

# NIGERIEN MIGRANTS IN LIBYA

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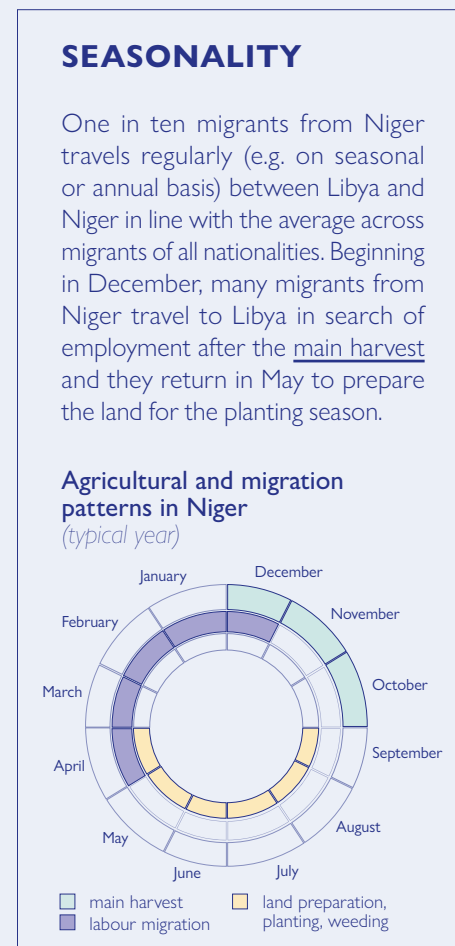
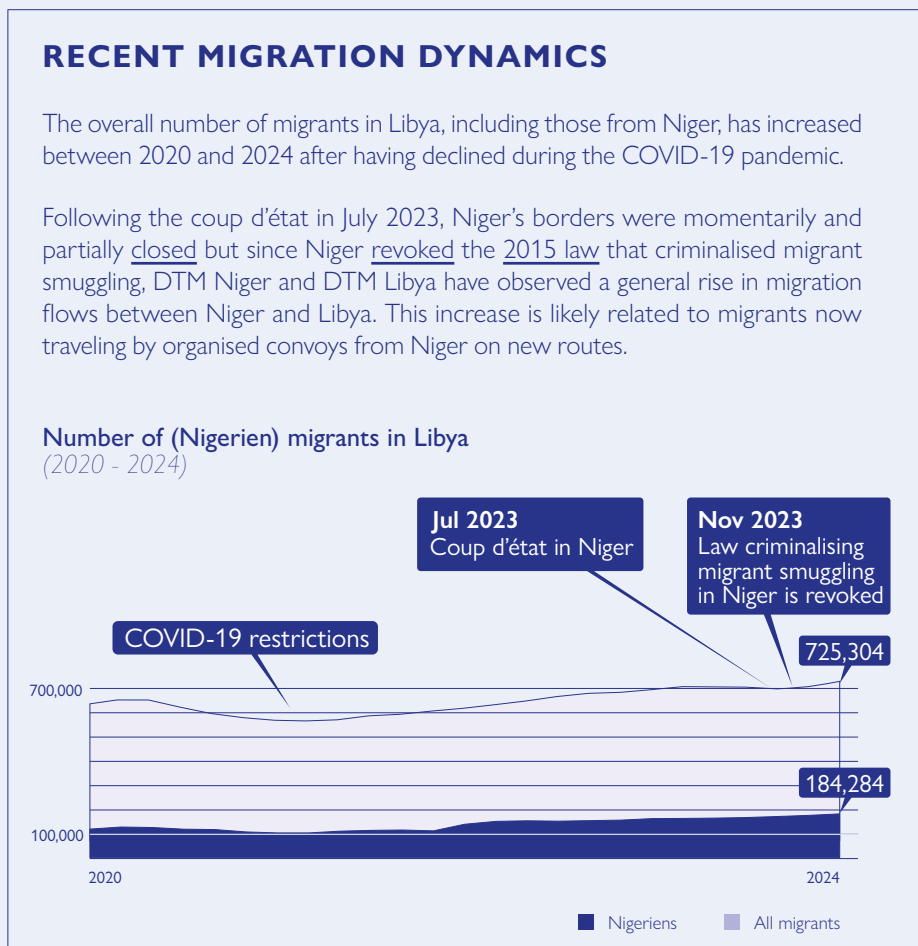
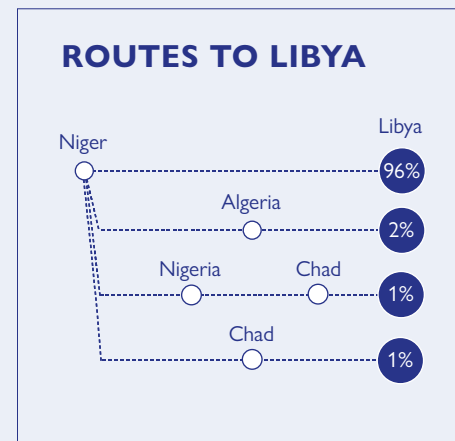
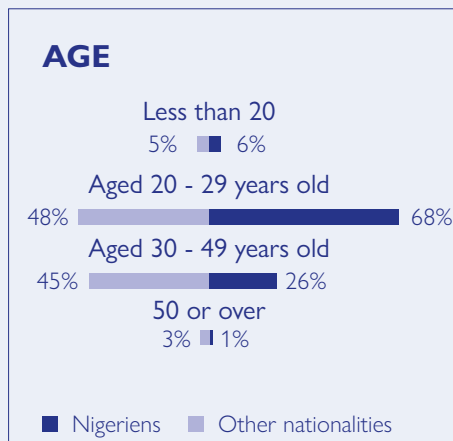
There are **184,284** migrants from Niger in Libya. Niger is the most-represented nationality in Libya—a quarter of migrants are Nigerien.

The majority of Nigerien migrants surveyed by DTM Libya in 2023 and 2024 were **employed, single, male, less than 30 years old** and had not completed a primary level of education. A minority held a work permit (3%).

Niger is not only a country of destination and origin, but also a country of transit for migrants from Western Africa, including those travelling north towards Libya (and Algeria). Around two fifths of migrants (41%) interviewed in 2023 and 2024 came from, or had transited through Niger on their way to Libya.

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## EMPLOYMENT



One fifth of migrants (21%) from Niger interviewed by DTM Libya in 2023 and 2024 were unemployed and actively seeking work - a rate that is equal to that among migrants of all nationalities (21%).

## WORK CONTRACT

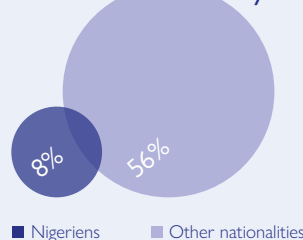
# 57%

of employed Nigerien migrants were contracted on a short-term or casual basis (e.g. very short term or on an occasional and intermittent basis), compared to 44 per cent of migrants of other nationalities.

## ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Nigerien children are less likely to have access to school in Libya compared to migrants of other nationalities, mainly because of the language barrier, a lack of documents and financial issues. A minority of migrants were with their children in Libya (5% of Nigeriens, 8% of migrants of other nationalities).

### Percentage of migrants' children with access to school in Libya



## REMITTANCES

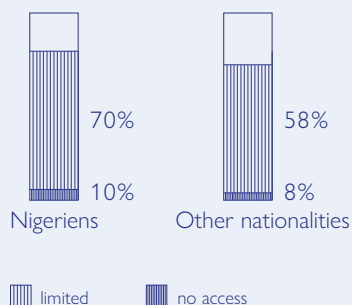
# 54%

of migrants from Niger reported that the money they send home was their household's primary source of income compared to 47 per cent of migrants from other nationalities.

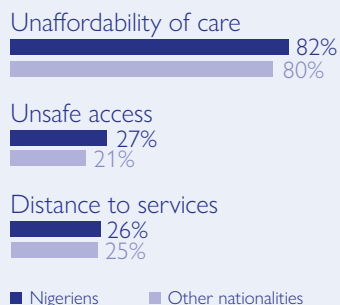
# 74%

Three quarters of Nigeriens who are sending money home mentioned that their remittances are covering their family's food needs — more than the average across other nationalities (64%).

## ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE



## TOP BARRIERS TO HEALTHCARE



## LANGUAGE SKILLS

# 35%

of Nigerien migrants surveyed by DTM Libya in 2023 and 2024 mentioned that they were unable to communicate in Arabic. Being unable to communicate in Arabic can be an obstacle to obtain information that is key to daily life, finding employment, accessing essential services (e.g. education for children), navigating the rental housing market and networking with Libyans.

## ABOUT THIS PROFILE

**METHODOLOGY** The information included in this report is based on 35,817 interviews with migrants (12,374 of which with Nigeriens) conducted between 1 January 2023 and 29 February 2024. The population figures are based on key informant interviews.

**LIMITATIONS** This brief provides a snapshot of a highly heterogeneous group of people on the move in a quickly evolving context. The purposive sampling approach used limits the sex and age breakdown as well as the findings on migrant vulnerabilities from being fully statistically representative of the demographic make-up of the (Nigerien) migrant population in Libya.

## TOP DIFFICULTIES FACED IN LIBYA

(multiple-choice question)



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