

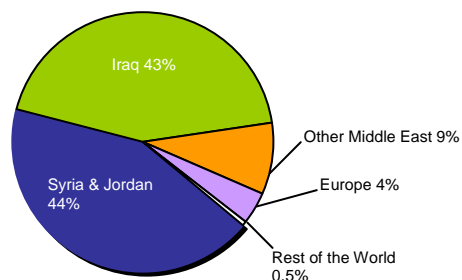
Statistics on Displaced Iraqis around the World

April 2007

GLOBAL OVERVIEW

Continual violence across much of Iraq's central and southern regions is forcing thousands of people to leave their homes every month. As a result, the international community is facing a much larger and more complex humanitarian crisis than the one aid agencies planned for during the run-up to the 2003 war. By April 2007, there were believed to be well over 4 million displaced Iraqis around the world, including some 1.9 million who were still inside Iraq, over 2 million in neighbouring Middle Eastern countries, and around 200,000 further afield. A significant proportion of these were displaced prior to 2003, but many others have fled since then. By 2006, Iraqis were once again the leading nationality seeking asylum in industrialized countries. However, some 95% of displaced Iraqis are still located in the Middle East.

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Displaced Iraqis in the Region*		Iraqi Refugees Elsewhere in the World, 2006-07 [†]					
Syria	1,200,000	Germany	52,900	U.S.	6,000	Bulgaria ‡	1,200
Jordan	750,000	U.K.	22,300	Switzerland ‡	5,000	Austria ‡	1,200
Egypt	100,000	Netherlands ‡	21,800	Canada ‡	4,000	Greece ‡	820
Iran	54,000	Sweden	21,100	Finland	1,600	New Zealand ‡	820
Lebanon	40,000	Australia ‡	11,100	Italy	1,300	Armenia ‡	460
Turkey	10,000	Denmark	10,700	France ‡	1,300	Romania ‡	450
Gulf States	200,000	Norway	8,500	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 for updates.

[†] For most European countries, UNHCR estimates are based on asylum-seeker recognition and resettlement arrivals since 1996. For U.S., Canada, Australia & New Zealand, UNHCR estimates are based on asylum-seeker recognition and resettlement arrivals since 2001. (See over for 2006 asylum application figures).

‡ Figure as of 1 January 2007. Latest figures available for other countries in this table are as of 1 January 2006.

INSIDE IRAQ

The number of internally displaced people (IDPs) within Iraq rose by some 50 percent during 2006. In all, more than 730,000

Internally Displaced People in Iraq April 2007 (by current location)	
Northern Provinces	741,900
Central Provinces	450,000
Southern Provinces	716,500
Total	1,908,400

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 2006, hundreds of thousands of new refugees were

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

fleeing the country 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, April 2007	
Turks	16,000
Palestinians	15,000
Iranians	12,000
Syrians	700
Sudanese	140

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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 2006 total of 22,000 was less than half the average number who arrived during the six years prior to 2003.

Iraqi Asylum applications in industrialized countries, 2006*

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



2006 figure is preliminary and for 36 countries rather than 38. Source: 'Asylum Levels and Trends in Industrialized Countries, 2006.' UNHCR, 23 March 2007.

COUNTRY OF ASYLUM	
Sweden	8,950
Netherlands	2,765
Germany	2,065
Greece	1,415
United Kingdom	1,305
Norway	1,000
Switzerland	815
Belgium	695
USA	535
Denmark	505
Austria	380
Finland	225
Ireland	215
Slovakia	205
Canada	190
Australia	185
Cyprus	130
France	115

* Countries with more than 100 applications

Resettlement to Industrialized Countries

During the first half of the 1990s, more than 5,000 Iraqis were being resettled each year to industrialized countries. However, after 2003, the numbers fell by around half. In 2007, UNHCR plans to refer some 20,000 Iraqis for resettlement from the countries neighbouring Iraq. By 6 April, with the agency's reinforced resettlement operations gathering momentum, the number of Iraqis submitted by UNHCR offices in six countries in the region since 1 January had reached 2,677.

Resettlement of Iraqi Refugees 1992-2005 (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.

Refugee Statistics overleaf →