COVID-19 Analytical Snapshot #43: Migration research & analysis UPDATE

Understanding the migration & mobility implications of COVID-19

These COVID-19 Analytical Snapshots are designed to capture the latest research, information and analysis in a fast-moving environment. Topics will be repeated from time to time as analysis develops.

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New research on the migration and mobility aspects of COVID-19

Migration and Mobility after the 2020 Pandemic: The End of an Age?, by Alan Gamlen

Stranded: The Impacts of COVID-19 on Irregular Migration and Migrant Smuggling, by Gabriella Sanchez and Luigi Achilli

Why coronavirus is likely to be bad news for Europe’s radical right, by James Dennison and Andrew Geddes


Migration and development: What now with Covid-19?, by Tanja Bastia & Ronald Skeldon

Migration and Immigration: Uganda and the COVID-19 Pandemic, by Agnes Igoye of the Ugandan Ministry of Internal Affairs

From Low-Skilled to Key Workers: The Implications of Emergencies for Immigration Policy, by Mariña Fernández-Reino, Madeleine Sumption and Carlos Vargas-Silva

The challenge of real-time analysis: making sense of the migration and mobility implications of COVID-19 by Marie McAuliffe, Céline Bauloz and Adrian Kitimbo

COVID-19 and migration governance: A holistic perspective by Andrea Milan and Reshma Cunnoosamy

COVID-19 research and analysis from IOM

The latest Migration Research Series paper (no 60) is Migrants and the COVID-19 pandemic: an initial analysis by Lorenzo Guadagno.

There is also a new Migration Policy Practice issue on COVID-19, migrants and migration policy across the world.

The Migration Health Evidence Portal for COVID-19 contains an open-source searchable repository of COVID-19 research publications relating to migrants, migration and mobility, and Evidence Briefs, which synthesize key information relevant to IOM’s COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan.

IOM’s Migration, Environment and Climate Division are hosting a new forum where practitioners and researchers can share experiences, knowledge and ideas on the linkages between COVID-19 and aspects of environmental migration, disaster displacement and the environmental impact of people’s movement decisions.
COVID-19 pages and portals

Following a surge in COVID-19 research output globally, there are now a huge number of portals and dedicated resource pages. The most cited pages and portals relating to migration and the pandemic include:

⇒ Lancet Migration’s Migration & Covid-19 Forum
⇒ ICVA COVID-19 Resources
⇒ COVID-19 mobility impacts portal
⇒ COMPAS’s Coronavirus and Mobility Forum
⇒ IATA Government Measures Related to Coronavirus
⇒ CMS Covid-19 Migration Developments
⇒ openDemocracy & Ryerson University’s Pandemic Borders blog
⇒ Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRP)

A visual analysis of COVID-19

The Financial Times has created an up-to-date, free-to-read visual narrative of the spread of COVID-19. The page visually presents data relating to confirmed cases, government responses and deaths/excess mortality across the world.

They have also produced an interactive COVID-19 trajectory chart, which allows users to compare how cases and death rates have developed in different countries, and a visual representation of government responses, using data from the Oxford Government Response Tracker.

COVID-19 & migration webinars

Migration-related webinars are being conducted on a range of COVID-19 issues by research centres, think tanks, and forums, including:

⇒ Migration Policy Centre at EUI
⇒ Oxford Department of International Development
⇒ Centre for Global Development
⇒ Global Forum on Migration and Development

ApartTogether

Coordinated by Ghent University, the ApartTogether survey seeks to understand how refugees and migrants experience the psychosocial impact of COVID-19, and how they have dealt with the challenges that have arisen.

Available in 30 languages and with audio, the survey will be used to inform organisations and decision-makers about how they can better support migrants and refugees, both during and after the pandemic.

You can take part in the survey here.

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