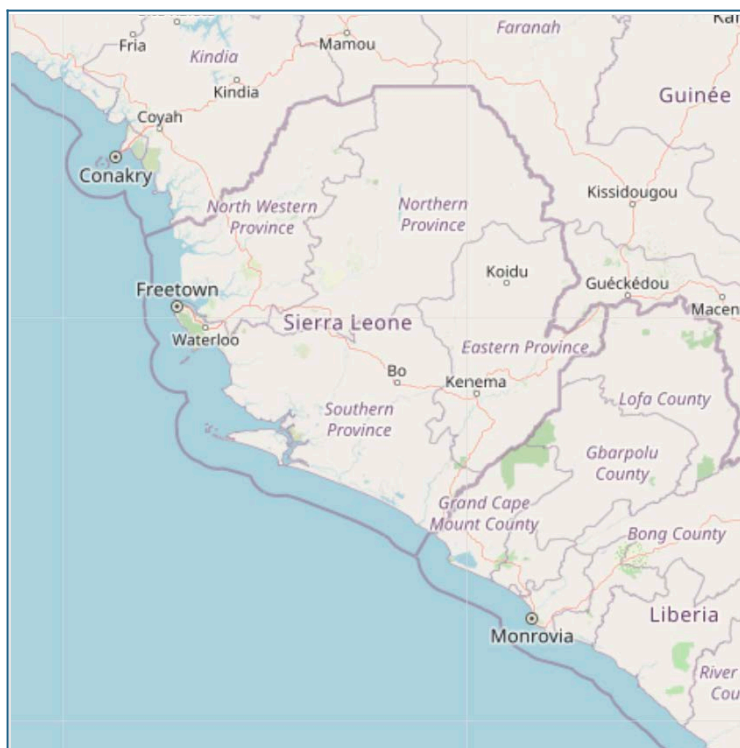


# Sierra Leone Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	54,332
New asylum applications (2016)	0

## NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/sierra-leone>
- "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	3,341	2016	Percentage of foreign prisoners	1.3	2015
	3,281	2013		2.1	2013
	2,762	2012			
	2,237	2010			
	1,899	2007			
	1,400	2004			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	51	2016			
	54	2013			
	46	2012			
	39	2010			
	35	2007			
	28	2004			

### Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	8,000,000	2020	International migrants	54,332	2019
	6,453,000	2015		91,200	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	1.4	2015	Refugees	441	2019
				592	2018
				679	2017
				683	2016
				760	2015
				1,371	2015
				1,372	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.1	2016			
	0.22	2014			

## DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION		
Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Common law	2017
	Customary law	2017
COVID-19 UPDATES		
Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	<p>Responding to the Global Detention Project's Covid-19 survey, an official from an international organisation, verified by the GDP, reported that in Sierra Leone, immigration detainees had not been released from detention and have not been tested for Covid-19. In addition, the source mentioned that the IOM assisted voluntary return and reintegration program had been suspended for the time being, and so no returns were conducted. However, the country's international airport reopened commercial flights on 22 July. All Africa reported that in preparing for re-opening the airport, the aviation sector, public health authorities, and partners, such as WHO and IOM, are working closely to mitigate the risk of transmission of Covid-19 among passengers as well as staff and service providers at the facility. The country has not implemented policy changes, but the official said that migrants had been stopped from entering the country at the borders. According to a mid-April UNHCR report on West &amp; Central Africa, due to Covid-19, Sierra Leone has closed its borders but persons still have access to asylum registration. While freedom of movement has been suspended in the country, persons of concern to the UNHCR reportedly have access to health services. As regards the country's prisons, on 17 June, authorities reported that 30 detainees contracted the disease at the Pademba Road prison after the arrival of a new prisoner. Prisoners were reportedly left without adequate water supply for 10 days in June which meant that they could not wash their hands or flush toilets. Prisoners were forced to urinate and defecate inside cell toilets and then forced to sleep in those cells without fresh air. At the end of April, a riot broke out in Pademba Prison and 7 persons died, including 5 prisoners and 2 staff members. Authorities have described the riot as an escape attempt. Le Figaro reported that the riot broke out after the announcement by the Minister of Justice that one of the prisons' detainees had tested positive for Covid-19.</p>	2020

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name		Ratification Year
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations		2016
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		1967
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights		1996
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		1996
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		1988
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		2001
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		1990
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2010
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		1981
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons		2016
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children		2014
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime		2014
Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	12/19		
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	ICCPR, First Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966		1996
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number	Observation Date	
	1/7	2017	
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		1983
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child		2002
Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms			
Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review	Recomendation Issued	Year Issued	Observation Date
	No	2011	2017
	No	2016	2017

## INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS

More information about immigration detention in Sierra Leone is available at the website of the Global Detention Project  
([www.globaldetentionproject.org](http://www.globaldetentionproject.org))

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