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Introduction

The 2015 edition of the United Nations Statistical Yearbook is the 15th issue of this publication, prepared by the Field Information and Coordination Support Section (FICSS), of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). The contents of the Yearbook have been reviewed and the data presented increased with the technical articles replaced by the “UNHCR Statistics Technical Series”¹. Further reviews are expected to be introduced in future editions. Please send any comments or views to our email address, stats@unhcr.org.

OBJECTIVE AND CONTENT OF THE STATISTICAL YEARBOOK

The main purpose of the Statistical Yearbook is to provide in a single volume a comprehensive compilation of internationally available statistics and data on the population falling under UNHCR’s mandate, at world, regional and national levels, with special focus on developments occurring during 2015 unless otherwise stated. As such, the Yearbook provides the official statistics of UNHCR. Figures reported in this publication have been carefully evaluated and reviewed. Data sources and methodologies have also been verified to ensure that they conform to the requisite standards of UNHCR’s statistics.

The tables in this Yearbook include data series covering, depending upon data availability (as of 31 December 2015) and space constraints, as many countries, territories and statistical areas of the

world as available and provide detailed data for 2015. Statistical data on historical trends, allowing for easy global comparisons by region and country for all major themes, can be found on UNHCR’s statistical website (www.unhcr.org/statistics). These data can also be downloaded from UNHCR’s Statistical Online Population Database, at popstats.unhcr.org.

Statistics reflected in this Yearbook are, for the most part, those reported by UNHCR country offices, drawn either from their own data or those of the government. The use of estimates is clearly indicated. Some data contained in this publication may differ from those published earlier, due to retroactive adjustments or the inclusion of previously unavailable data. It is expected that the data contained in the 2015 Yearbook will likewise be subject to minor future adjustments. ■

¹ <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics-technical-papers>

Refugees include individuals recognized under the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, persons recognized under the 1969 Organization of African Unity (OAU) Convention Governing the Specific Aspects of Refugee Problems in Africa, those recognized in accordance with the UNHCR Statute, individuals granted complementary forms of protection,² and those enjoying temporary protection.³ The refugee category also includes persons in a refugee-like situation.⁴

Asylum-seekers (with 'pending cases') are individuals who have sought international protection and whose claims for refugee status have not yet been determined. Those covered in this report refer to claimants whose individual applications were pending as of 30 June 2016, irrespective of when those claims may have been lodged.

Internally displaced persons are persons or groups of persons who have been forced to leave their home or place of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights, or natural or man-made disasters, and who have not crossed an international border.⁵ For the purposes of UNHCR's statistics, this population includes only conflict-generated IDPs to whom the Office extends protection and/or assistance. The IDP population also includes individuals in an IDP-like situation.⁶

Returned refugees (returnees) are former refugees who have returned to their country of origin, either spontaneously or in an organized fashion, but are yet to be fully integrated. Such returns would normally take place only under conditions of safety and dignity. For the purposes of this report, only refugees who returned between January and June 2016 are included, though in practice operations may assist returnees for longer periods.

Returned IDPs refers to those IDPs who were beneficiaries of UNHCR's protection and assistance activities, and who returned to their area of origin or habitual residence between January and June 2016. In practice, however, operations may assist IDP returnees for longer periods.

Persons under UNHCR's statelessness mandate are defined under international law as those not considered as nationals by any State under the operation of its law. In other words, they do not possess the nationality of any State. UNHCR statistics refer to persons who fall under the agency's statelessness mandate as those who are stateless according to this international definition, but data from some countries may also include persons with undetermined nationality.

UNHCR has been given a global mandate by the United Nations General Assembly to contribute to the prevention and reduction of statelessness and to the protection of stateless persons. The agency also performs a

specific function, under Article 11 of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, in receiving claims from persons who may benefit from the statelessness safeguards contained in that Convention, and in assisting both those individuals and the States concerned to resolve these claims.

Other groups or persons of concern refers to individuals who do not necessarily fall directly into any of these groups but to whom UNHCR has extended its protection and/or assistance services, based on humanitarian or other special grounds. ●

² 'Complementary protection' refers to protection provided under national, regional, or international law to persons who do not qualify for protection under refugee law instruments but are in need of international protection because they are at risk of serious harm.

³ 'Temporary protection' refers to arrangements developed to offer protection of a temporary nature, either until the situation in the country of origin improves and allows for a safe and dignified return, or until individual refugee or complementary protection status determination can be carried out.

⁴ This term is descriptive in nature. It includes groups of people who are outside their country or territory of origin and who face protection risks similar to refugees but for whom refugee status has, for practical or other reasons, not been ascertained.

⁵ See: United Nations Commission on Human Rights, *Report of the Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Francis M. Deng, submitted pursuant to Commission resolution 1997/39*. Addendum: Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, 11 February 1998.

⁶ This term is descriptive in nature. It includes groups who are inside their country of nationality or habitual residence and who face protection risks similar to IDPs but who, for practical or other reasons, could not be reported as such.



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Refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees (refugees and IDPs), stateless persons, and others of concern to UNHCR by country/territory of asylum [I end-2015](#)

Country/ territory of asylum ¹	REFUGEES					Returned refugees ⁵	IDPs protected/ assisted by UNHCR, incl. people in IDP-like situations ⁶	Returned IDPs ⁷	Persons under UN- HCR's stateless- ness man- date ⁸	Others of concern to UNHCR ⁹	Total population of concern
	Refugees ²	People in refugee- like situations ³	Total refugees and people in refugee- like situations	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Asylum- seekers (pending cases) ⁴						
Afghanistan	237,069	20,485	257,554	257,554	82	61,379	1,174,306	123,653	-	150,317	1,767,291
Albania	104	-	104	104	830	-	-	-	7,442	-	8,376
Algeria ¹⁰	94,182	-	94,182	90,177	6,593	-	-	-	-	-	100,775
Angola	15,555	-	15,555	268	30,143	4,639	-	-	-	-	50,337
Anguilla	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Antigua and Barbuda	15	-	15	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Argentina	3,207	-	3,207	165	1,077	-	-	-	-	-	4,284
Armenia	3,319	16,000	19,319	7,506	66	-	-	-	311	-	19,696
Aruba	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Australia ¹¹	36,917	-	36,917	-	20,677	-	-	-	-	-	57,594
Austria	72,216	-	72,216	-	80,075	-	-	-	828	-	153,119
Azerbaijan	1,278	-	1,278	1,278	220	-	618,220	-	3,585	-	623,303
Bahamas	8	-	8	8	21	-	-	-	-	86	115
Bahrain	247	-	247	247	113	-	-	-	-	-	360
Bangladesh ¹²	31,958	200,000	231,958	31,958	-	-	-	-	-	-	231,958
Barbados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belarus	1,809	-	1,809	751	279	-	-	-	5,635	-	7,723
Belgium	35,314	-	35,314	-	36,009	-	-	-	5,776	-	77,099
Belize	35	-	35	35	720	-	-	-	-	57	812
Benin	530	-	530	530	178	-	-	-	-	-	708
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	775	-	775	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	775
Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6,798	-	6,798	6,798	23	22	98,324	-	58	52,437	157,662
Botswana	2,130	-	2,130	2,130	135	-	-	-	-	-	2,265
Brazil	8,707	-	8,707	1,753	20,815	-	-	-	4	6,264	35,790
Brunei Darussalam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,524	-	20,524
Bulgaria	16,557	-	16,557	16,557	9,499	-	-	-	67	-	26,123
Burkina Faso	34,017	-	34,017	34,017	143	-	-	-	-	-	34,160
Burundi	53,363	-	53,363	53,363	2,931	14	25,000	1,144	1,302	645	84,399
Cabo Verde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115	-	115
Cambodia	76	-	76	71	27	1	-	-	-	197	301
Cameroon	327,121	15,852	342,973	342,973	5,373	-	92,657	18,636	-	11	459,650
Canada	135,888	-	135,888	-	19,642	-	-	-	-	-	155,530
Cayman Islands	12	-	12	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	16
Central African Rep.	7,330	-	7,330	6,591	334	21,632	216,392	258,276	-	-	503,964
Chad	369,540	-	369,540	369,540	2,898	41	51,999	-	-	50,000	474,478
Chile	1,849	-	1,849	93	1,064	-	-	-	-	-	2,913
China ¹³	301,052	-	301,052	157	677	1	-	-	-	1	301,731
China, Hong Kong SAR	133	-	133	133	2,315	-	-	-	1	-	2,449
China, Macao SAR	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
Colombia	226	-	226	51	115	1,792	6,939,067	-	12	-	6,941,212
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo, Republic of	44,955	-	44,955	44,955	4,342	1	-	-	-	2,854	52,152
Costa Rica	3,616	-	3,616	3,616	3,283	-	-	-	1,806	-	8,705
Côte d'Ivoire	1,980	-	1,980	1,980	649	12,222	308,272	399	700,000	57	1,023,579
Croatia	308	214	522	522	53	113	-	-	2,873	14,070	17,631
Cuba	303	-	303	186	25	-	-	-	-	-	328
Curaçao	48	-	48	48	30	-	-	-	-	-	78
Cyprus ¹⁴	7,067	-	7,067	477	2,252	-	-	-	-	6,000	15,319

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Czech Rep.	3,644	-	3,644	-	659	-	-	-	1,502	-	5,805
Dem. Rep. of the Congo ¹⁵	383,095	-	383,095	275,043	983	8,536	1,555,112	736,837	-	14,474	2,699,037
Denmark	27,326	-	27,326	-	2,948	-	-	-	6,580	-	36,854
Djibouti	19,365	-	19,365	19,365	2,641	-	-	-	-	-	22,006
Dominican Rep. ¹⁶	615	-	615	615	758	-	-	-	133,770	-	135,143
Ecuador ¹⁷	53,191	68,344	121,535	-	11,583	-	-	-	-	-	133,118
Egypt	212,500	-	212,500	142,500	38,171	4	-	-	22	-	250,697
El Salvador	48	-	48	31	1	-	-	-	-	10,100	10,149
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	2,549	-	2,549	2,549	1	1	-	-	-	6	2,557
Estonia ¹⁸	168	-	168	-	86	-	-	-	85,301	-	85,555
Ethiopia	736,086	-	736,086	736,086	2,131	5	-	-	-	934	739,156
Fiji	12	-	12	12	8	-	-	-	-	-	20
Finland	12,703	-	12,703	-	24,366	-	-	-	2,427	-	39,496
France	273,126	-	273,126	-	63,057	-	-	-	1,326	-	337,509
Gabon	943	-	943	943	1,941	-	-	-	-	-	2,884
Gambia	7,854	-	7,854	7,854	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,854
Georgia	1,300	679	1,979	1,979	733	-	268,416	-	627	-	271,755
Germany	316,115	-	316,115	-	420,625	-	-	-	12,569	-	749,309
Ghana	17,406	-	17,406	17,406	1,859	-	-	-	-	-	19,265
Greece	13,088	11,750	24,838	-	26,141	-	-	-	198	-	51,177
Grenada	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Guatemala	226	-	226	100	125	-	-	-	-	3,500	3,851
Guinea	8,839	-	8,839	8,839	198	-	-	-	-	-	9,037
Guinea-Bissau ¹⁹	8,684	-	8,684	8,684	123	-	-	-	-	-	8,807
Guyana	11	-	11	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	12
Haiti ²⁰	3	-	3	2	11	-	-	-	977	-	991
Honduras	30	-	30	19	9	-	174,000	-	-	5,100	179,139
Hungary	4,393	-	4,393	258	36,693	-	-	-	132	-	41,218
Iceland	179	-	179	-	161	-	-	-	131	-	471
India	201,381	-	201,381	27,078	6,480	-	-	-	-	-	207,861
Indonesia	5,957	-	5,957	5,957	7,591	-	-	-	-	-	13,548
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	979,437	-	979,437	979,437	42	12	-	-	-	-	979,491
Iraq ²¹	277,701	-	277,701	277,701	7,420	5,921	4,403,287	1,747	50,000	29	4,746,105
Ireland	6,125	-	6,125	-	5,055	-	-	-	99	-	11,279
Israel	411	32,535	32,946	4,781	11,677	-	-	-	42	-	44,665
Italy	118,047	-	118,047	-	60,156	-	-	-	747	-	178,950
Jamaica	12	-	12	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	17
Japan ²²	2,474	-	2,474	369	13,831	-	-	-	603	-	16,908
Jordan ²³	664,118	-	664,118	664,118	24,935	-	-	-	-	-	689,053
Kazakhstan	708	-	708	708	97	-	-	-	7,909	-	8,714
Kenya	553,912	-	553,912	553,912	39,969	1,231	-	-	20,000	-	615,112
Kuwait	741	-	741	741	900	-	-	-	93,000	-	94,641
Kyrgyzstan	354	-	354	354	158	-	-	-	9,118	-	9,630
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latvia ²⁴	208	-	208	-	179	-	-	-	252,195	-	252,582
Lebanon	1,070,854	-	1,070,854	1,070,854	12,139	-	-	-	-	5,238	1,088,231
Lesotho	31	-	31	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	35
Liberia	36,505	-	36,505	36,505	15	58	-	-	1	1,479	38,058
Libya	9,305	-	9,305	9,305	27,479	-	434,869	-	-	-	471,653
Liechtenstein	150	-	150	23	97	-	-	-	2	-	249
Lithuania	1,093	-	1,093	-	82	-	-	-	3,466	-	4,641

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Luxembourg	1,332	-	1,332	-	2,395	-	-	-	82	-	3,809
Madagascar	10	-	10	10	12	-	-	-	-	-	22
Malawi	9,019	-	9,019	9,019	14,470	-	-	-	-	-	23,489
Malaysia	94,030	136	94,166	94,166	60,415	-	-	-	11,689	80,000	246,270
Mali	15,917	-	15,917	15,917	340	4,088	61,920	53,551	-	-	135,816
Malta	7,075	-	7,075	1,547	590	-	-	-	-	-	7,665
Mauritania	51,394	26,000	77,394	51,394	497	-	-	-	-	-	77,891
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	2,923	-	2,923	1,021	1,350	-	-	-	13	-	4,286
Micronesia (Federated States of)	3	-	3	3	11	-	-	-	-	-	14
Monaco	32	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Mongolia	9	-	9	9	6	-	-	-	6	-	21
Montenegro	1,771	-	1,771	1,671	20	-	-	-	3,262	10,822	15,875
Morocco	3,908	-	3,908	3,908	1,565	-	-	-	-	-	5,473
Mozambique	5,622	-	5,622	3,247	14,825	-	-	-	-	-	20,447
Myanmar ²⁵	-	-	-	-	1	2	451,089	25,265	938,000	-	1,414,357
Namibia	1,737	-	1,737	1,547	1,112	21	-	-	-	1,706	4,576
Nauru	506	-	506	-	302	-	-	-	-	-	808
Nepal ²⁶	32,667	-	32,667	17,133	17	-	-	-	-	384	33,068
Netherlands	88,536	-	88,536	-	28,051	-	-	-	1,951	-	118,538
New Zealand	1,337	-	1,337	-	159	-	-	-	-	-	1,496
Nicaragua	330	-	330	259	131	2	-	-	1	1	465
Niger	124,721	-	124,721	124,721	106	-	137,337	-	-	70,000	332,164
Nigeria	1,395	-	1,395	1,395	386	-	2,172,532	-	-	-	2,174,313
Norway	50,389	-	50,389	-	25,316	-	-	-	2,561	-	78,266
Oman	245	-	245	245	190	-	-	-	-	-	435
Pakistan	1,561,162	-	1,561,162	1,561,162	6,442	3	1,146,108	676,638	-	-	3,390,353
Panama	2,322	15,000	17,322	331	2,934	-	-	-	2	-	20,258
Papua New Guinea ²⁷	4,929	4,581	9,510	-	445	-	-	-	-	-	9,955
Paraguay	172	-	172	45	37	-	-	-	-	-	209
Peru	1,488	-	1,488	106	379	-	-	-	-	-	1,867
Philippines	269	-	269	20	210	-	63,174	254,848	7,138	68	325,707
Poland	14,065	-	14,065	-	3,303	-	-	-	10,825	-	28,193
Portugal	853	-	853	-	580	-	-	-	14	-	1,447
Qatar	120	-	120	120	118	-	-	-	1,200	-	1,438

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