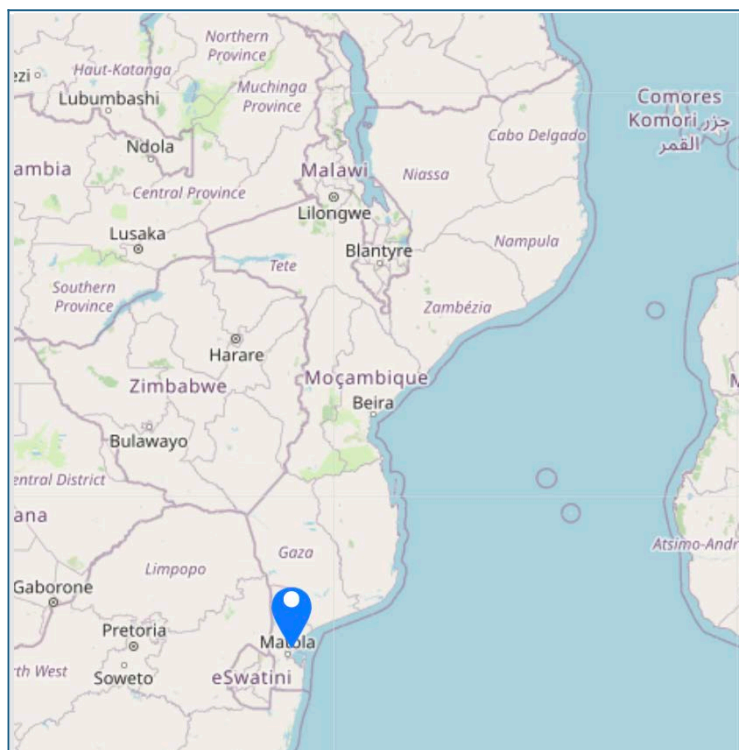


# Mozambique Immigration Detention Data Profile



Quick Facts	
Immigration detainees (2019)	Not Available
Detained minors (2017)	Not Available
International migrants (2019)	334,665
New asylum applications (2019)	797

## NOTES ON USING THIS PROFILE

- Sources for the data provided in this report are available online at: <https://www.globaldetentionproject.org/countries/africa/mozambique>
- "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	15,976	2015	Percentage of foreign prisoners	0.9	2012
	15,735	2012			
	15,249	2010			
	15,000	2007			
	10,000	2004			
	8,812	1999			
	7,120	1996			
Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population)	57	2015			
	64	2012			
	65	2010			
	69	2007			
	49	2004			
	49	1999			
	43	1996			

### Demographics and immigration-related statistics

		Observation Date			Observation Date	
Population	31,300,000	2020	International migrants	334,665	2019	
	27,978,000	2015			222,900	2015
International migrants as a percentage of the population	0.8	2015	Refugees	4,713	2019	
					4,907	2018
					4,876	2017
					4,663	2016
					5,622	2015
					4,536	2014
Ratio of refugees per 1000 inhabitants	0.16	2016	Total number of new asylum applications	797	2019	
	0.17	2014			2,096	2016
					3,285	2014
Refugee recognition rate	100	2014				

## DOMESTIC LAW

LEGAL TRADITION		
Legal tradition	Name	Observation Date
	Customary law	2017
	Civil law	2017
COVID-19 UPDATES		
Latest Update	Update Status	Observation Date
	<p>On World Refugee Day (20 June), rights groups called on Mozambican authorities to release a group of 16 African refugees and asylum seekers detained in the country since 2019 and who are held in conditions in which their health is not safeguarded. The group, which includes 15 Congolese people and one Ethiopian man, were arrested (and allegedly beaten) by police and immigration officers in Maratane Refugee Camp in the north-east of the country and have since been arbitrarily detained in Pemba, Cabo Delgado province. According to Amnesty International, the group have been held in inhuman conditions with no access to clean drinking water and no toilet in their cell, and no measures have been implemented in the prison to prevent the spread of Covid-19. They have not been provided with beds and instead are reported to be sleeping on sheets of paper on the floor. In June 2019, it was also reported that the group had been denied food and medical attention, and in April 2019 the prison in which they are held was reported to have been flooded and damaged by Cyclone Kenneth. Amnesty said in a 20 June statement, "The Mozambican government must immediately and unconditionally end the arbitrary detention of these refugees and release them without any delay or charge them with internationally recognizable offences if they have committed any crime." In January 2019, Mozambican authorities had attempted to deport seven of the asylum seekers to the Democratic Republic of Congo, but Congolese immigration authorities denied them entry. In a previous case in 2018 involving the six-month detention of three asylum seekers, a High Court ordered their release, affirming the rights of asylum seekers within the country. According to the Southern Africa Litigation Centre, despite Article 11 of the country's Refugee Act stating that any criminal or administrative proceedings directly connected with illegal entry shall be suspended immediately upon the submission of the petition, asylum seekers have continued to be arrested and detained for illegal entry.</p>	2020

## INTERNATIONAL LAW

Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaties	Name		Ratio of relevant international treaties ratified
	CRSR, Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees		14/19
	CTOCSP, Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime		
	VCCR, Vienna Convention on Consular Relations		
	ICERD, International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination		
	ICCPR, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights		
	CEDAW, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women		
	CAT, Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		
	CRC, Convention on the Rights of the Child		
	CRPD, Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		
	ICRMW, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families		
	CRSSP, Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons		
	CTOCTP, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children		
	OPCAT, Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment		
PCRSR, Protocol to the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees			
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
International treaty reservations	Name	Reservation Year	Observation Date
	CRSR Article 22	1983	2017
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Individual complaints procedure	Name		Acceptance Year
	CEDAW, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 1999		2008
CRPD, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities		2012	
Relevant international treaties and date of ratification			
Ratio of complaints procedures accepted	Number		Observation Date
	2/7		2017

**Regional treaties, regulations, and directives**

<b>Regional legal instruments</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Year of Ratification (Treaty) / Transposed (Directive) / Adoption (Regulation)</b>
	ACHPR, African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights	1989
	ACRWC, African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child	1998
	APRW, Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa (Maputo Protocol)	2005

**Non treaty-based international human rights mechanisms**

<b>Relevant recommendations of the UN Universal Periodic Review</b>	<b>Recommendation Issued</b>	<b>Year Issued</b>	<b>Observation Date</b>
	No	2011	2017
	No	2016	2017

**INSTITUTIONAL INDICATORS**

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