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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many forcibly displaced people (FDP) are in the world?

108.4 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of persecution, war and/or violations of human rights. This means that 1 in 74 people in the world is forcibly displaced.

2. Did the number of forcibly displaced people increase or decrease between January 2022 and 2023?

The number of forcibly displaced people worldwide increased by 19 million between 2022 and 2023. This is the largest annual increase ever recorded by UNHCR.

3. How many refugees are in the world?

35.3 million. This includes 5.9 million Palestinian refugees. Refugees are people who need international protection because they were forced to flee their country of origin due to persecution, war and/or violations of human rights.

4. What countries are producing the most refugees?

1. Syria (6.5 million) - hosted in 131 different countries
2. Ukraine (5.7 million)
3. Afghanistan (5.7 million)
4. Venezuela (5.5 million)
5. South Sudan (2.3 million)
6. Myanmar (1.3 million)
7. D.R. Congo (931,900)
8. Sudan (836,800)
9. Somalia (790,500)
10. Central Africa Republic (748,300)

5. What can you tell me about the average refugee in the world?

51% of the world's refugees are women and girls.

41% of the world's refugees are under 18 years old.

87% of the world's refugees come from 10 countries (see #4).



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6. What part of the world hosts the most refugees?

76% of the world's refugees are hosted by low-middle income nations. 36% are hosted in Europe (including Turkey). 20% are hosted in sub-Saharan Africa. 20% are hosted in Asia/Pacific. 17% are hosted in the Americas. 7% are hosted in the Middle East and North Africa.

7. What countries host the largest number of refugees?

Turkey (3.6m), Iran (3.4m), Colombia (2.5m), Germany (2.1m), Pakistan (1.7m), Uganda (1.5m), Russia (1.3m), Sudan (1.1m), Peru (976,400), Poland (971,100).

8. What countries received the most resettled refugees in 2022?

Less than 1/2 of 1% of the world's total refugee population was resettled in 2022. The UN has identified 1.5m refugees in need of resettlement. Of those, less than 8% were resettled in 2022. Leading places of resettlement include Canada (47,600), the USA (29,000), and Australia (17,300).

9. What countries received the most claims for asylum in 2022?

The USA (730,400), Germany (217,800), Costa Rica (129,500), Mexico (118,800), France (115,100), Austria (109,800), Russia (103,300), Canada (94,400), the UK (89,400).

10. How many of the world's FDP are internally displaced within their country of origin?

62.5 million people have been forced to flee their homes, but not their country.



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