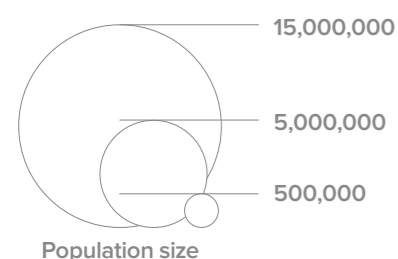
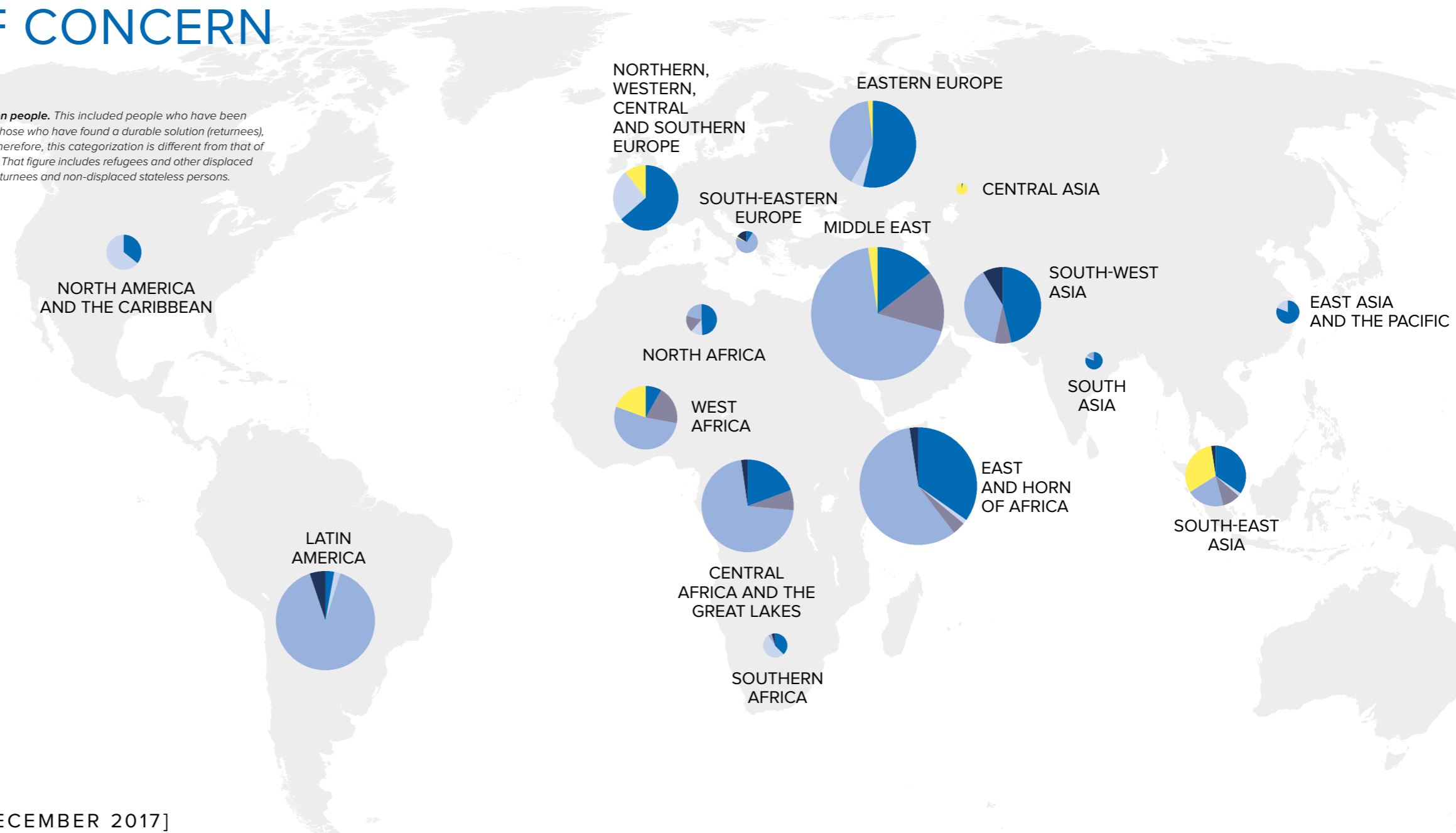


POPULATIONS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR

By the end of 2017, the **total population of concern to UNHCR stood at 71.4 million people**. This included people who have been forcibly displaced (refugees, asylum-seekers, and internally displaced people) and those who have found a durable solution (returnees), as well as stateless persons, most of whom have never been forcibly displaced. Therefore, this categorization is different from that of **forcibly displaced people worldwide**, and which is used in the Global Trends report. That figure includes refugees and other displaced people not covered by UNHCR's mandate, and excludes other categories such as returnees and non-displaced stateless persons.



- Refugees
- Asylum-seekers
- Returnees (refugees and IDPs)
- Stateless persons
- Internally displaced people (IDPs)
- Others of concern



[AS OF END OF DECEMBER 2017]

Sub-region	Refugees	Persons in refugee-like situations ⁽¹⁾	Total refugees	of whom assisted by UNHCR	Asylum-seekers	Returned refugees ⁽²⁾	IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR ⁽³⁾	Returned IDPs ⁽⁴⁾	Stateless persons	Various ⁽⁵⁾	TOTAL POPULATION OF CONCERN
Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,444,034	31,709	1,475,743	1,336,023	62,430	167,378	5,426,857	378,316	974	175,107	7,686,805
East and Horn of Africa	4,307,820	-	4,307,820	3,769,619	148,600	56,667	7,196,092	387,056	18,500	293,750	12,408,485
West Africa	286,919	-	286,919	286,676	15,798	296,189	1,873,617	410,887	692,115	15,362	3,590,887
Southern Africa	197,722	-	197,722	87,441	281,966	6,287	15,128	-	-	25,924	527,027
North Africa	393,122	26,000	419,122	345,117	101,474	-	180,937	149,883	-	1	851,417
Middle East	2,260,595	25,226	2,285,821	2,115,502	133,360	78,086	10,780,055	2,268,772	370,872	15,436	15,932,402
South-West Asia	2,448,506	-	2,448,506	1,515,387	3,798	60,568	2,011,433	314,289	-	448,032	5,286,626
Central Asia	3,518	-	3,518	3,382	754	1	-	-	108,899	2	113,174
South Asia	219,439	-	219,439	35,493	11,299	1,586	39,322	408	-	625	272,679
South-East Asia	1,099,895	51,159	1,151,054	1,095,607	54,042	2	665,051	319,167	2,102,950*	80,180	3,314,667
East Asia and the Pacific	382,633	4,581	387,214	699	90,026	-	-	-	851	5	478,096
Eastern Europe	3,618,198	15,187	3,633,385	1,210,787	318,385	13	2,690,888	-	133,080	-	6,775,751
South-Eastern Europe	34,868	4,415	39,283	16,451	1,061	399	316,027	193	10,288	71,348	438,599
Northern, Western, Central and Southern Europe	2,435,552	6,054	2,441,606	24,749	989,182	-	-	-	408,971	6,008	3,845,767
North America and the Caribbean	392,996	-	392,996	1,066	701,455	2	-	-	6,092	2,794	1,103,339
Latin America	91,265	159,934	251,199	49,502	177,268	203	7,923,109	-	391	461,615	8,813,785
TOTAL	19,617,082	324,265	19,941,347	11,893,501	3,090,898	667,381	39,118,516	4,228,971	3,853,983*	1,596,189	71,439,506

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. All data are provisional and subject to change. More information on people of concern to UNHCR in 2017, including statistical trends and changes of global displacement during the year, can be found in the "2017 Global Trends" report.

- ⁽¹⁾ Includes groups of persons who are outside their country or territory of origin and who face protection risks similar to those of refugees, but for whom refugee status has, for practical or other reasons, not been ascertained.
- ⁽²⁾ Includes refugees who have returned to their place of origin during 2017.
- ⁽³⁾ Includes IDPs who are in IDP-like situations.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Includes IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin during 2017.
- ⁽⁵⁾ People of concern to UNHCR not included in the previous columns but to whom UNHCR may extend its protection and/or assistance.

* The stateless population includes 932,204 Myanmar refugees in Bangladesh and 125,575 stateless IDPs in Myanmar who are also counted in refugee and IDP populations.