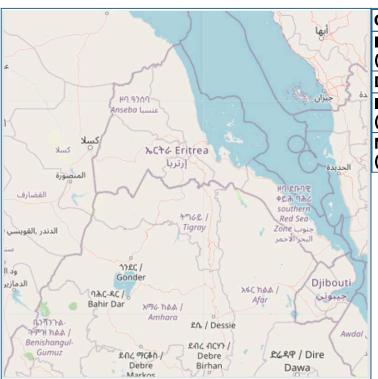
## **Eritrea Immigration Detention Data Profile**



**Global Detention Project Profile** 



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	16,101
New asylum applications (2016)	7

## **NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE**

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <a href="https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/eritrea">https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/eritrea</a>
- "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.

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STATISTICS					
Detention, expulsion, and incarceration statistics					
		Observation Date			Observation Date
Total number of immigration detainees	Not Available	2019	Total number of	Not Available	2017
by year			detained minors		
Demographics and immi	igration-related st	atistics			
		Observation Date			Observation Date
	3,500,000	2020	International migrants	16,101	2019
Population	5,228,000	2015		15,900	2015
				15,800	2013
International migrants as a percentage of the	0.3	2015		199	2019
	0.2	2013		2,252	2018
			Refugees	2,392	2017
population			neruyees	2,342	2016
				2,549	2015
				2,898	2014
	0.44	2016		7	2016
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.57	2014	Total number of new asylum applications		
	0.5	2013			

DOMESTIC LAW			
LEGAL TRADITION			
Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date	
	Civil law	2017	
	Customary law	2017	
	Muslim law	2017	

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COVID-19 UPDATES				
	Update Status			
Latest Update	Although Eritrea long hosted a small population of Somali refugees (roughly 2,000 as of early 2019), in mid-2019 the government closed its only refugee camp, Umkulu, spurring most of the refugees to flee across the border into neighbouring Ethiopia. By the end of 2019, UNHCR reported that there were only 650 refugees remaining in the country. The move to shut the camp came after many years of growing concerns about the treatment of foreigners in the country, including past concerns about possible clandestine detention of migrants. However, there appears to be no public information available about the current status of refugees and migrants in the country, nor about any efforts to safeguard them during the Covid-19 pandemic. On 3 April, UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Eritrea called on the government to "immediately and unconditionally release those detained without legal basis, including all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience, and to adopt urgent measures to reduce the number of people in detention to prevent the spread of COVID-19." In addition, Human Rights Concern Eritrea, a local NGO, urged the government to release the 10,000 prisoners of conscience that are detained throughout the country's 350 facilities. The organisation stated that in Eritrean prisons, there may be 100-400 people in a single cell. Containers are also reportedly used to hold some 30 detainees at the same time. Prison visits were suspended on 2 April. However, according to Amnesty International, sanitary measures were not implemented. Conditions in prisons have been described as inhumane due to the "overcrowding and the general lack of adequate sanitation, healthcare and food." In Adi Abeyito prison, which is meant to accommodate 800 people, there have been reports of the populations exceeding 2,500. Amnesty International also noted that there are many unofficial detention centres across the country about which there is little or no information available.	2020		

INTERNATIONAL LA	w			
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification				
International treaties	Name	Ratification Year		
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2014		
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment	2014		
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	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	2002		
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	2001		
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	2001		
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1997		
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1995		
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1994		
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	9/19			

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Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
	Name	Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)	
Regional legal instruments	ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights	1999	
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	1999	

## Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms

Relevant	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic	No	2014	2017
Review	No	2010	2017

## **INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS**

More information about immigration detention in Eritrea is available at the website of the Global Detention Project  $(\underline{www.global detentionproject.org})$ 

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