The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of the year has affected global and regional mobility, including mobility in the Islamic Republic of Iran, through various travel disruptions and restrictions.

To better understand how the pandemic affects global mobility, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) developed an online tool and database to register points of entry, exit and transit - such as airports and land and blue border crossing points - where mobility restrictions and preparedness and response measures are in place. To support these efforts, over a period of ten months, the Displacement Tracking Matrix Regional Evidence for Migration Analysis and Policy (DTM REMAP) team in Iran (Islamic Republic of) mapped and gathered data on the locations, statuses and restrictions at Points of Entry (PoE) in the country.

The information gathered allows more in-depth analysis to uncover specific trends related to the locations, statuses and restrictions of PoEs in Iran (Islamic Republic of).

In December 2020, the DTM REMAP team in Iran (Islamic Republic of) assessed 86 PoEs. The most common type of PoE reported was airports (39), followed by land borders (31) and blue borders (16). Internal transit points are not taken into account for analysis in this snapshot.

Between November and December 2020, the number of assessed PoEs increased from 83 to 86[1] PoEs. The status of the PoEs changed notably. The number of PoEs that were fully operational increased remarkably from 17 to 42 PoEs. In December 2020, only two PoEs were fully closed and 42 PoEs were partially operational.

ASSESSED POEs BY TYPE
(AS OF DECEMBER 2020)

86
Points of entry were assessed in December 2020.

31 Land borders

16 Blue borders

39 Airports

0 Internal transit points

LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POEs
(AS OF DECEMBER 2020)

Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Point of entry
- Land border
- Airport
- Blue border

Operational status PoE
- Fully operational
- Partially operational
- Fully closed
- Unknown

Legend
- International border
- Province border
- Water body

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[1]Number only represents land borders, airports and blue borders.

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Timeline of confirmed national COVID-19 cases (weekly change), status of PoEs and country-level mobility restrictions

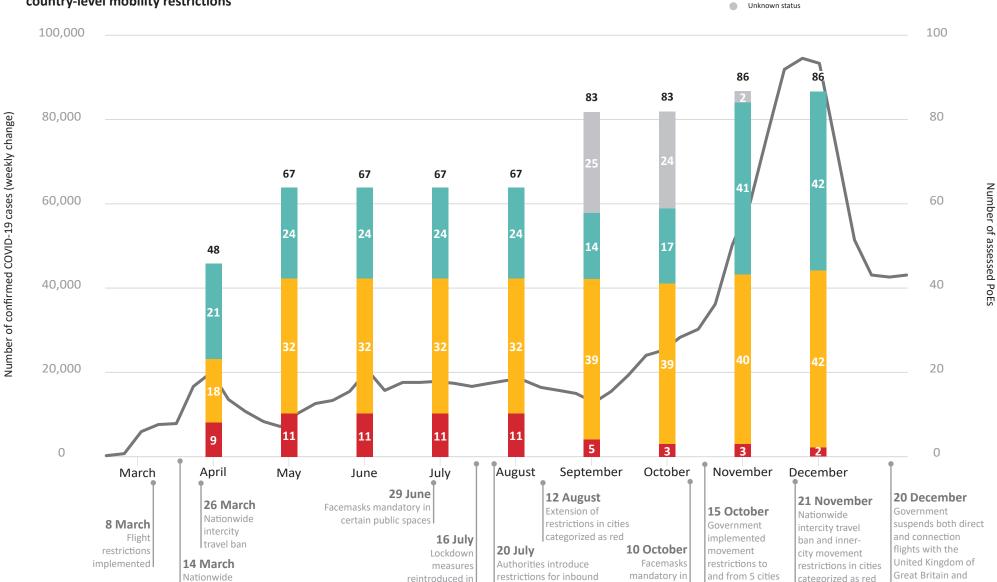Operational status PoE
- Fully operational
- Partially operational
- Fully closed
- Unknown status

Timeline COVID-19 cases
— Confirmed COVID-19 cases

Source confirmed COVID-19 cases:
World Health Organization (WHO)

8 March Flight restrictions implemented

14 March Nationwide lockdown

26 March Nationwide intercity travel ban

29 June Facemasks mandatory in certain public spaces

16 July Lockdown measures reintroduced in Tehran

20 July Authorities introduce restrictions for inbound passengers

12 August Extension of restrictions in cities categorized as red

10 October Facemasks mandatory in Tehran

15 October Government implemented movement restrictions to and from 5 cities for 4 days

21 November Nationwide intercity travel ban and inner-city movement restrictions in cities categorized as red

20 December Government suspends both direct and connection flights with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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