

Populations of concern to UNHCR



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Subregion ¹	Refugees	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Asylum-seekers	Returnees	Others of concern			Total population of concern
					IDPs of concern to UNHCR	Returned IDPs	Various	
1 Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,267,881	815,747	26,759	108,407	-	-	-	1,403,047
2 East and Horn of Africa	770,517	676,285	16,377	28,283	662,302	-	37,423	1,514,902
3 West Africa	471,328	314,683	28,027	159,719	338,039	120,000	10,000	1,127,113
4 Southern Africa	245,064	136,094	127,892	90,246	-	-	-	463,202
5 North Africa	183,898	159,619	512	1	-	-	29,500	213,911
6 The Middle East	469,680	137,968	26,393	121,721	-	-	101,000	718,794
7 South-West Asia	2,006,623	2,006,593	8,234	940,368	159,549	27,391	-	3,142,165
8 Central Asia	80,611	21,475	1,381	-	-	-	58,530	140,522
9 South Asia	308,127	136,394	1,026	10,249	352,374	33,730	10,737	716,243
10 East Asia and the Pacific	519,926	3,364	19,165	13	-	-	80,834	619,938
11 Eastern Europe	243,387	55,858	11,719	171	1,147,474	19,425	396,095	1,818,271
12 South-Eastern Europe	303,621	282,003	1,795	16,213	564,934	22,974	85,014	994,551
13 Central Europe and the Baltic States	23,168	5,189	23,604	15	-	-	26,902	73,689
14 Western Europe	1,822,959	193	345,307	-	-	-	3,001	2,171,267
15 North America and the Caribbean	453,343	637	350,889	1	-	-	-	804,233
16 Central America and Mexico	16,694	1,624	442	-	-	-	-	17,136
17 Northern South America	11,209	10,483	6,103	57	1,565,765	-	26,350	1,609,484
18 Southern South America	7,492	3,847	1,559	-	-	-	-	9,051
Total	9,205,528	4,768,056	997,184	1,475,464	4,790,437	223,520	865,386	17,557,519

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 rates of asylum-seekers. For Canada, USA, Australia and New Zealand, estimates are based on arrivals/recognition rates over the past five years, whereas for most European countries a 10-year period has been applied because these periods reflect the different naturalization rates for refugees in these regions.

Notes:

1. Data for industrialized countries have not been updated; data for end-2003 is used as an estimate.
2. Data are provisional and subject to change.
3. Data are generally provided by governments, based on their own definitions and methods of data collection.

Source: UNHCR/governments. Compiled by UNHCR, PGDS