

BI-MONTHTLY SITREP no. 36 - 16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021



#### **CONTEXT**

The COVID-19 outbreak first reported in the People's Republic of China in late 2019 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 11 March 2020. More than a year later, as of 31 May, approximately 171,000,000 confirmed cases had been reported in 213 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported that 294,021 individuals tested positive to the virus with 3,634 who have died from the disease. On 20 March 2020, the first two cases were confirmed in Haïti and the country remains at high risk of rapid contagion given the weak health system, the proximity and porous border with the Dominican Republic. At present, 15,282 cases of infection, 323 deaths and 12,552 recoveries have been confirmed in Haïti.

IOM continues to adapt its ongoing Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) initiative along the Haïti–Dominican Republic border to support the ongoing preparedness and response. The Flow Monitoring initiative is currently being carried out in **20 Border Crossing Points** between Haïti and the Dominican Republic: **16 unofficial points** and **4 official points** in collaboration with the Support Group for the Repatriated and Refugees (GARR in French).

#### **BI-MONTHLY FIGURES - 16 MAY TO 31 MAY**

66,945 total cross border movements observed

31,130 going to the Dominican Republic

35,815 going to Haïti

13,483 persons voluntarily returned to Haiti

### **MIGRATORY FLOWS - VOLUNTARY RETURNS AND DEPORTATIONS**

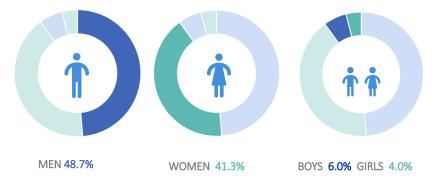
55.7% of observed movements were daily commuters

20.4% of observed movements were voluntary/spontaenous returns

2.2% were forced displacements (deportations, arbitrary expulsions and non admissions)

21.7% of other types of movements

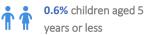
#### **DEMOGRAPHICS** - BREAKDOWN BY SEX



#### **VULNERABILITIES** - OBSERVED AT THE BORDER









1.5% elderly persons (aged



0.3% physically disabled persons

#### CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS OBSERVED AT THE BORDER FROM 16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021



Disclaimer: Flow Monitoring activities are not representative of all flows in the geographic region covered by the exercise and should be understood as only indicative of the individuals captured at the flow monitoring points during the time-frame indicated. Enumerators are deployed at the border from Mondays to Fridays and the data presented represent migratory flows observed 5 days a week. In addition, these figures represent the data entered at the time of the report. Information is being entered consistently and figures updated as the information becomes available.



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Please note that the figures presented in this page do not include movements for December 2020 and January 2021 as Flow Monitoring activities resumed on 1 February 2021.

**CUMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 17 MARCH 2020** 

1,418,266

607,454

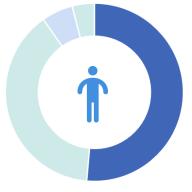
810,812

**Cumulative movements observed** on border crossing points from 17 March 2020 to 31 May 2021.

**Cumulative movements observed from** Haïti to the Dominican Republic from 17 March 2020 to 31 May 2021.

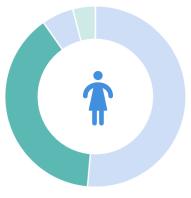
**Cumulative movements observed from** the Dominican Republic to Haïti from 17 March 2020 to 31 May 2021.

### DEMOGRAPHICS SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI - from 17 MARCH 2020 to 31 MAY 2021

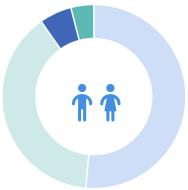




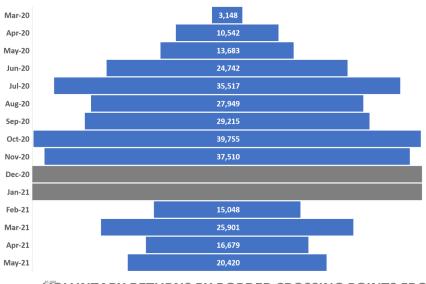
■ Anse-a-Pitre



**WOMEN 38.9%** 



BOYS 5.7% GIRLS 4.0%



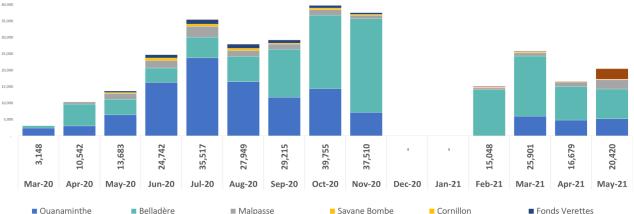
■ Baie de Manzanille

#### **VOLUNTARY RETURNS**

300,109

Voluntary Returns observed at the border from 17 March 2020 to 31 May 2021.

## VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINTS FROM 17 MARCH 2020 TO 31 MAY 2021



■ Manquette

■ Mont Organisé

■ Nan Batey



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#### **REPATRIATIONS**

The migration of Haitians remains one of the most complex and challenging in the region. It is estimated that there are more than 1.2 million Haitian migrants across the world (MPI 2017), mostly in the United States of America, Canada, France, the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic, among others. Haiti also remains highly exposed to natural disasters such as earthquakes and hurricanes. Adding to these challenges, the country's continuous socio-economic issues caused by political turmoil have consistently caused instability, widespread poverty, risks of epidemies among others. These factors combined contribute to exacerbate the country's vulnerability, thus directly driving irregular migration flows.

In line with this, IOM is monitoring other movements and migratory flows outside of Haïti, particularly those observed towards northern countries such as the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the United States of America. Indeed, as increased movements and repatriations of Haitian migrants from the Northern part of Haïti (Nord-Ouest, Nord and Nord-Est) have been observed for the better part of 2019 and the last half of 2020. IOM's Flow Monitoring teams will continue to track all trends that may also affect movements toward the Dominican Republic.

In this context, "Coast Guard" refers to migrants apprehended at sea in the Bahamas, Turks and Caicos and the United States and repatriated by the Coast Guard.

**CUMULATIVE FIGURES FROM 2018** 

5,809

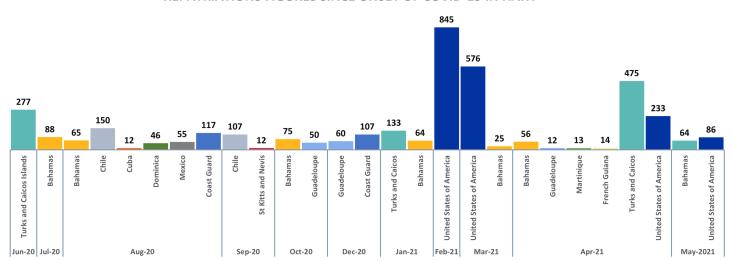
#### **Repatriations since 2018**

While repatriations were initially halted in light of COVID-19 restrictions, they resumed in June 2020. A total of **3,817** of Haitian migrants were repatriated to Haïti between **1 June 2020** to **31 May 2021**.

- 3,521 persons forcefully repatriated from 9 locations (8 countries and at sea)
- 296 persons voluntarily repatriated from: Chile (257), Guade-loupe (12), Martinique (13) and French Guiana (14)

Country of Origin	Number of repatriated migrants	Female	Male
Bahamas	1,533	25%	75%
Chile	257	27%	73%
Cuba	12	25%	75%
Dominica	46	26%	74%
Guadeloupe	122	19%	81%
French Guiana	14	64%	36%
Martinique	13	15%	85%
Mexico	305	33%	67%
Turks and Caicos	885	17%	83%
St Kitts and Nevis	12	0%	100%
United States of America	1,740	38%	62%
Coast Guard	870	17%	83%

#### **REPATRIATIONS FIGURES SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI**



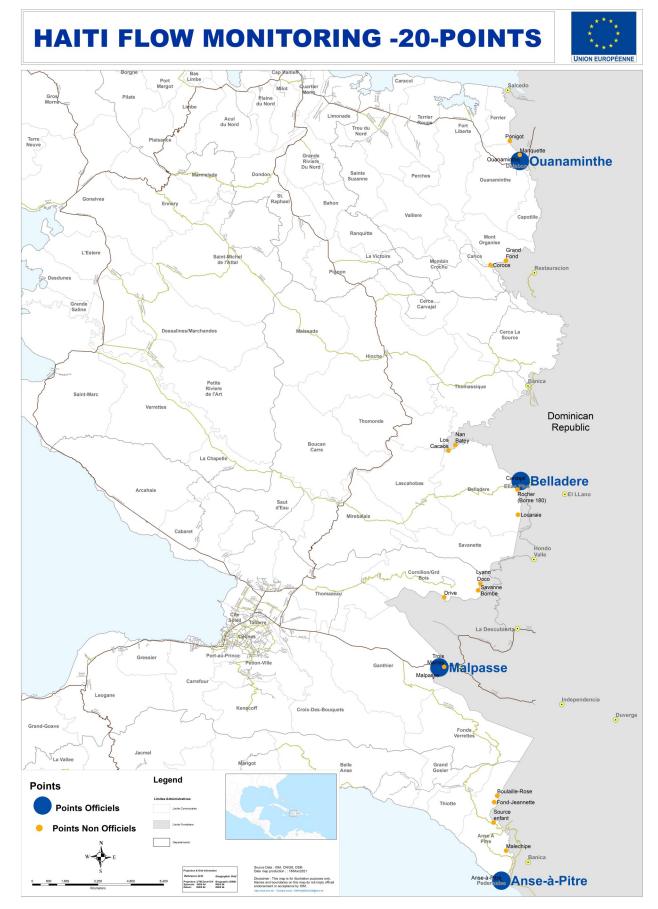
#### **REPATRIATIONS FIGURES FOR MAY 2021**

Country of Origin	Number of repatriated migrants	Female	Male
Bahamas	64	17%	83%
United States of America	86	6%	94%

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#### FLOW MONITORING POINTS MONITORED ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN HAITI AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

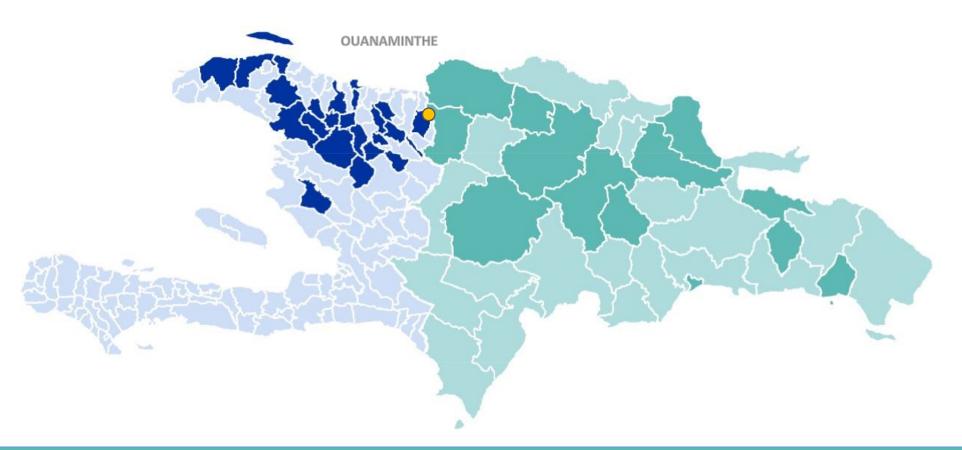




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### ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021—OUANAMINTHE



### **Origin in Dominican Republic**

Duarte, La Romana, Dajabon, La Vega, Valverde, Santiago, San Juan, Monseñor Nouel, María Trinidad Sánchez, Monte Cristi, Distrito Nacional, Hato Mayo

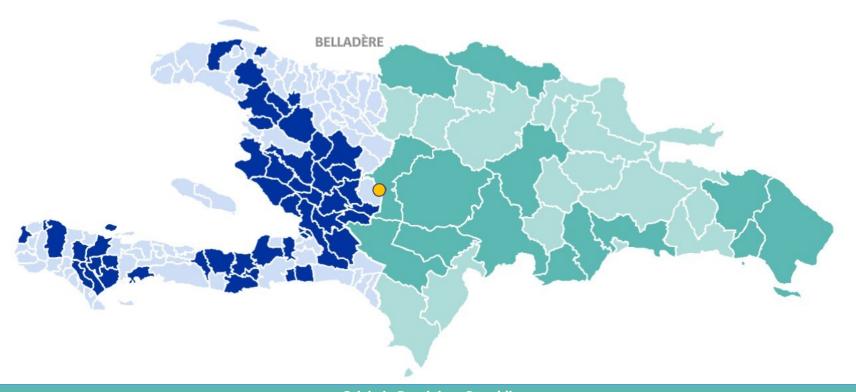
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Ouest	St Louis du Nord, Port-de-Paix, Jean Rabel, Île de la Tortue
Nord-Est	Ouanaminthe, Vallières, Carice, Sainte-Suzanne
	Cap Haïtien, Plaisance, Acul-du-Nord, Dondon, Pignon, St Raphaël, St Michel, Trou-du-Nord, Ranquitte, Mi-
Nord	lot
Artibonite	St Michel, Verrettes, Marmelade, Ennery, Gonaïves, Gros Morne
Centre	Maïssade, Cerca-Carvajal
Ouest	Port-au-Prince



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### ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021- BELLADÈRE



# **Origin in Dominican Republic**

La Vega, Azua, La Altagracia, San Juan, Santo Domingo, San Juan, Independencia, Monte Cristi, Puerto Plata, La Romana, Peravia, San Cristobal, Bahoruco, Elias Pina, El Seibo

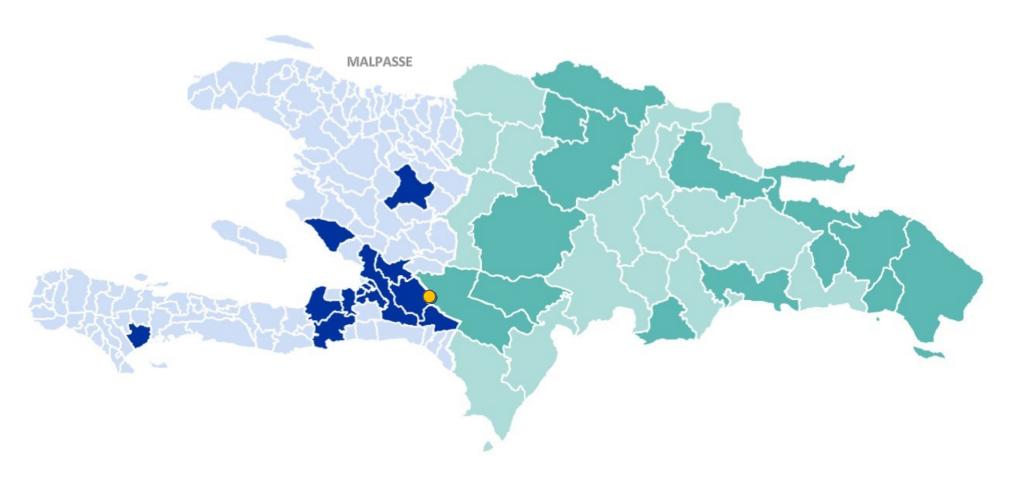
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune	
Nord-Ouest	Port-de-Paix, Anse a Foleur	
	Gonaïves, L'Estère, Pont-Sondé St Marc, Ennery, Verrettes, Lachapelle, Gros-Morne, Petite Rivière de l'Arti-	
Artibonite	bonite, Marmelade, Saint Michel	
Centre	Boucan Carré, Savanette, Lascahobas, Mirebalais, Hinche, Saut-d'Eau, Thomonde, Hinche, Maïssade	
	Léogane, Grand-Goâve, Carrefour, Port-au-Prince, Delmas, Petit Goâve, Arcahaie, Thomazeau, Cornillon,	
Ouest	Cabaret, Sité Soleil, Tabarre, Croix-des-Bouquets, Ganthier	
Nippes	Miragoâne	
Sud-Est	Cayes Jacmel, Marigot, Bainet, Marigot, La Vallée Jacmel	
Sud	Cayes, Camp-Périn, Chantal, Torbeck, St Louis du Sud, Maniche	
Grand'Anse	Jérémie, Trou-Bonbon, Beaumont, Pestel, Dame Marie	



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### ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021- MALPASSE



# **Origin in Dominican Republic**

La Altagracia, Valverde, Santo-Domingo, Peravia, Duarte, Bahoruco Barahona, Santiago, La Romana, Hato Mayor, Puerto Plata, El Seibo, Monte Plata, Independencia, San Juan, La samana

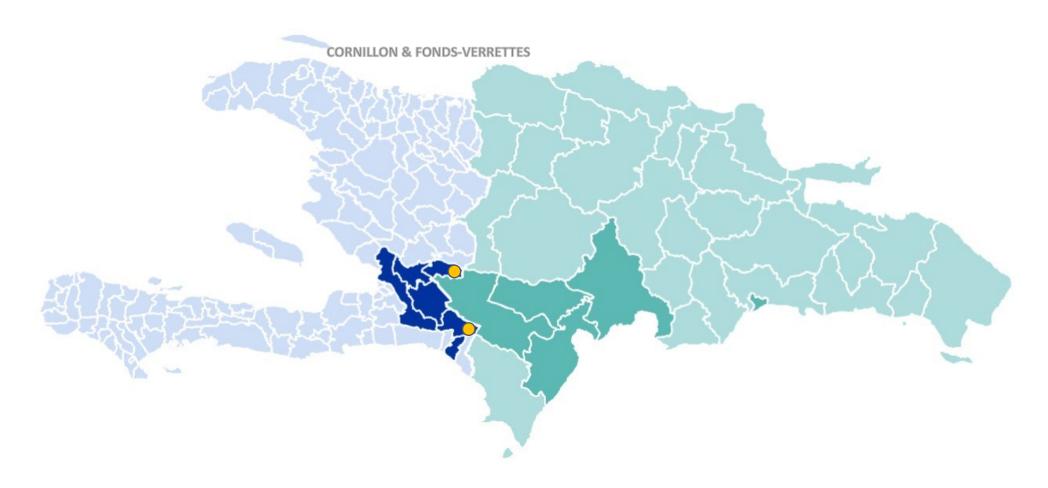
Jaan, La Jamana	
Destination in Haiti: Départeme	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Centre	Hinche
	Petion-Ville, Carrefour, Thomazeau, Delmas, Tabarre, Port-au-Prince, Ganthier, Léogane, Fonds-Verrettes,
Ouest	Croix-des-Bouquets, Arcahaie
Sud	Les Cayes
Sud-Est	Jacmel



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### ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021— CORNILLON AND FONDS-VERRETTES



Barahona, District national, Bahoruco, Independencia, Azua		
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune	
Ouest	Fonds-Verrettes, Cornillon/ Grand-Bois, Tomazeau, Ganthier, Croix-des-Bouquets	
Sud-Est	Thiotte	

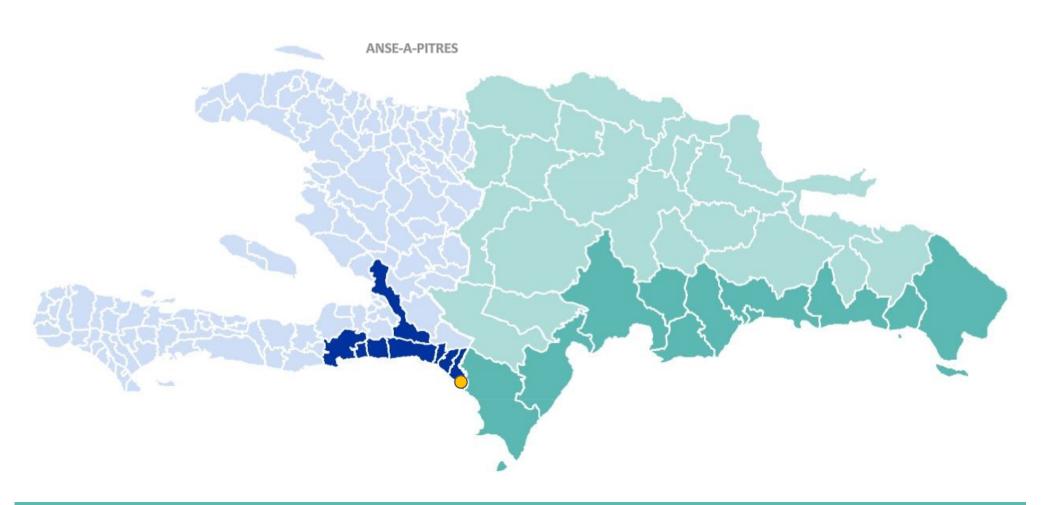
Origin in Dominican Republic





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### ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—16 MAY TO 31 MAY 2021—ANSE-À-PITRES



Origin in Dominican Republic	
Barahona, Azua, Santo Domingo, La Altagracia, San Pedro de Mocoris, San José de Ocoa, Distrito Nacional, Peravia, Pedernales, La Romana, San Cristobal	
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Ouest	Forêt des pins, Croix-des-Bouquets
Sud-Est	Marigot, Belle-Anse, Thiotte, Anse-à-Pitres