



# Data on West African diasporas in OECD countries: reviews of emigrants from Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Ghana

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# Introduction



# OECD International Migration Division's work on African diasporas

- > *South-South Cooperation on Migration* project (in partnership with Expertise France)
  - > 3 '*Talent Abroad*' reviews on emigration from **Côte d'Ivoire, Mali** and **Senegal released in 2022**
    - + Brief updating the Talent Abroad review on emigrants from **Morocco**
    - + Comparative brief on Ivorian, Malian and Senegalese emigrants
  - > Capacity building
- > Fast-track diaspora reviews (in partnership with GIZ)
  - > '*Talent Abroad*' reviews on emigration from **Ghana released in 2022**

Additional reviews released in 2022 on emigrants from **Indonesia** and **Georgia**

Building on previous work on diaspora:





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## **Objectives and data sources**



# The 'Talent Abroad' reviews provide countries with a thorough and dynamic picture of their diasporas

Recent trends in migration flows

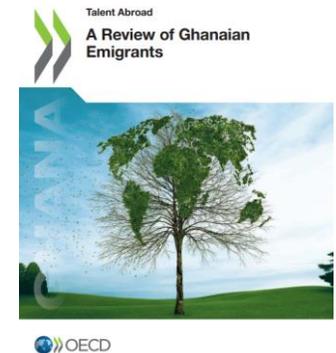
Migration intentions in origin countries

Size and sociodemographic characteristics of emigrants

Labour market outcomes of emigrants in destination countries

+ In the case of the reviews on Ivorian, Malian and Senegalese reviews:

- Social aspects of migrants' integration in destination countries
- Return migration and remittances





## The 'Talent Abroad' reviews rely on a variety of data sources to address a number of topics

### Emigrants in OECD destination countries

- ***Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries*** (DIOC 2000/01, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2015/16 and forthcoming update 2020/21)
- Updated national data sources (surveys and censuses)
- Analysis of migration flows:
  - *OECD International Migration Database*
  - Administrative data on residence permits of destination countries (eg. Eurostat)

### Emigrants in non-OECD destination countries

- Ad hoc analyses of national censuses and surveys from origin countries
- Facebook data to estimate the number of emigrants in different countries
- UNDESA estimates
- Data on emigration intentions: Gallup World Poll and Afrobarometer Survey.

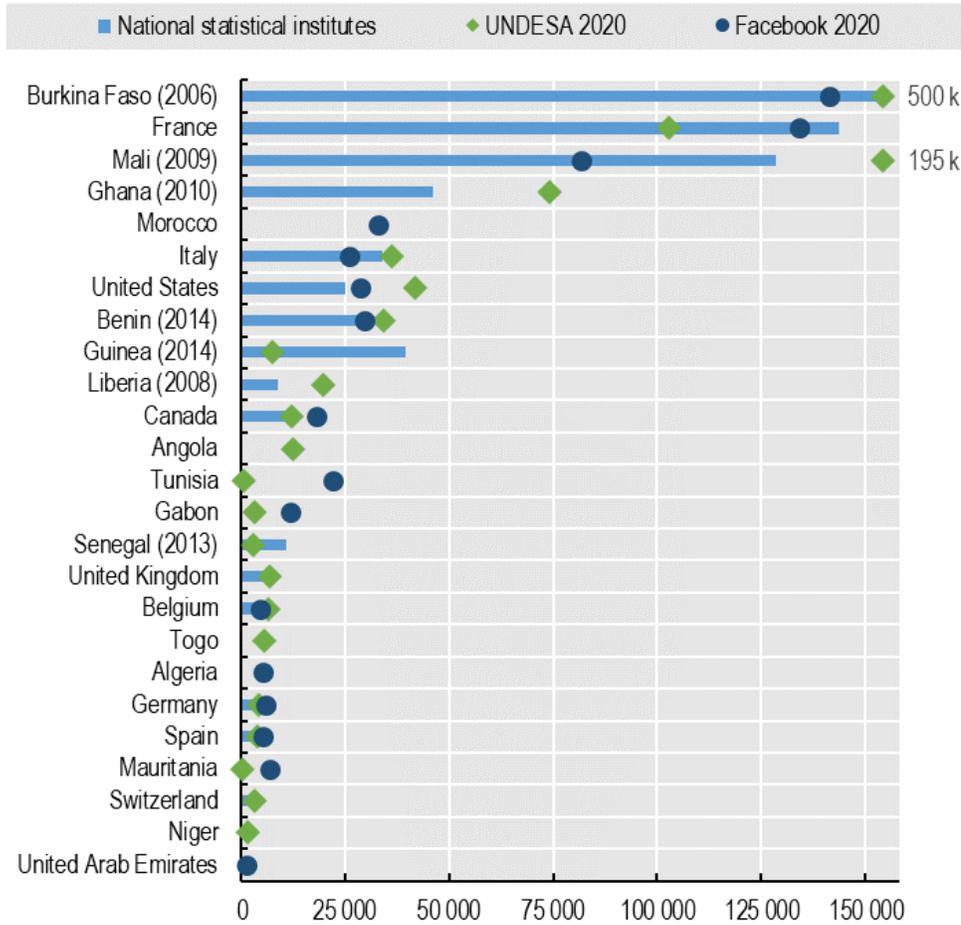


**Ghanaian, Ivorian, Malian  
and Senegalese diaspora  
reviews: some key findings**

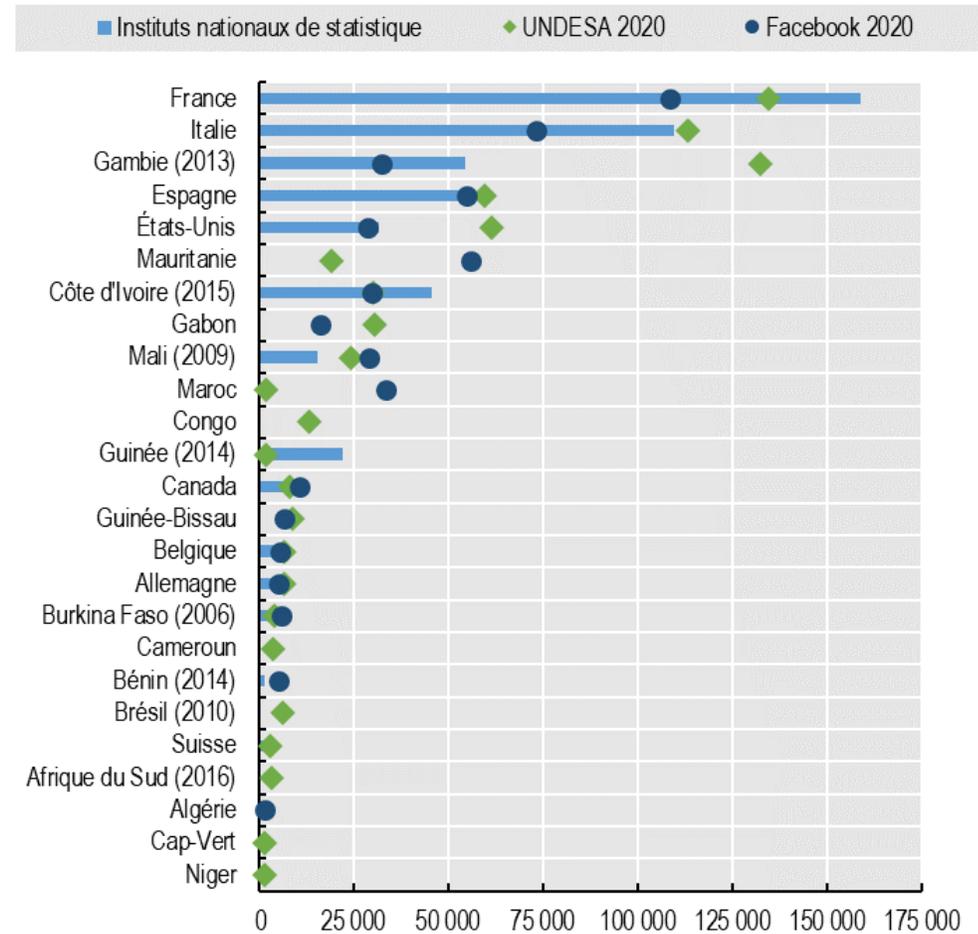


# Using different data sources to better capture the scope of a diaspora: example of the number of Ivorian and Senegalese emigrants abroad

Number of Ivorian emigrants in main destination countries, 2020 or latest estimations



Number of Senegalese emigrants in main destination countries, 2020 or latest estimations

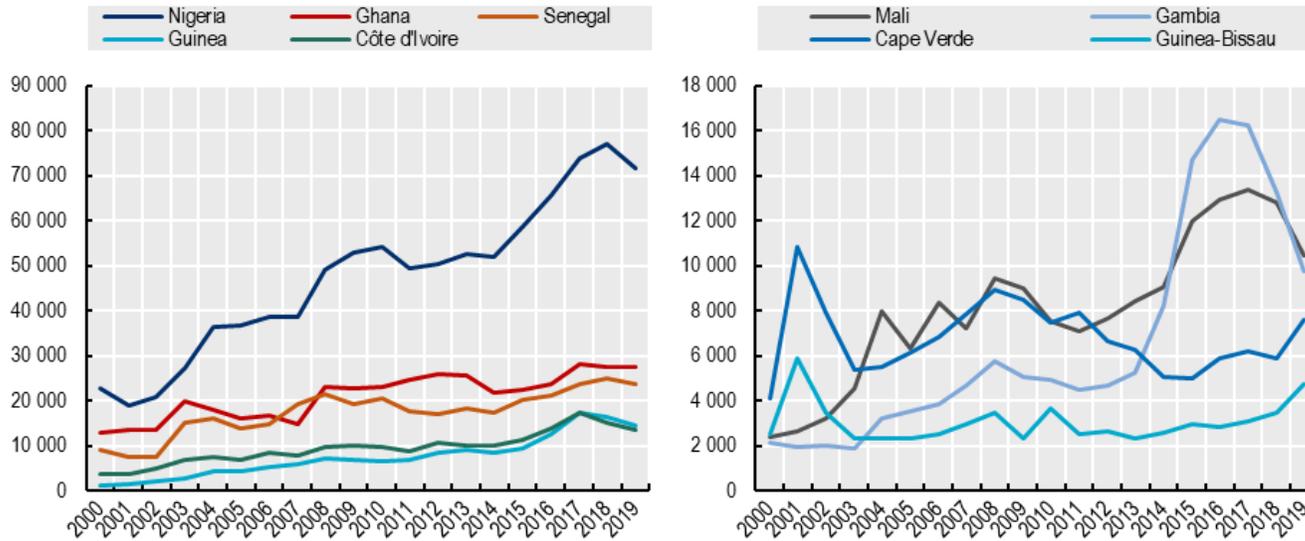




# A dynamic picture of diasporas: migration flows and intentions

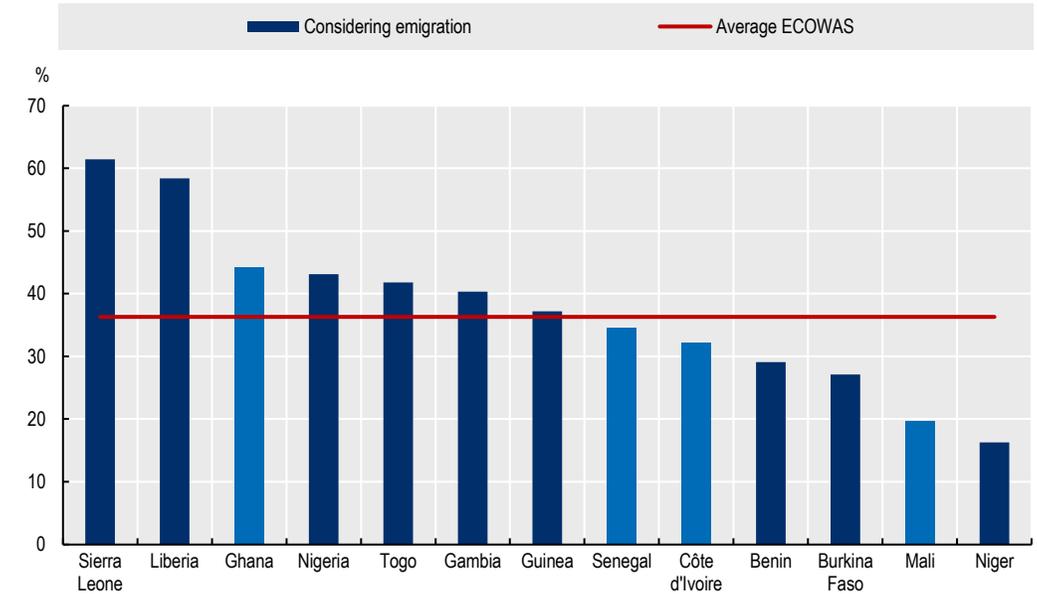
- Migration flows from West African countries to OECD countries have substantially increased over the past twenty years

Annual migration flows from selected ECOWAS countries to OECD countries, 2000-2019



Source: OECD International Migration Database (2021).

Emigration intentions in ECOWAS countries, 2009-2018  
Share of the population (aged 15 years and over) born in the country who consider emigrating permanently

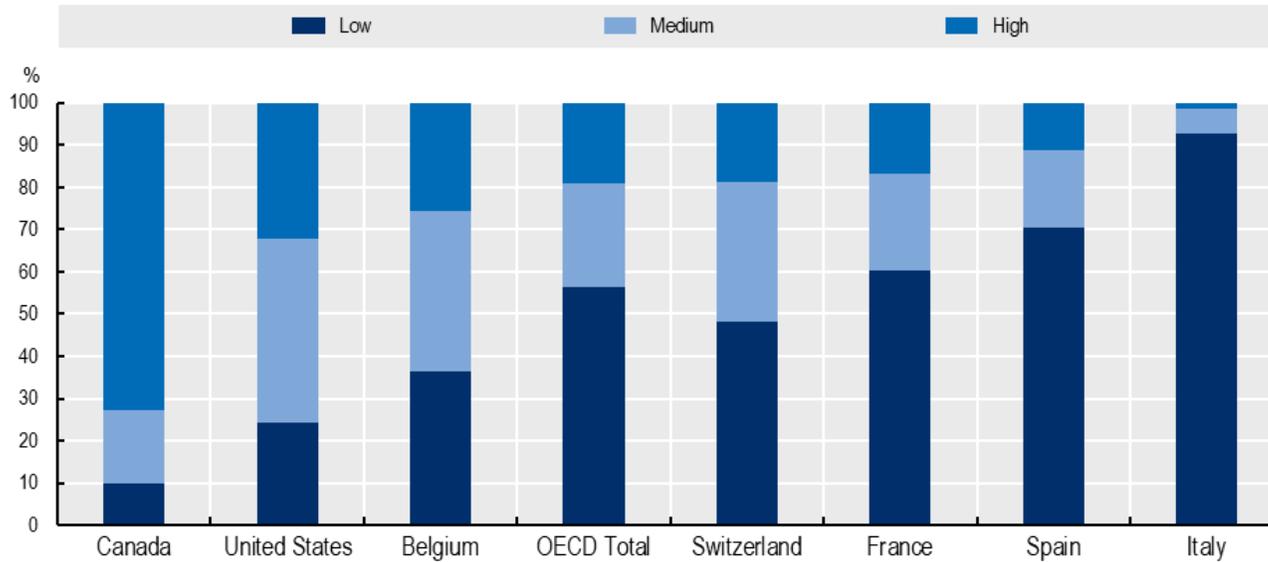


Source: Gallup World Poll (2020).



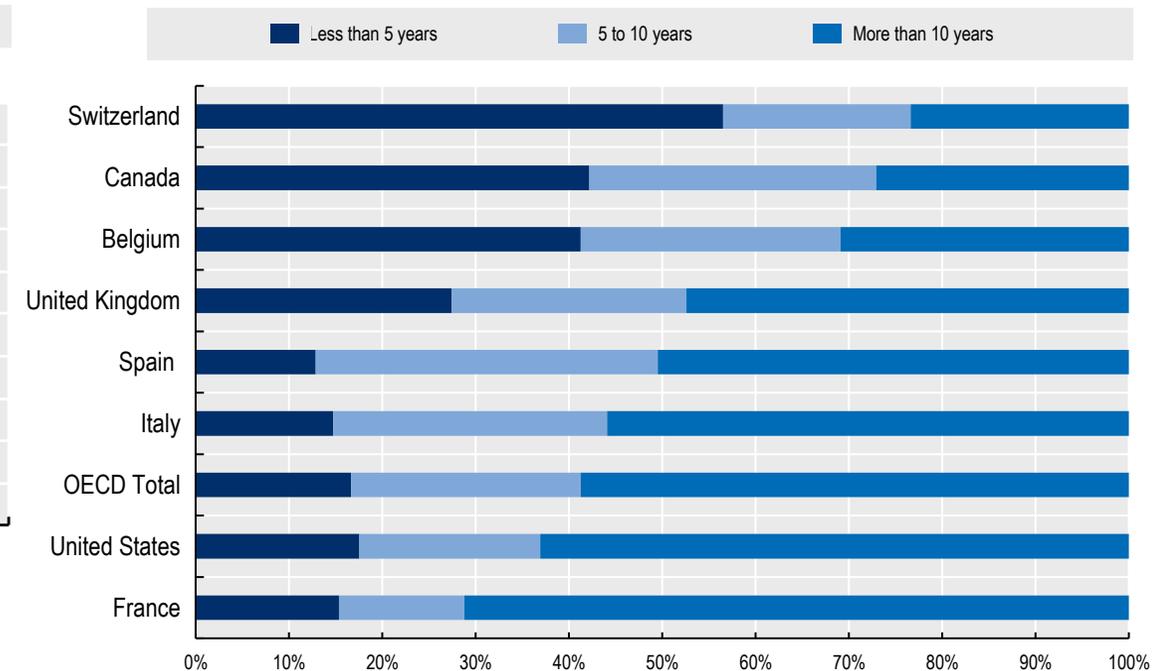
# Demographic characteristics of emigrants often vary across destination countries

### Distribution of Malian emigrants in main OECD destination countries by education level, 2015/16



Source: OECD Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries (DIOC).

### Distribution of Senegalese emigrants in main OECD destination countries, by duration of stay, 2015/16

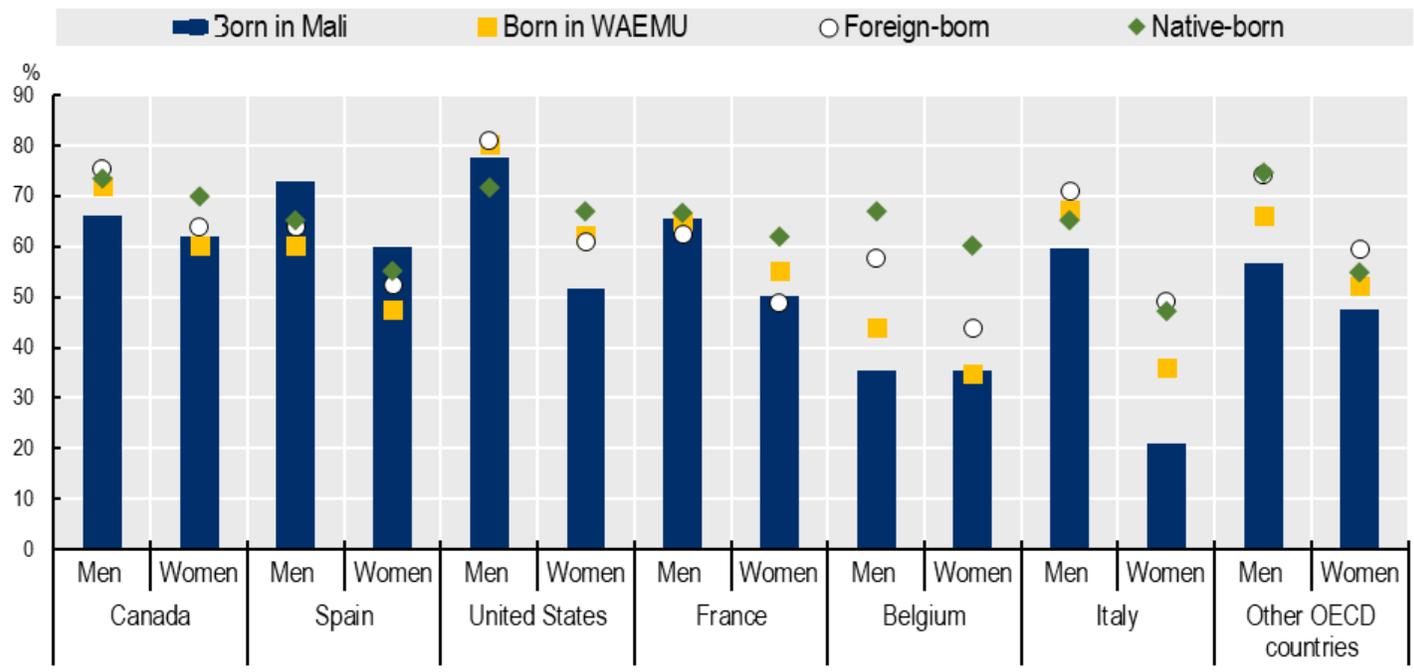


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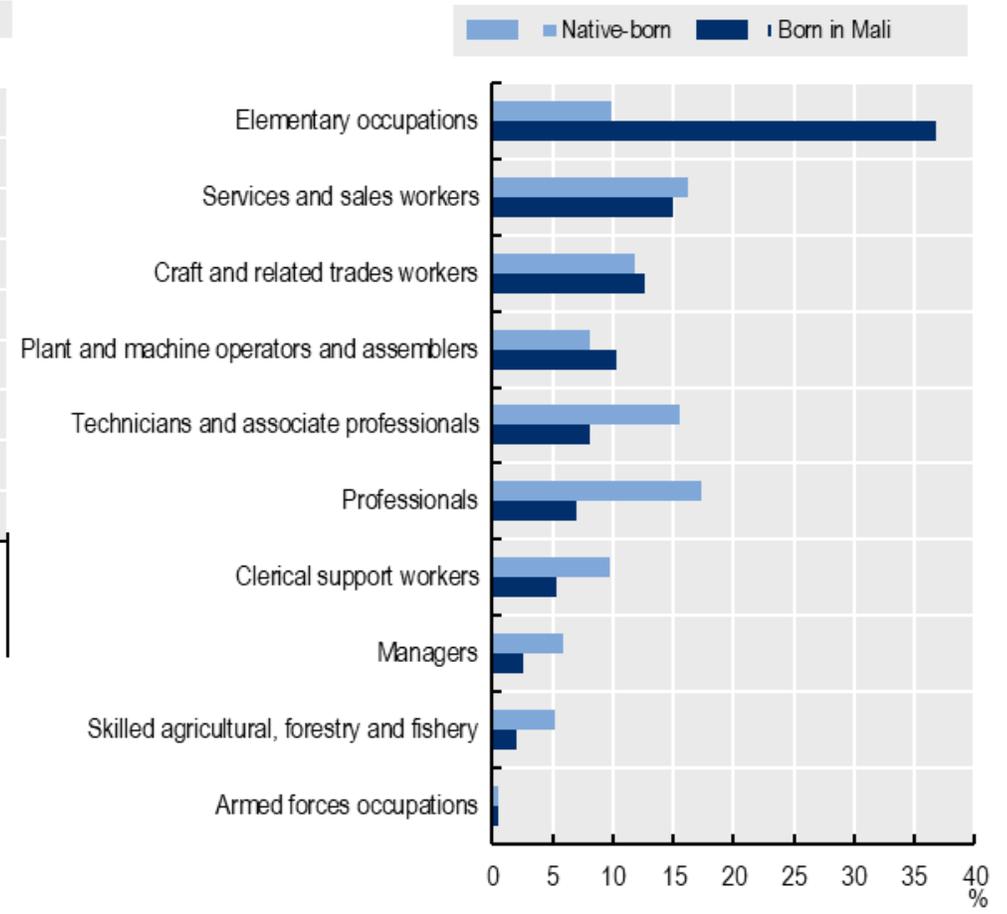
# DIOC allows various levels of international, regional, national comparisons

Employment rates of Malian emigrants in main destination countries by sex, 2015/16



Note: The population refers to the working age population (15-64)  
 Source: OECD Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries (DIOC) 2015/16

Distribution of occupations among Malian emigrants in OECD countries, 2015/16

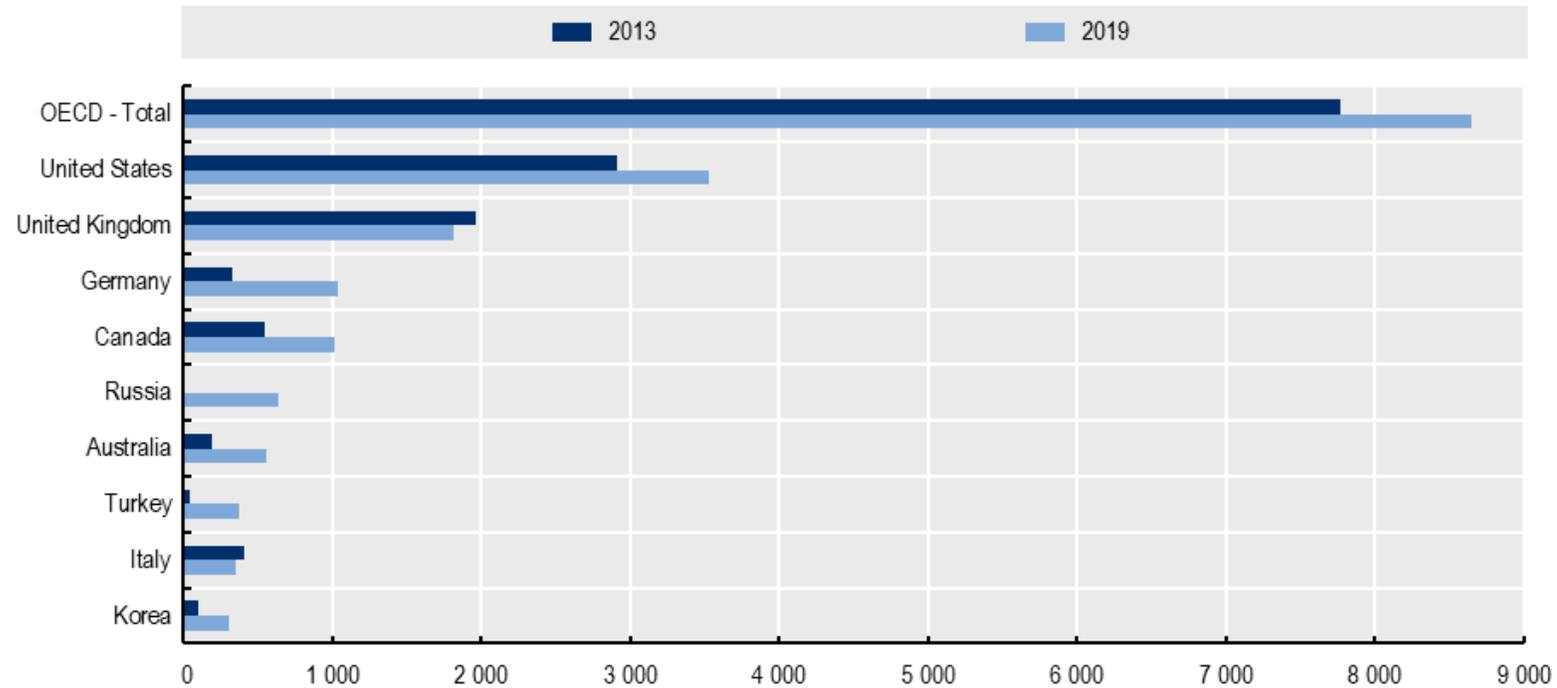


Source: OECD Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries (DIOC) 2015/16



# For some origin countries, studies abroad are a key channel of highly-skilled emigration

Main destination countries for international students from Ghana, 2013 and 2019



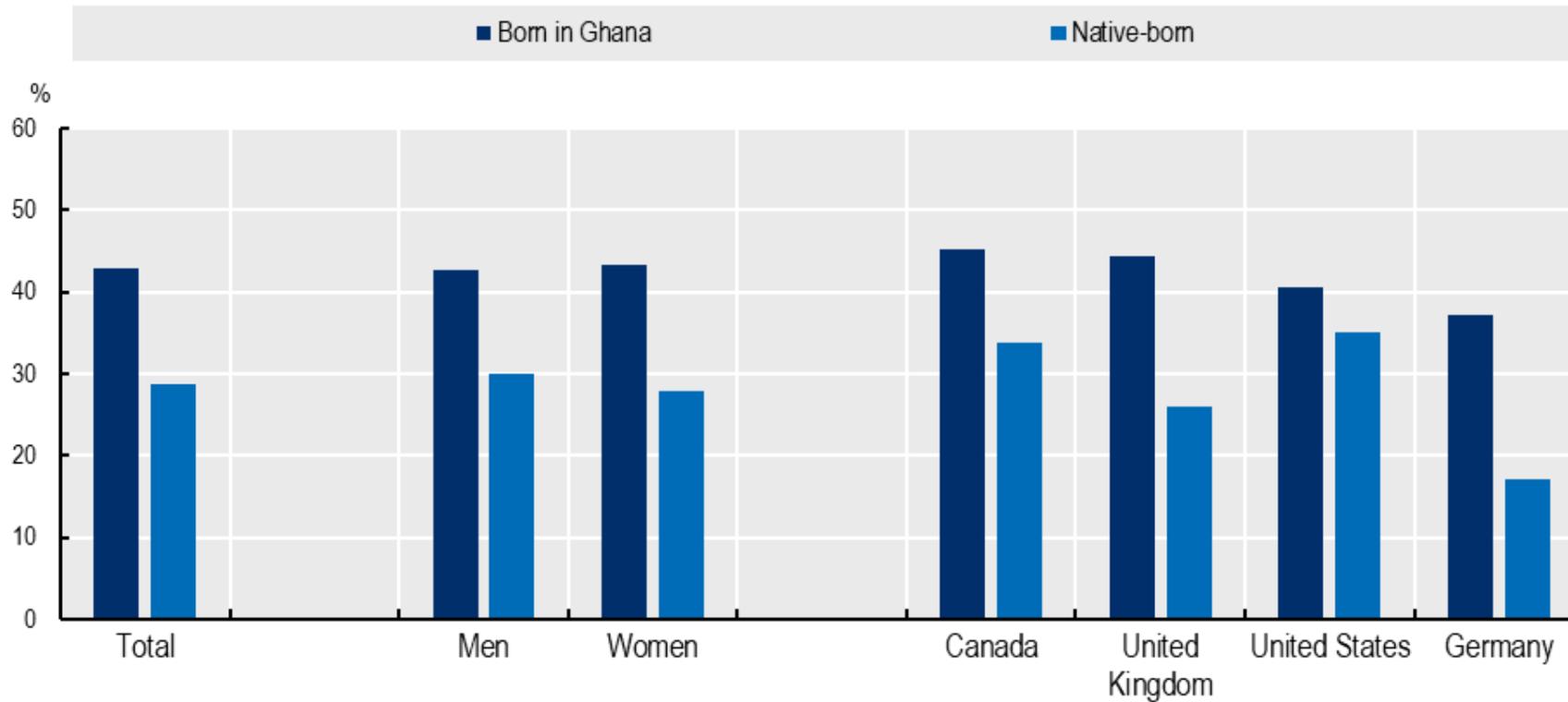
Notes: Enrolled Ghanaian students (who are not citizens of the destination country) in a tertiary education programme.

Source: OECD/Eurostat/UNESCO Institute for Statistics (2021), *Education at a Glance Database*.



# Tertiary education is almost always rewarded by higher employment rates, but emigrants' qualification are not often recognised in the labour market

## Ghanaian emigrants' overqualification rates by gender and main OECD destination countries, 2015/16



Note: The population refers to the working age population (15-64).

Source: OECD Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries (DIOC) 2015



**Next step: Update of the  
Database on Immigrants in  
OECD countries (DIOC) for  
2020/2021**



## Update of the Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries – DIOC

- > Internationally comparable data on migrants by country of birth based on censuses, population registers and labour force surveys from destination countries
- > Collected every five years: 2000/01, 2005/06, 2010/11, 2015/16...
- > 2000/01 and 2010/11: **DIOC-E** extension to non-OECD destination countries (100 destination countries covered)
- > Detailed information on socio-demographic characteristics and labour market outcomes  
Data publicly available at: [www.oecd.org/els/mig/dioc.htm](http://www.oecd.org/els/mig/dioc.htm)
- > Users: governments of origin and destination countries, aid agencies, international organisations, think tanks, researchers (and OECD)
  
- > Update with 2020/21 data: request to be sent this year to OECD countries and main non-OECD destination countries; release in 2023
- > 2020/21 Extension to non-OECD countries: include African countries as destination countries
- > Produced an interim update for internal use combining OECD estimates and actual data



## Thank you for your attention

Key publications and data:

- > [Talent Abroad Series](#)
- > [Database on Immigrants in OECD Countries \(DIOC\)](#)
- > [Migration Policy Debates and Data Briefs](#)