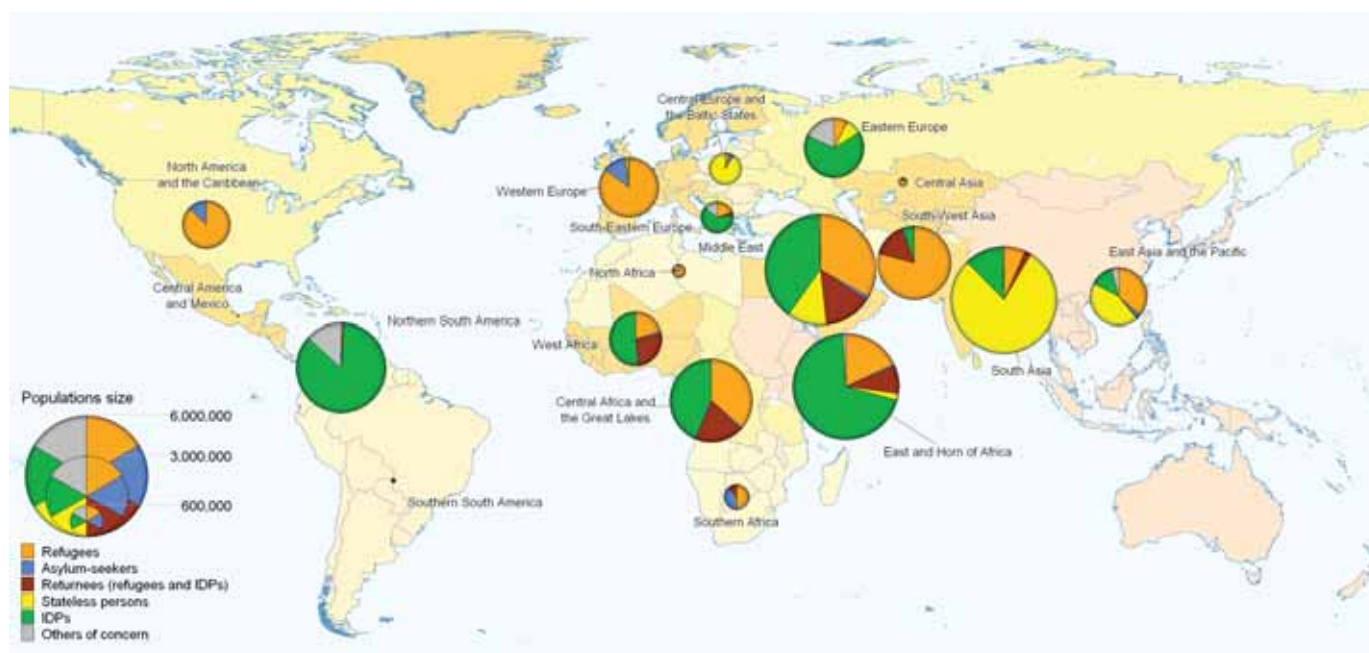


Populations of concern to UNHCR

(as at 31 December 2006)



Populations of concern to UNHCR in 2006

Subregion ¹	Refugees ²	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Asylum-seekers ³	Returned refugees ⁴	IDPs of concern to UNHCR ⁵	Returned IDPs ⁶	Stateless persons ⁷	Others of concern ⁸	Total populations of concern
Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,119,360	676,250	21,900	97,000	1,352,330	491,010	-	-	3,081,600
East and Horn of Africa	857,730	742,350	34,510	60,670	4,751,170	331,700	100,000	42,140	6,177,920
West Africa	273,050	251,390	24,910	115,950	709,230	240,970	-	10	1,364,120
Southern Africa	187,690	84,850	144,370	47,060	-	-	-	-	379,120
North Africa	98,300	94,150	4,470	-	-	-	-	29,500	132,270
The Middle East	1,692,710	160,500	48,220	20,240	2,034,370	700,000	588,180	21,110	5,104,830
South-West Asia	2,012,870	2,012,870	3,710	388,020	129,310	10,440	-	-	2,544,350
Central Asia	7,880	4,820	900	140	-	-	56,080	1,130	66,130
South Asia	313,020	141,460	2,380	380	569,170	89,410	3,700,000	10,390	4,684,750
East Asia and the Pacific	562,110	181,960	34,030	70	213,730	11,730	679,110	62,100	1,562,880
Eastern Europe	122,260	11,980	1,750	140	1,091,480	2,020	146,190	304,700	1,668,540
South-Eastern Europe	119,990	112,700	370	12,310	383,270	6,640	780	85,480	608,840
Central Europe and the Baltic States	27,530	4,970	28,220	20	-	-	523,860	310	579,940
Western Europe	1,464,110	10	227,810	-	-	-	24,790	3,000	1,719,710
North America and the Caribbean	995,330	-	147,810	-	-	-	-	-	1,143,140
Central America and Mexico	5,120	770	180	10	-	-	-	-	5,310
Northern South America (Colombia Situation) ⁹	26,930	13,840	14,410	40	3,000,000	-	10	468,560	3,509,950
Southern South America	8,490	4,240	1,660	-	-	-	-	17,000	27,150
Total	9,894,480	4,499,110	741,610	742,050	14,234,060	1,883,920	5,819,000	1,045,430	34,360,550

The data are generally provided by Governments, based on their own definitions and methods of data collection. A dash (-) indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable.

¹ Country or territory of asylum or residence. In the absence of Government estimates, UNHCR has estimated the refugee population in most industrialized countries, based on recent refugee arrivals and recognition of asylum-seekers. For Canada, Australia and New Zealand, estimates are based on arrivals/recognition during the past five years, whereas for USA and most European countries a 10-year period has been applied. These periods reflect the different naturalization rates for refugees in these regions.

² Persons recognized as refugees under the 1951 UN Convention/1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Convention, in accordance with the UNHCR Statute, persons granted a complementary form of protection and those granted temporary protection.

³ Persons whose application for asylum or refugee status is pending at any stage in the procedure or who are otherwise registered as asylum-seekers.

⁴ Refugees who have returned to their place of origin during the calendar year. Source: Country of origin and asylum.

⁵ Persons who are displaced within their country and to whom UNHCR extends protection and/or assistance.

⁶ IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin during the calendar year.

⁷ Refers to persons who are not considered nationals by any country under the operation of its laws.

⁸ Persons of concern to UNHCR not included in the previous columns including a.o. forced migrants (Russian Federation), local residents-at-risk (Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo), Sahrawis (Mauretania), Afghan asylum-seekers (Russian Federation, UNHCR est.)

⁹ According to the Constitutional Court of Colombia, there are serious discrepancies between the real magnitude of the situation and the figures of the national registration system. In a latest order of compliance to the landmark judgment on displacement, the Court cites the Director of the Agencia Presidencial para la Acción Social y la Cooperación Internacional who acknowledged in public statements that IDP figures in Colombia are close to 3 million (Order of Compliance 218, dated 11 August 2006, related to landmark judgment T-025).