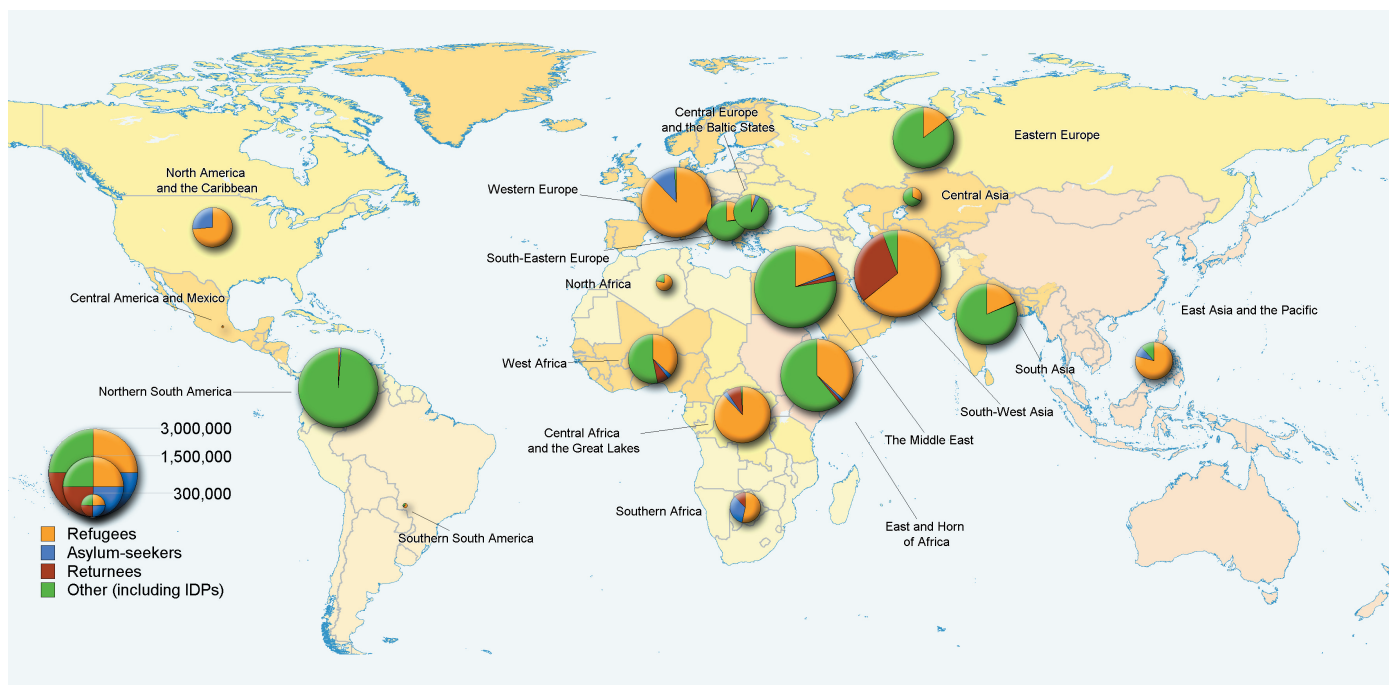


Populations of concern to UNHCR



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Subregion ¹	Refugees	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Asylum-seekers	Returnees (refugees)	Others of concern				Total population of concern
					IDPs of concern to UNHCR	Returnees (IDPs)	Stateless persons	Variou	
Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,193,653	758,585	35,003	119,015	11,500	-	-	-	1,359,171
East and Horn of Africa	771,967	647,553	24,611	30,647	1,241,946	-	-	36,141	2,105,312
West Africa	377,168	250,443	27,316	77,814	278,861	266,744	-	3,034	1,030,937
Southern Africa	236,084	91,559	152,429	53,821	-	-	-	-	442,334
North Africa	107,205	94,400	2,543	1	-	-	5	29,500	139,254
The Middle East	492,182	155,365	35,149	56,183	1,200,000	196,000	586,105	15,019	2,580,638
South-West Asia	1,801,129	1,801,097	3,580	751,726	142,505	17,044	-	-	2,715,984
Central Asia	69,082	20,289	1,610	30	-	-	145,644	-	216,366
South Asia	286,923	138,703	1,754	2,792	324,699	27,185	886,495	10,928	1,540,776
East Asia and the Pacific	523,476	139,256	61,226	314	-	-	15,000	62,730	662,746
Eastern Europe	229,729	18,272	2,307	205	983,338	2,075	97,814	243,230	1,558,698
South-Eastern Europe	162,819	152,825	1,523	8,930	433,942	10,382	5,213	85,000	707,809
Central Europe and the Baltic States	25,189	5,421	25,207	21	-	-	555,408	1,400	607,225
Western Europe	1,729,971	149	228,615	-	-	-	13,532	3,000	1,975,118
North America and the Caribbean ²	527,217	559	190,327	1	-	-	-	-	717,545
Central America and Mexico	4,542	447	230	44	-	-	-	-	4,816
Northern South America	23,616	2,100	9,419	8	2,000,000	-	-	460,265	2,493,308
Southern South America	8,044	4,242	1,139	-	-	-	-	4,000	13,183
Total	8,569,996	4,281,265	803,988	1,101,552	6,616,791	519,430	2,305,216	954,247	20,871,220

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

² Figures in the United States are subject to change due to new data released at the time of going to print.

Note: Data are generally provided by governments, based on their definitions and methods of data collection. See Glossary for the general definitions of each category. A dash (-) indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable. Data for industrialized countries have not been updated; data for end-2004 are used as an estimation.

Source: UNHCR and governments. Compiled by UNHCR, FICSS.