Feminization of Migration

The number of male and female migrants has increased as the proportion of women (from 47% in 1960 to 49% currently, with differences between countries), but what really has changed over the past forty years is the fact that an increasing number of women is migrating independently in search of work, rather than as "dependent" family, traveling with their husbands or meet with them abroad.

	Total Population 2008	Number of men and women who live abroad	% of men and women who live abroad	Begining of the feminization	% of women in population living abroad	% of women in porpulation living in
World	6,464,750,000	190,633,564	2.94%		50%	
Albania	3,582,205	(1) 1,093,000	(1) 30.5%	2000's	(2) 13.2%	(3) Greece 41%
Colombia	44,531,434	(1) 3,331,000	(1) 7.3%			(2) Spain 57.7%
Dominican Rep.	8,562,541	(1) 1,027,505	(1) 12%	90's	(1) 52%	(2) Spain 60%
Guatemala	14,285,300	(1) 1,178,000	(1) 10%		(1) 28%	(1) USA 28%
Lesotho	2,031,348	(1) 264,600	(1) 12.7%	90's	(1) 16%	(2) South Africa 16%
Morocco	33,241,259	(1) 2,200,000	(1) 7.5%	End of 90's		(2) Spain 36.5%
Philippines	88,000,000	(1) 8,233,172	(1) 9%	End of 80's	(1) 58%	(2) Italy 63%
SADC	235,619,400					(1) South Africa 37.4%
Senegal	11,987,121	(1) 409,701	(1) 2.8%	End of 90's	(2) 18.8%	

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