

# Senegal - Migration Survey 2019

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## Identification

SURVEY ID NUMBER  
SEN\_2019\_MIG\_v01\_M

TITLE  
Migration Survey 2019

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM  
MIG 2019

COUNTRY/ECONOMY

Name	Country code
Senegal	SEN

STUDY TYPE  
Other Household Survey [hh/oth]

### SERIES INFORMATION

The World Bank proposes a new study on international migration in West Africa, focusing on Senegal and the Gambia. For many years, the two countries have had high rates of out-migration to countries in the ECOWAS region, Gulf States and the European Union, with remittances contributing substantially to household welfare (14% and 22% for Senegal and The Gambia in 2016, respectively). The recent humanitarian and political crises linked to rising irregular migration to the European Union has put the issue of migration at the forefront of the political debate, in both sending and receiving countries. However, the reliance on anecdotal and journalistic evidence, rather than on solid data, has been fueling misconceptions and biased the debate about international migration, offering a fertile ground to populist, shortsighted solutions to a nuanced and complex issue.

### ABSTRACT

This activity is intended to address gaps in knowledge regarding the impacts of migration and remittances on development. Understanding the causes, benefits and risks of migration is important for the development of Sub-Saharan Africa, where reliable data on migration and remittances are scarce. This study is to undertake surveys of representative samples of an average of 2,000 households and 1,000 return migrants in Senegal and the Gambia in 2019, to provide information on migration, economic and social consequences on households sending countries and return migrants.

The team proposes to generate the necessary (and missing) evidence along three key dimensions:

1. Determinants of international migration: (a) document socio-economics characteristics of potential migrants vis-à-vis the population, (b) understand decision-making and expectations among potential migrants, and (c) show additional push and pulls factors which shape the migration decision;
2. Economic and social consequences on households in sending countries: (a) describe contribution of remittances to household welfare, and (b) assess vulnerabilities of migrants' families left behind related to missing household members;
3. Return migrants, (a) show characteristics of return migrants and forced returnees, including skills acquired abroad, (b) document migration experience, and (c) highlight vulnerabilities such as potential traumas which challenges re-integration in the country of origin.

KIND OF DATA  
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS  
- Households  
- Communities

## Version

VERSION DESCRIPTION  
Version 01

VERSION DATE

2019

## Scope

### NOTES

The scope of the survey includes:

- Household members and their characteristics;
- Household housing conditions;
- Household assets and spending;
- Household perceptions of poverty;
- Current migration;
- Transfers received from current migrants (internal and international) who have never been members of the household;
- Return migrant;
- Potential migrants;
- Personality, behavior and preferences.

## Coverage

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

National coverage

## Producers and sponsors

### PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name
The World Bank
CRES- Consortium for Economic and Social Research

### FUNDING AGENCY/SPONSOR

Name
World Bank
State and Peacebuilding TF
Department for International Development
Swiss Development Cooperation

## Sampling

### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

The survey is structured simply to collect quantitative data from households. The primary sampling unit of the survey being the household required that interviews are conducted at the household level. The survey was structured in parts in order to facilitate the operation and give maximum quality output. This includes questionnaire design, lister recruitment and training, listing of households, enumerator recruitment and training, field pilot, field data collection and quality control and data cleaning.

## Data collection

### DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
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2019

2019

## DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

## Access policy

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## CITATION REQUIREMENTS

Use of the dataset must be acknowledged using a citation which would include:

- the Identification of the Primary Investigator
- the title of the survey (including country, acronym and year of implementation)
- the survey reference number
- the source and date of download

Example:

Consortium for Economic and Social Research, The World Bank. Senegal Migration Survey (MIG) 2019, Ref. SEN\_2019\_MIG\_v01\_M. Dataset downloaded from [URL] on [date].

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## Metadata production

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## DDI DOCUMENT ID

DDI\_SEN\_2019\_MIG\_v01\_M\_WB

## PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
Poverty- GP	EECPV	The World Bank	Metadata preparation

## DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2020-04-30

## DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Version 01 (May 2020)

## Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
<b>base comunautaire_public.dta</b> Section 0: Identification of the village / neighborhood Section 1: Demography and migration Section 2: Access to water and electricity Section 3: Transport and communications Section 4: Education Section 5: Health Section 6: Trade and services Section 7: Microfinance Section 8: Infrastructure for young people Section 9: Development projects Section 10: Security Section 11: Standard of living and poverty	367	175
<b>Section0_public.dta</b> Section 0: Household identification	3207	15
<b>Section1_public.dta</b> Section 1: List of household members and their characteristics	34025	68
<b>Section2_public.dta</b> Section 2: Household housing conditions	3207	27
<b>Section3_menage_public.dta</b> Section 3: Household assets and expenses	3207	196
<b>Section3_scolarité_public.dta</b> Section 3: Actifs et dépenses du menage (cont)	33773	13
<b>Section4_public.dta</b> Section 4: Perceptions of poverty and shock	3207	101
<b>Section5_menage_public.dta</b> Section 5: Migration and transfers received from former household members	3207	126
<b>Section5_migrant_public.dta</b> Section 5: Migration and transfers received from former household members	2528	145
<b>Section6_menage_public.dta</b> Section 6: Migration and internal and international transfers received from persons who have never been household	3207	97
<b>Section6_migrant_public.dta</b> Section 6: Migration and internal and international transfers received from persons who have never been household	477	29
<b>Section7_public.dta</b> Section 7: Return migrant	3207	578
<b>Section8_public.dta</b> Section 8: Potential migrants	3207	200
<b>Section9_migrant_potentiel_public.dta</b> Section 9: Personality, preferences and behaviors	3207	36
<b>Section9_migrant_retour_public.dta</b> Section 9: Personality, preferences and behaviors	3207	35