The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020 has affected global and regional mobility, including mobility in Iran (Islamic Republic of), 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 12 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 February 2021, the DTM REMAP team in Iran (Islamic Republic of) assessed 84 PoEs. The most common type of PoE reported was airports (38), followed by land borders (30) and blue borders (16). Internal transit points are not taken into account for analysis in this snapshot. During the PoE reporting period (April 2020 - February 2021), the number of assessed PoEs in Iran (Islamic Republic of) increased from 48 to 84[1] PoEs. The status of the PoEs changed notably. Nine of the PoEs were fully closed at the beginning of the assessment, but only two PoEs were closed in February 2021. The number of partially operational PoEs increased remarkably during the reporting period, from 18 to 41 PoEs. Finally, the number of PoEs that were fully operational also increased during the reporting period, from 21 to 41 PoEs in February 2021.

ASSESSED POES BY TYPE
(AS OF FEBRUARY 2021)

84
Points of entry were assessed in February 2021.

30 Land borders

16 Blue borders

38 Airports

0 Internal transit points

LOCATIONS AND STATUSES OF POES
(AS OF FEBRUARY 2021)

Point of entry
- Land border
- Airport
- Blue border

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

Legend
- International border
- Province border
- Water body
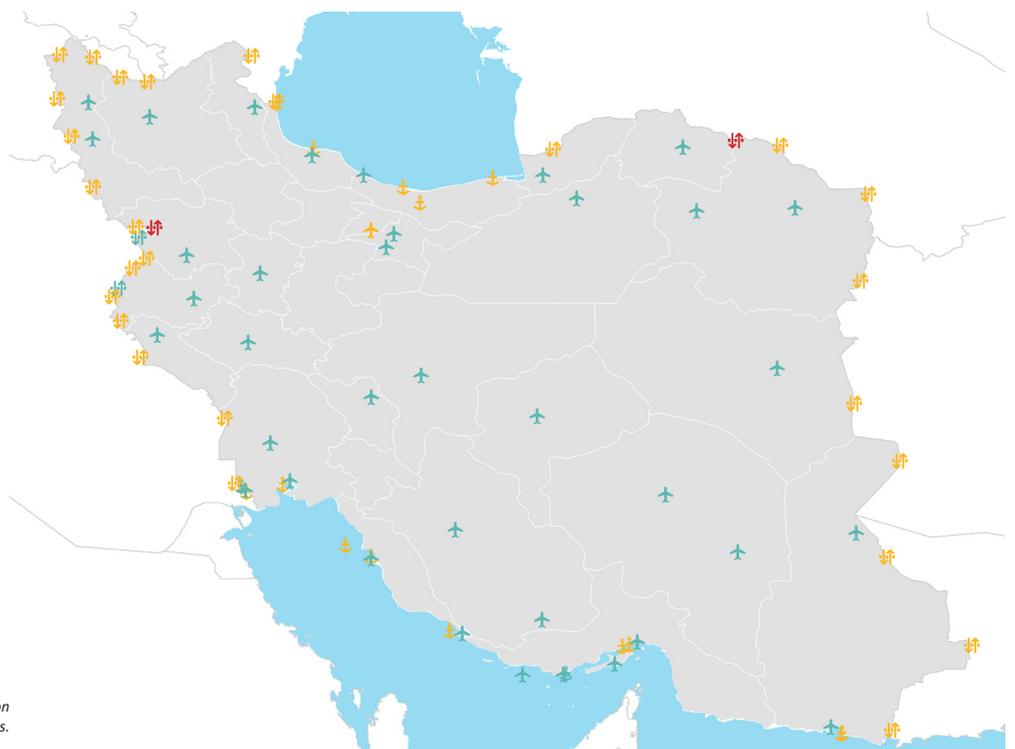
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[1] Number only represents land borders, airports and blue borders.

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

Timeline COVID-19 cases
- Confirmed COVID-19 cases

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

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

8 March
Flight restrictions implemented

26 March
Nationwide intercity travel ban

14 March
Nationwide lockdown

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 implements movement restrictions to and from 5 cities for 4 days

21 November
Nationwide intercity travel ban and innercity 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

9 February
Launch of COVID-19 vaccination campaign

20 February
Closure of border crossings with Iraq for travellers in Khuzestan, Ilam, Kermanshah and West Azerbaijan provinces

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