

BI-MONTHTLY SITREP no. 35 - 1 MAY TO 15 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 15 May, approximately 162,177,000 confirmed cases had been reported in 213 countries, areas or territories according to WHO and the neighboring country Dominican Republic already reported that 277,188 individuals tested positive to the virus with 3,582 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, 13,598 cases of infection, 276 deaths and 12,463 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 - 1 MAY TO 15 MAY

59,526 total cross border movements observed
31,114 going to the Dominican Republic
28,412 going to Haïti

6,937 persons voluntarily returned to Haiti

MIGRATORY FLOWS - VOLUNTARY RETURNS AND DEPORTATIONS

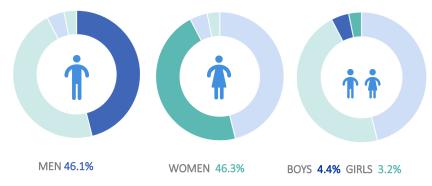
69.9% of observed movements were daily commuters

11.0% of observed movements were voluntary/spontaenous returns

0.9% were forced displacements (deportations, arbitrary expulsions and non admissions)

18.2% of other types of movements

DEMOGRAPHICS - BREAKDOWN BY SEX



VULNERABILITIES - OBSERVED AT THE BORDER





2.0% presumed unaccompanied children (UAM)



0.6% children aged 5 vears or less



1.5% elderly persons (aged60 years +)



0.2% physically disabled persons

CROSS BORDER MOVEMENTS OBSERVED AT THE BORDER FROM 1 MAY TO 15 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

1,351,321

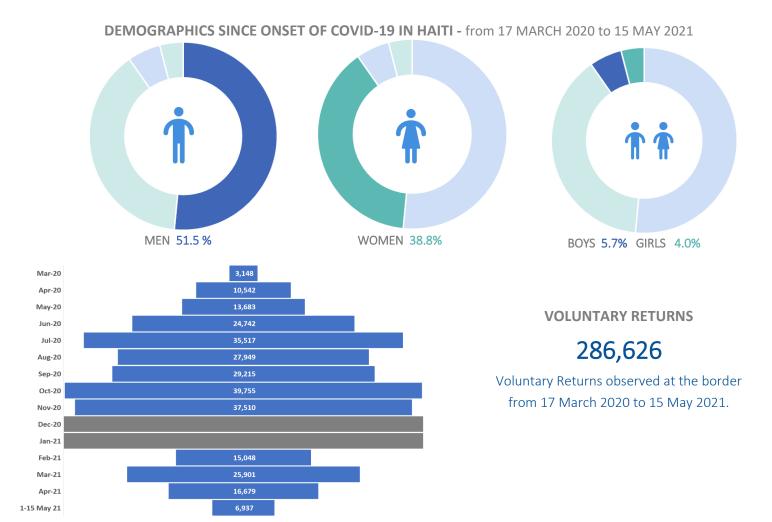
576,324

774,997

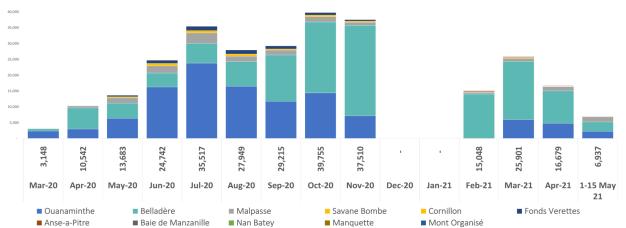
Cumulative movements observed on border crossing points from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.

Cumulative movements observed from Haïti to the Dominican Republic from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.

Cumulative movements observed from the Dominican Republic to Haïti from 17 March 2020 to 15 May 2021.



VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINTS FROM 17 MARCH 2020 TO 15 MAY 2021





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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

5,787

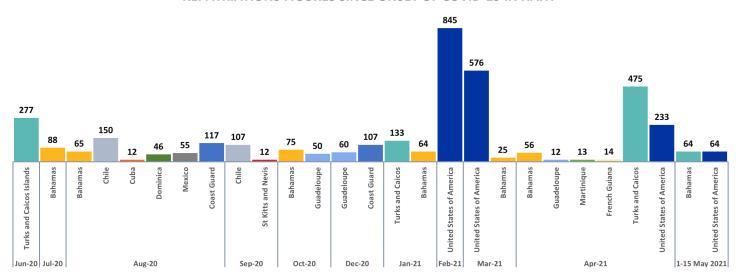
Repatriations since 2018

While repatriations were initially halted in light of COVID-19 restrictions, they resumed in June 2020. A total of **3,795** of Haitian migrants were repatriated to Haïti between **1 June 2020** to **15 May 2021**.

- 3,499 persons forcefully repatriated from 9 locations (8 countries and at sea)
- 296 persons voluntarily repatriated from: Chile (257), Guadeloupe (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	1,718	38%	62%
Coast Guard	870	17%	83%

REPATRIATIONS FIGURES SINCE ONSET OF COVID-19 IN HAITI



REPATRIATIONS FIGURES FROM 1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021

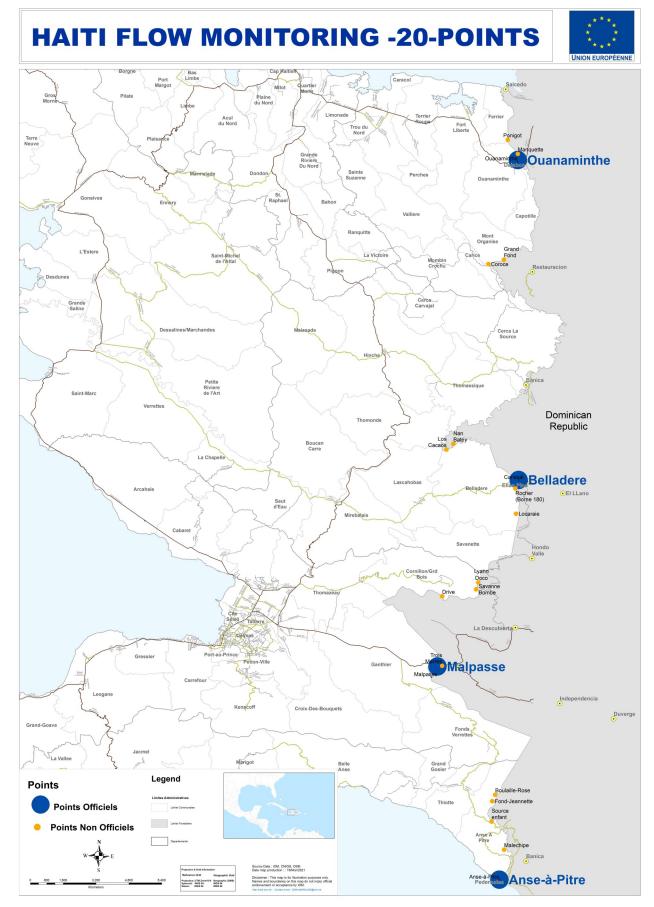
Country of Origin	Number of repatriated migrants	Female	Male
Bahamas	64	17%	83%
United States of America	64	6%	94%



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

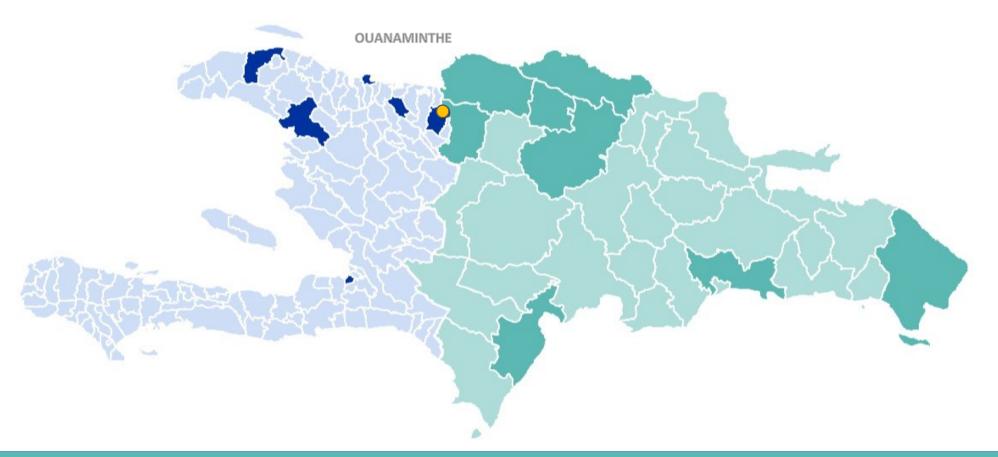






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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021—OUANAMINTHE



Origin in Dominican Republic

Dajabon, Santiago, Santo Domingo, La Altagracia, Puerto Plata, Valverde, Monte Cristi, Barahona

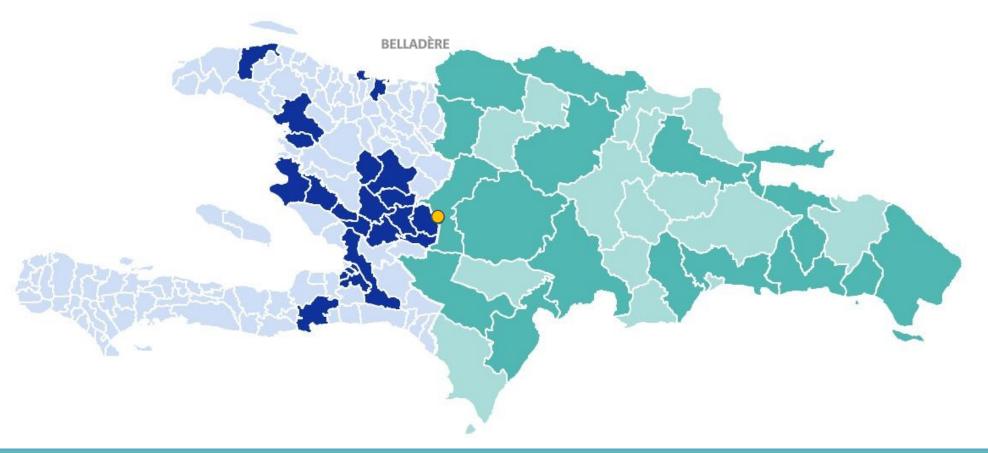
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Ouest	Port-de-Paix
Nord-Est	Trou-du-Nord, Ouanaminthe
Nord	Cap-Haïtien
Artibonite	Gonaïves
Ouest	Port-au-Prince



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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021- BELLADÈRE



Origin in Dominican Republic

Azua, Santiago, Santo Domingo, San Cristobal, San Juan, La Romana, Duarte, La Samana, San Pedro de Macoris, Barahona, Independencia, Puerto Plata, La Altagracia, Elias Pina, Dajabon, Hato Mayor

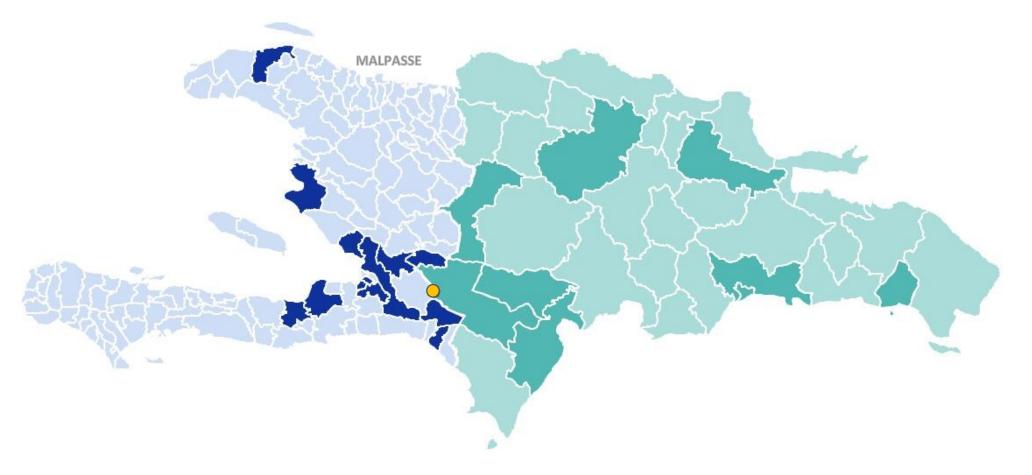
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Nord-Ouest	Port-de-Paix
Nord	Cap Haïtien, Limonade
Artibonite	Verrettes, La Chapelle, GonaïvesL'Estère, St Marc
	Hinche, Thomonde, Savanette, Baptiste, Maïssade, Lascahobas, Mirebalais, Belladère, Boucan Carré, Saut
Centre	d'Eau
Ouest	Delmas, Tabarre, Pétion-Ville, Croix-des-Bouquets, Pétion-Ville, Port-au-Prince
Sud-Est	Jacmel



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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021- MALPASSE



Origin in Dominican Republic

Barahona, Duarte, Santo Domingo, Independencia, Santiago, Bahoruco, La Romana, Elias Pina, Distrito Nacional

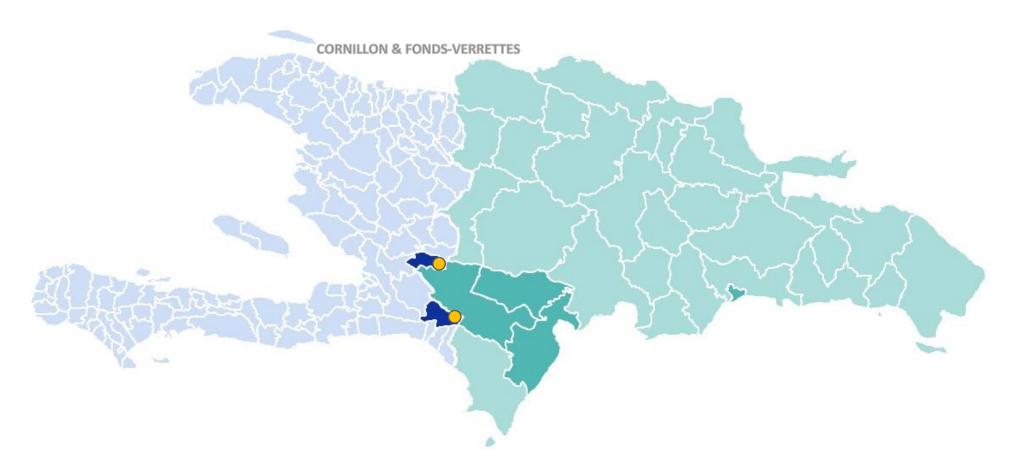
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Artibonite	Saint Marc
	Delmas, Gressier, Fonds-Verrettes, Port-au-Prince, Tabarre, Croix-des-Bouquets, Pétion-Ville, Léogane, Grand
Ouest	Goâve, Cornillon, Thomazeau, Cabaret
Sud-Est	Thiotte



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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021— CORNILLON AND FONDS-VERRETTES



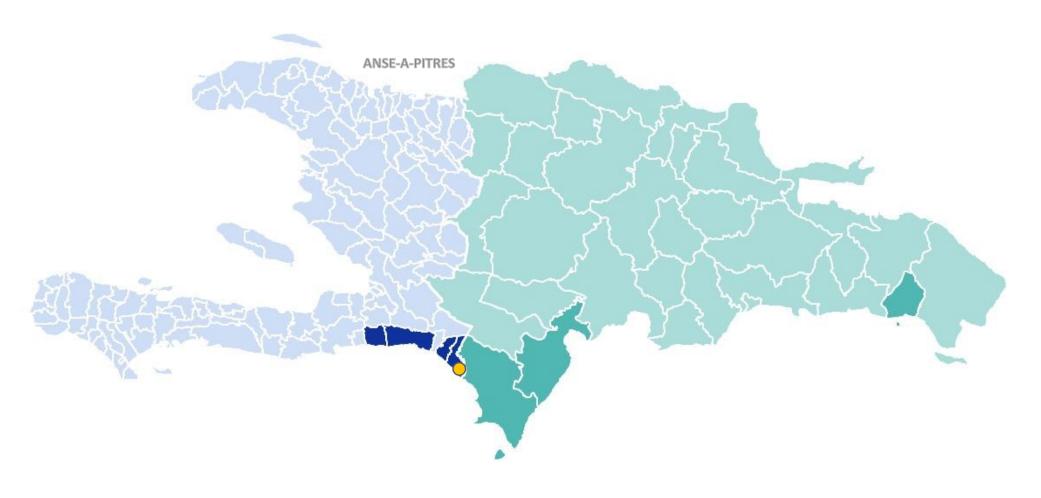
Origin in Dominican Republic	
Barahona, Independencia, Distrito Nacional, Bahoruco,	
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Ouest	Fonds-Verrettes, Cornillon/ Grand-Bois



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ORIGIN AND DESTINATION OF VOLUNTARY RETURNS BY BORDER CROSSING POINT—1 MAY TO 15 MAY 2021— ANSE-À-PITRES



Origin in Dominican Republic	
La Romana, Pedernales, Barahona	
Destination in Haiti: Département	Destination in Haiti: Commune
Sud-Est	Marigot, Belle-Anse, Thiotte, Anse-à-Pitres