		Yes	2013
Victims of trafficking		Yes	2013	
MANDATORY DETENTION				
Mandatory detention	Filter	Name	Observation Date	
	No	No	2013	

EXPEDITED REMOVAL AND RE-ENTRY BAN		
Re-entry ban	Name	Observation Date
	Yes	2013
COVID-19 UPDATES		
Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	<p>Egypt does not operate dedicated facilities for immigration-related detention, nor is there an official list of detention sites for this purpose. However, according to Decree 659 (1986), the following prisons should be used for the temporary custody of foreigners awaiting deportation: Qanater El-Kharereya Men's Prison, Qanater El-Khayereya Women's Prison, Alexandria Prison, Port Said Prison, and Tora Prison. In mid-April, the Presidency pardoned 460 prisoners and announced plans to release additional persons - however neither of these announcements mentioned Covid-19 as the reason for the pardons (instead, they were to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the Battle of Ismailia, and Sinai Liberation Day), and the Global Detention Project has not been able to determine whether any migrants or asylum seekers were amongst those released. There is little information available regarding steps taken to protect prisoners, and rights activists have argued that the government is using the virus to further isolate detainees from the outside world. However, according to one Egyptian observer, social-distancing is not being implemented in cells, prison staff are not following health regulations, medical and sanitary supplies are not being allowed inside, and guards rarely wear masks. According to Article 18 of the Egyptian Constitution, "denying any form of medical treatment to any human in emergency or life-threatening situations is a crime." On 28 April, Egypt's Foreign Minister said that refugees are to be provided assistance within the health care system as needed during the crisis, and that no efforts were being made to return people to their countries of origin. However, reports indicate that undocumented migrants and failed asylum seekers fear accessing health care, given the country's track-record for detaining and deporting non-citizens.</p>	2020
	<p>The GDP has been unable to find any reports indicating that authorities have taken measures to assist migrants and asylum seekers, who are generally detained in prisons and police stations in Egypt. On 11 March 2020, the Egyptian government suspended visits to prisoners for 10 days due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Activists have urged the government to grant parole to prisoners and staged a protest demanding the release of prisoners. Prisoners detained in the Tora prison wrote a letter demanding to be saved "before an imminent spread of the coronavirus." The letter also highlighted the absence of minimum health and safety standards such as the provision of medical supplies, access to medical care and clean water. On 1 April 2020, the Egyptian Batel opposition campaign called for the release of more than a thousand doctors and healthcare workers in prisons to help in countering the pandemic. The Campaign stated that: "Egypt cannot be suffering from a shortage of medical personnel, while there are more than 1000 doctors and healthcare workers in prisons ... the regime must put aside any political dispute and must release these doctors for use in government hospitals, prison hospitals or military hospitals."</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	2008	
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime	2005	
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2004	
	ICRMW, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families	1993	
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1990	
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	1986	
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1982	
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1982	
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1981	
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1981	
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1981	
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1967	
VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1965		
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	13/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date	
	0/8		
	0/8		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Relevant recommendations issued by treaty bodies	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year
	Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	26. Recalling its general recommendations No. 22 (1996) on article 5 and refugees and displaced persons and No. 30 (2004) on discrimination against non-citizens, the Committee recommends that the State party should: (a) Take the necessary measures to put an end to the detention of asylum seekers and refugees and speed up the implementation of the protection regime applicable to them; the State party should use detention solely for very particular specific cases and for the shortest possible period, and should allow UNHCR to visit the persons concerned with a view to identifying those who may be entitled to international protection; [...]	2015
	Committee on the Rights of the Child	Ensure that no asylum-seeking child is ever detained and to this end ensure the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees unimpeded access to any detained asylum-seeking child.	2011
	Committee on Migrant Workers	Take measures to investigate promptly all complaints of torture or ill-treatment of migrant workers while in detention, and prosecute and punish perpetrators.	2007

Regional treaties, regulations, and directives				
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)	
	Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa (AU Refugee Convention)		1980	
	ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights		1984	
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child		2001	
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives				
Recommendations issued by regional human rights mechanisms	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
	Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, IDPs and Migrants in Africa (SRRASM)	Urgent Appeal Request for Provisional Measures to refrain from expelling two Sudanese, Mr. Mohamed Adam Abdalla and Mr. Ishaq Fadl Dafallah, from Egypt to Sudan, who alleged that they were arrested on 4 August 2009 on suspicion of trying to cross the border to Israel where they were to suffer irreparable harm in violation of their fundamental rights under the African Charter. [SR obtained consent of the Egyptian authority not only to stop the deportation of the two Sudanese but also to release them]	2010	2010
Bilateral/Multilateral agreements linked to readmissions				
Bilateral/multilateral agreements linked to readmission	Name	Year in Force	Observation Date	
	Greece	2000	2000	
	Italy	2000	2000	
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 trafficking in persons, especially in women and children		2011	
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations by UN Special Procedures	Name	Recommendation Excerpt	Recommendation Year	Observation Date
	Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children	Provide comprehensive training programmes to increase knowledge and awareness of human trafficking among all stakeholders, particularly the police, immigration and border guards, and labour inspectors, with a view to equipping them with skills to accurately identify cases of trafficking.	2011	2011
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms				
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recommendation Issued		Year Issued	Observation Date
	No		2014	2017
	Yes		2010	

INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

Governing structures		
Federal or centralized governing system	Federal or centralized governing system	Observation Date
	Centralized system	2013
Governing structures		
Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Centralized or decentralized immigration authority	Observation Date
	Centralized immigration authority	2013

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

	Agency	Ministry	Ministry Typology	Observation Date	
Custodial authority	Police	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2015	
		Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2014	
	Police	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2014	
	Police	Ministry of Home Affairs	Internal or Public Security	2014	
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			Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2012
		Prison Department	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2012
	Prison Department	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2012	
	SecurityDepartment of Suez	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2012	
	Security Department of Suez	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2012	
		Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2011	
		Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2011	
		Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2011	
	Police	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2011	
	Prison Department	Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2011	
		Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2010	
		Interior Ministry	Interior or Home Affairs	2009	

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

Apprehending authorities	Name	Agency	Ministry	Observation Date
	The police			2014
	The army			2014
	Security Department	Law enforcement, border control and national security	Ministry of Interior (Home Affairs)	2013

Institutions responsible for immigration detention

	Entity Name	Entity Type	Observation Date
Detention Facility Management	Ministry of Interior	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Department)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Department)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Department)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Department)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Department)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Management)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Department)	Governmental	2014
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	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Management)	Governmental	2014
	Police (Interior Ministry/Security Management)	Governmental	2014
	Ministry of Interior	Governmental	2013
	Interior Ministry / Prisons Sector	Governmental	2012
	Interior Ministry, Security Department	Governmental	2012
	Interior Ministry, Security Department	Governmental	2012
Interior Ministry, Security Department	Governmental	2012	
Interior Ministry / Prisons Sector	Governmental	2011	
Interior Ministry, Security Department	Governmental	2011	
Interior Ministry / Prisons Sector	Governmental	2010	
Interior Ministry / Prisons Sector	Governmental	2009	

Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Formally designated detention estate?	Formally designated immigration detention estate?					Types of officially designated detention centres					Observation Date				
		No										2013			
Institutions responsible for immigration detention															
Types of detention facilities used in practice	Immigration detention centre (Administrative)	Immigration field office (Administrative)	Transit centre (Administrative)	Reception centre (Administrative)	Offshore detention centre (Administrative)	Hospital (Administrative)	Border guard (Administrative)	Police station (Criminal)	National penitentiary (Criminal)	Local prison (Criminal)	Juvenile detention centre (Criminal)	Informal camp (Ad hoc)	Immigration detention centre (Ad hoc)	Surge facility (Ad hoc)	Observation Date
															2015
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Detention monitoring institutions															
Authorized monitoring institutions	Institution					Institution Type					Observation Date				
	Public Prosecution					Judiciary organs					2018				
	National Council for Human Rights					National Human Rights Institution (or Ombudsperson) (NHRI)					2018				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Is the national human rights institution (NHRI) recognized as independent?	Is the NHRI recognized as independent by the International Coordinating Committee of National Human Rights Institutions?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2018				
Detention monitoring institutions															
Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints?	Does NHRI have capacity to receive complaints?										Observation Date				
	Yes										2018				

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