



Global Missing Migrants (2014-2023) Analysis Report

About Dataset

This dataset provides a comprehensive record of migrants who lost their lives or went missing while attempting to reach international destinations.

The data is collected by the Missing Migrants Project, an initiative led by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) since 2014.

The dataset documents migration-related incidents worldwide, capturing both confirmed deaths and estimated disappearances, and aims to shed light on the severe risks and humanitarian challenges faced by migrants during their journeys.

Due to the inherent difficulties of tracking migration flows and incidents particularly in remote or conflict-affected regions the figures presented are likely an undercount of the true scale of the crisis.

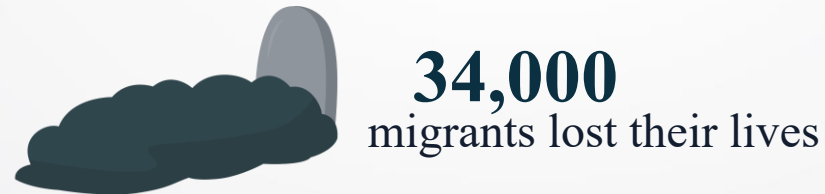




**Are migration deaths the
result of risky journeys
or of limited legal
pathways and
protection?**

Overview

Out of the total migrants recorded:



These figures highlight the severe human cost associated with irregular migration routes worldwide.

Demographic Distribution of Affected Migrants



The data shows that male migrants represent the majority, accounting for **61.57%** of the total recorded cases.



Children make up a significant portion as well, representing **13.14%** of the affected migrants.

Irregular migration disproportionately affects men, while a considerable number of children are also exposed to life threatening risks.

Countries of Origin and Data Gaps

More than

55%

of migrants have unknown countries of origin, reflecting major gaps in data collection and reporting during migration incidents.



Among identified origins, **Afghanistan ranks as the second most affected country in terms of migration-related incidents.**

This trend may be linked to prolonged conflict, political instability, and international restrictions, which have pushed many individuals to migrate under unsafe conditions.

Why Do Incidents Occur?

The most common causes of migration related incidents are:

- Drowning
- Vehicle-related accidents
- Harsh environmental conditions
- Violence

Most incidents are directly related to unsafe transportation methods and extremely dangerous travel environments.



When Did Incidents Peak?



**recorded the highest number
of migration related incidents
during the observed period**



This peak may reflect the combined effects of global crises, increased displacement, and tighter border controls following the COVID-19 pandemic.

What Does the Data Tell Us?

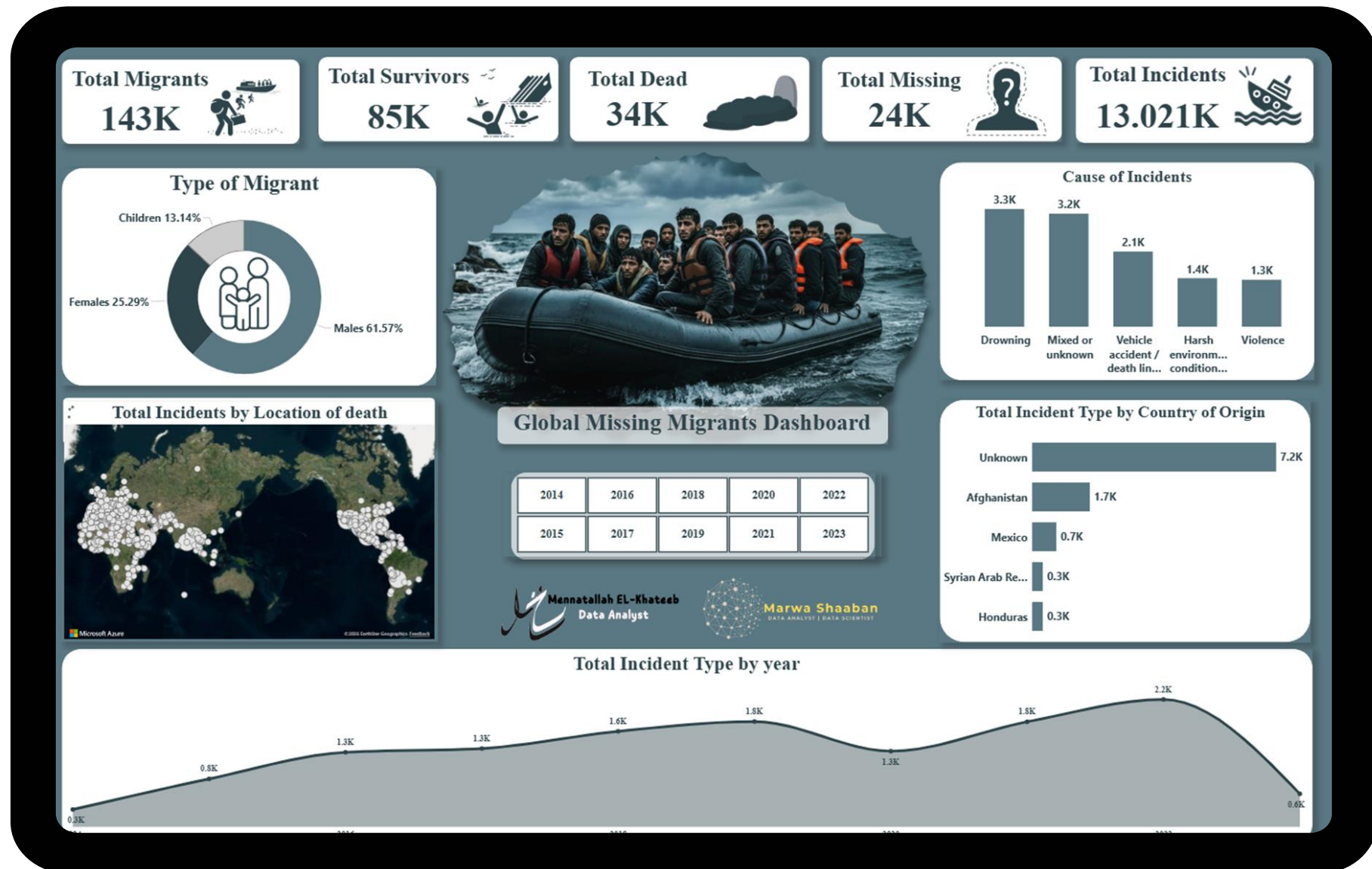
The most common causes of migration related incidents are:

- High mortality and disappearance rates
- Significant data gaps
- Vulnerable demographic groups
- Main risks linked to unsafe routes and geopolitical instability



Behind every data point is a human story, emphasizing the urgent need for safer migration pathways, improved data reporting, and stronger international protection mechanisms.

Tools



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