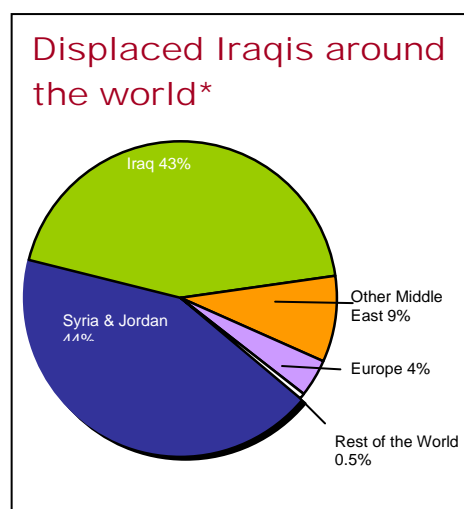


# Statistics on Displaced Iraqis around the World

September 2007

## GLOBAL OVERVIEW

An estimated 60,000 Iraqis are being forced to leave their homes every month by continuing violence. As of September 2007, there were believed to be well over 4 million displaced Iraqis around the world, including some 2.2 million inside Iraq and a similar number in neighbouring countries (in particular Syria and Jordan) and some 200,000 further afield. Around one million were displaced prior to 2003. The ability of neighbouring states to handle such larger numbers is close to breaking point. In recent months visa restrictions have been considered which, if implemented, will result in Iraqis having greater difficulty finding a safe haven. UNHCR's April 2007 Conference on Iraqi displacement focused attention on the huge humanitarian crisis developing in the region. Over the past year, Iraqis have once again become the leading nationality seeking asylum in industrialized countries, with 22,200 Iraqis applying for asylum during 2006 and 19,800 during the first six months of 2007. However, some 95 percent of uprooted Iraqis are still located in the Middle East.



## Displaced Iraqis around the world

Displaced Iraqis in the Region*	
Syria	1.2-1.4 million
Jordan	500,000-750,000
Egypt	Up to 70,000
Iran	57,000
Lebanon	20-40,000
Turkey	10,000
Gulf States	200,000

Iraqi Refugees Elsewhere in the World, 1 Jan. 2007**					
Germany	36,200	U.S.	19,800	Bulgaria	1,200
U.K.	22,000	Switzerland	5,000	Austria	1,200
Netherlands	21,800	Canada	4,000	Greece	820
Sweden	23,600	Finland	1,600	New Zealand	820
Australia	11,100	Italy	1,300	Armenia	460
Denmark	9,900	France	1,300	Romania	450
Norway	8,700	Hungary	1,200	Ireland	340

\* Estimates include recognized refugees, asylum seekers and other Iraqis who may be in need of international protection. Data subject to frequent revision. Check [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org) for updates.

\*\* Latest figures available are for 1 Jan. 2007. For most European countries and the US, UNHCR estimates are based on asylum-seeker recognition and resettlement arrivals since 1997. For Canada, Australia & New Zealand, UNHCR estimates are based on asylum-seeker recognition and resettlement arrivals since 2002 (See over for 2006/2007 asylum application figures).

## INSIDE IRAQ

The number of internally displaced people (IDP) within Iraq has risen by more than 50 percent since early 2006. In all, more than

Internally Displaced People in Iraq September 2007 (by current location)	
Northern Provinces	800,900
Central Provinces	740,500
Southern Provinces	714,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,256,000</b>

1,043,900 new IDPs have been created by conflict and a sharp upturn in sectarian violence since the February 2006 bombing in Samarra.

As a result of initial optimism after the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime in 2003, over 300,000 Iraqi refugees returned home during the two years following the war – mainly from Iran. Of these, around 27,000 were assisted by UNHCR. However, by mid-2007 more than 2.2 million Iraqis were living

UNHCR Assisted Repatriation in Iraq, 2002-06	
2002	1,250
2003	5,300
2004	14,050
2005	5,700
2006	350

outside Iraq and few were returning voluntarily. Many foreign refugees had also left or were keen to do so. Of those remaining, some have found a relatively safe haven in northern Iraq, whilst others – most notably the Palestinians – are effectively trapped with nowhere to go.

Foreign Refugees Remaining in Iraq, September 2007	
Turks	16,000
Palestinians	13,000
Iranians	12,000
Other nationalities	710

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## IRAQI REFUGEES & ASYLUM SEEKERS IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES

Iraqis were the largest single group of asylum seekers arriving in industrialized countries in 2006. However, the total of 22,000 was less than half the average number arriving during the six years prior to the 2003 war. Numbers have continued to rise sharply during 2007 with a total of 19,800 asylum applications lodged by Iraqi citizens during the first six months of the year in the 36 industrialized countries for which data was available.

### Iraqi Asylum Applications submitted in 38 Industrialized Countries, 1992-2006



Source '2006 Global Trends: Refugees, Asylum-seekers, Returnees, Internally Displaced and Stateless Persons.' UNHCR, 16 July 2007

### 2006- 2007 Iraqi Asylum applications in industrialized countries

COUNTRY OF ASYLUM	2006	2007*
Sweden	8,950	9,329
Netherlands	2,765	562
Germany	2,065	817
Greece	1,415	3,483
United Kingdom	1,305	665
Norway	1,000	485
Switzerland	815	513
Belgium	695	372
USA	535	385
Denmark	505	459
Austria	380	188
Finland	225	106
Ireland	215	141
Slovakia	205	76
Canada	190	129
Australia	185	86
Cyprus	130	90
France	115	69

\* Figures for first six months of 2007

### Resettlement to Industrialized Countries

During the first half of the 1990s, more than 5,000 Iraqis were being resettled to industrialized countries each year. However, after 2003, the numbers fell by around half. Between 1 January and 21 September, 2007, with reinforced resettlement operations under way, UNHCR had referred 14,934 of the most vulnerable Iraqi refugees for consideration for resettlement to 14 countries. Of these, 10,844 persons were submitted to the United States and a total 4,090 to Australia, Canada, Denmark, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Finland, Sweden, Netherlands, Brazil, Ireland, Spain, France and Norway. This represents 75 percent of UNHCR's annual regional target of 20,000. By the end of September some 1,800 Iraqis had departed to various resettlement countries.

### Resettlement of Iraqi Refugees 1992-2006 (Government figures)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*
United States †	3,440	4,610	4,980	3,480	2,530	2,680	1,410	1,960	3,150	2,470	460	300	70	200	200
Canada	1,170	2,230	1,340	1,160	1,140	1,150	780	690	1,160	1,130	920	530	720	520	90
Australia	-	1,330	950	2,880	1,680	1,360	1,730	1,750	950	620	2,140	1,940	1,560	1,850	120
Sweden	1,580	110	650	540	-	330	270	150	340	250	250	90	30	60	80
Netherlands	230	220	460	470	390	120	30	10	10	10	20	10	-	-	-
Denmark	160	250	170	330	250	290	200	130	60	70	210	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	100	10	220	320	140	270	240	170	50	80	220	300	30	120	-
Norway	-	200	20	-	-	620	220	180	90	130	170	60	-	-	10
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	340	-	120	150	90	110	20	10	-	-

\* UNHCR referred cases only. Final figures for some countries will be higher.

† Figures for U.S. fiscal year. Data includes families members resettled for the purposes of family reunion.