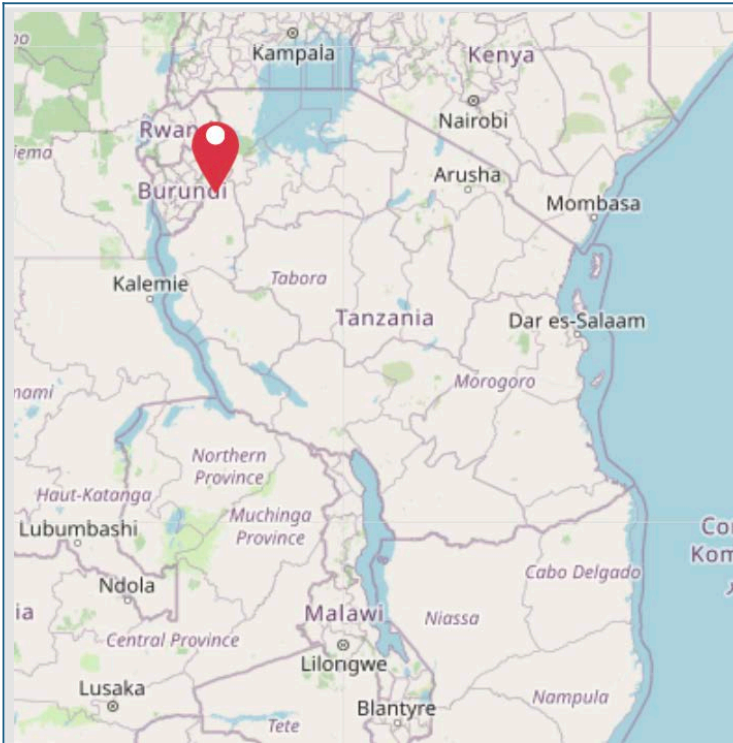


Tanzania Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	509,166
New asylum applications (2019)	10

NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/tanzania>
- "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	31,382	2015	Percentage of foreign prisoners	3.7	2009
	35,301	2013			
	38,353	2011			
	41,613	2008			
	43,911	2006			
	43,526	2004			
	45,286	2001			
	40,820	1998			
	41,893	1995			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	58	2015			
	73	2013			
	82	2011			
	98	2008			
	109	2006			
	115	2004			
	131	2001			
	125	1998			
	138	1995			

Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date
Population	59,700,000	2020	International migrants	509,166	2019
	53,470,000	2015		261,200	2015
	53,470,000	2015		312,800	2013
	47,700,000	2012			
International migrants as a percentage of the population	0.5	2015	Refugees	242,171	2019
	0.6	2013		278,322	2018
				308,528	2017
				281,498	2016
				159,014	2015
				88,492	2014

Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	5.1	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	10	2019
	1.71	2014		6,666	2016
	2.07	2013		1,025	2014
	2.25	2012		445	2013
				202	2012
Refugee recognition rate	37.5	2014			
	90.4	2013			

DOMESTIC LAW					
LEGAL TRADITION					
Legal tradition	Name		Observation Date		
	Common law		2017		
	Customary law		2017		
LAWS AND REGULATIONS					
Core pieces of national legislation	Name		Year Adopted	Last Year Amended	
	Immigration Act 1995		1995	2015	
VULNERABLE PERSONS					
Is the detention of vulnerable persons provided in law? Are they detained in practice?	Name		In Law	In Practice	Observation Date
	Victims of trafficking		Prohibited	No	2016
	Asylum seekers		Prohibited	No	2016
	Refugees		Prohibited	No	2016
	Accompanied minors		Prohibited	Yes	2015
	Unaccompanied minors		Prohibited	Yes	2015

COVID-19 UPDATES

	Update Status	Observation Date
Latest Update	<p>There are nearly 300,000 refugees and asylum seekers in Tanzania, 85 percent of whom live in refugee camps. Doctors Without Borders and other actors have warned about the potential spread of COVID-19 through these camps, especially in Nduta, where self-isolation and physical distancing is reportedly impossible. According to UNHCR, as of 30 September 2020, there were 134,963 people at the Nyarugusu camp; 69,851 people at the Nduta camp; and 28,585 people at the Mtendeli camp. Most asylum seekers and refugees in Tanzania come from Burundi (71.7 percent) and from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (28.2 percent). In an effort to prevent the spread of infection, the refugee agency said that it had distributed 685 personal protective equipment in the camps; provisioned isolation facilities in the camps; established several thousand handwashing stations; and distributed soap to more than 60,000 households. There is little information available about measures that may have been implemented to safeguard other noncitizen groups in Tanzania, including notably people in immigration enforcement procedures like detention or deportation. There do not appear to be any dedicated immigration detention centres in the country; undocumented migrants are held in police facilities and prison pending appearance in court or deportation. Previously, reports revealed that an immigration-related detention centre was opened in 1996 in Mwisa. In 2011, the GDP noted reports indicating that this facility was used to hold asylum seekers or refugees suspected of being combatants as part of a collaboration between the government and UNHCR. However, according to the refugee agency, "There have been incidences where the government has transferred refugees to Mwisa without involving the UNHCR." In May, 3,717 prisoners were pardoned in an effort to relieve overcrowding in prisons as part of a COVID-19 response. Although Human Rights Watch welcomed the move, the group said that that Tanzania's prison population had to be reduced even more, given the overcrowding of places of detention.</p>	2020

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification

	Name	Ratification Year
International treaties	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	2009
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children	2006
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child	1991
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women	1985
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations	1977
	ICESCR, International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	1976
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights	1976
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination	1972
	PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees	1968
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Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified	10/19	

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	ICERD, declaration under article 14 of the Convention		1972
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999		2006
	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	
	3/6	2017	
Regional treaties, regulations, and directives			
Regional legal instruments	Name		Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child		2003
	ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights		1984
	APRW, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol)		2007
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				
Institutions responsible for immigration detention				
Custodial authority	Agency	Ministry	Ministry Typology	Observation Date

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