

# THE LEBANESE IN THE WORLD: a fact sheet

## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE



**4,500,970**

Total number of Lebanese immigrants in the world

**1.3 Million**

Number of Lebanese in the US; largest number in North America

**939,640**

Number of Lebanese in Brazil; largest number in South America

**774,000**

Number of Lebanese in Argentina

**54,328**

Number of Lebanese in Germany; Largest number in Europe

**45,000**

Number of Lebanese in Ivory Coast; Largest number in Africa



The circulating numbers of Lebanese immigrants in the world are wildly varying, frequently inflated and rarely attributed to any official research or figures.

- For example, the most widely used figure for Lebanese-Americans is around 3.3 million. In fact this figure is for all Arab-Americans and the Lebanese constitute only a third of that total. Even 1.3 million is optimistic since it includes around 500,000 third and fourth generation descendants of the first wave (1870-1920) who may or may no longer identify as Lebanese-Americans.

These inflated numbers are due to urban myths, a natural desire to exaggerate the prominence and presence of the community, and difficulty in locating accurate data. To correct these problems, this fact sheet provides the most current accurate **estimate** of Lebanese immigrant population. We have compiled these numbers with census data from various countries (US, Canada, Australia, Brazil, etc.) Information gathered by various scholars, Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, demographic models of growth over time, and data from the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (NDU, Lebanon).

