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Total population 2013 (millions)	6.3	Eritrea compared to:	World	Region
Population growth 2013 (annual, in %)	3.2	Human Development Index (HDI)	182/187	41/46
GDP per capita 2013 (current USD)	544	GDP per capita	176/209	37/48
GDP growth 2013 (annual, in %)	1.3	Emigration rate	125/203	12/48
Poverty rate (USD PPP 2 a day, in %)		Emigration rate of the highly educated		

Age structure of the population (2013): "0-14": 43%; "15-64": 55%; "65+": 2%

Emigrant population (15+) living in OECD countries



Emigrant population: Persons born in Eritrea living abroad

	2010/11								2000/01	
-	OECD a	and selected no destinations	n-OECD	OECD destinations		Intra-regional			OECD destinations	
Population 15+	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Total
Emigrant population (thousands)	53.5	52.5	106.0	44.8	44.3	89.1				48.0
Recent emigrants (thousands)				15.3	12.5	27.8				6.8
15-24 (%)	14.7	14.2	14.4	11.7	10.6	11.2				12.4
25-64 (%)	78.7	77.2	78.0	81.3	80.0	80.6				83.7
65+ (%)	6.6	8.6	7.6	7.0	9.4	8.2				3.9
Low educated (%)	40.6	51.7	46.1	33.8	45.4	39.6				37.5
Highly educated (%)	24.8	16.7	20.8	27.4	18.8	23.2				21.6
Total emigration rates (%)	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.7				2.3
Emigration rates of the highly educated (%)										

Main OECD and selected non-OECD destinations in 2010/11

	Tota	al	Recent emigrants	Women	Highly educated	15-24	Total in 2000/01
Population 15+	Thousands	%	%	%	%	%	Thousands
United States	25.7	24.3	21.9	47.7	30.8	9.6	16.8
United Kingdom	16.4	15.5	44.1	51.1	26.3	18.1	5.8
Sudan	14.9	14.0		49.1	6.1	33.7	
Italy	14.8	13.9	12.9	52.1	12.5	5.8	12.3
Sweden	8.8	8.3	49.0	52.7	10.2	10.3	4.2
Canada	7.4	7.0	29.3	50.4	37.9	6.6	4.7
Norway	5.6	5.3	71.4	47.0	13.7	14.4	1.6
Netherlands	3.1	2.9	13.3	42.7	15.1	16.7	
Switzerland	3.0	2.8	45.3	43.1	5.9	9.5	1.0
Australia	2.6	2.4	18.0	50.8	25.4	9.1	1.3

Indicators of the labour market situation of persons born in Eritrea living in OECD countries

		2000/01	2010/11			
Population 15-64	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Employment rate (%)	68.3	52.0	59.8	63.4	50.5	57.0
Unemployment rate (%)	10.0	12.7	11.3	14.5	15.9	15.1
Participation rate (%)	75.9	59.6	67.3	74.1	60.0	67.2
Total employed (thousands)	14.7	12.3	27.1	26.4	20.1	46.5
Employment rate of the highly educated (%)	78.7	68.8	74.9	73.0	62.7	68.8
Unemployment rate of the highly educated (%)	7.2	8.5	7.7	10.1	13.5	11.4
Highly educated in low-and medium-skilled jobs (%)			40.3			47.0
Highly educated employed (thousands)	4.7	2.5	7.2	8.1	4.8	12.9
Distribution of employment by occupation (%), population 15+						
Highly skilled occupations			27.1	23.3	18.5	20.7
Of which: Health professionals						8.6
Of which: Teaching professionals						5.1
Medium-skilled occupations			59.8	61.2	61.2	61.2
Low-skilled occupations			13.1	15.5	20.3	18.1

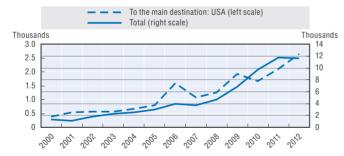
Main OECD destinations by education level in 2010/11 (population 15+)

Highly educated e (thousands	0	Change since 2000/01 (%)	Low educated emigrants (thousands)		Change since 2000/01 (%)	
United States	7.9	+81.8	United Kingdom	8.1	+231.2	
United Kingdom	4.3	+220.6	United States	7.2	+46.4	
Canada	2.8	+71.3	Italy	7.1	+11.5	
Italy	1.9	+24.3	Norway	3.0	+2 114.6	
Sweden	0.9	+113.1	Sweden	2.9	+114.0	
Total	20.2	+102.5	Total	34.5	+99.2	

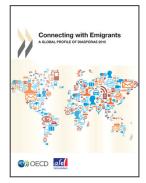
International students from Eritrea in OECD countries

Five main destinations	2008	2010	2012
United States	163	163	107
Norway	31	44	81
Italy	105	91	78
Germany	33	35	42
United Kingdom	87	56	30
Total	466	469	446

Legal migrant flows to the OECD



Ten main OECD countries of destination for legal migrants in 2012 (numbers, % of the total flows to the country): USA (2 643, 0%), NOR (2 366, 3%), SWE (2 213, 2%), CHE (1 129, 0%), CAN (980, 0%), DEU (833, 0%), ITA (613, 0%), AUS (441, 0%), FRA (278, 0%), NLD (41, 0%).



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