

#11 – UNHCR’s Refugee Population Statistics Database

Short description

Type of object: Dataset

Source (organisation): UNHCR

Issues: Statistics on displaced persons, including refugees and asylum seekers, and in particular:

- Population figures – UNHCR data on displacement
- Asylum applications
- Asylum decisions
- Solutions for refugees and IDPs
- Internally displaced persons (internally displacement due to conflict and violence)
- Palestine refugees under UNRWA’s mandate

Time span: 2016-2022

Geographical coverage: Global. Data are provided for each country

Link: <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/download/?url=2bxU2f>

Note/Interpretations

The database contains information about forcibly displaced populations spanning more than 70 years of statistical activities. It covers displaced populations such as refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people, including their demographics. Stateless people are also included, most of who have never been displaced. The database also reflects the different types of solutions for displaced populations such as repatriation or resettlement. The dataset is based on three data sources:

- UNHCR data collected through its annual statistical activities with some data going back as far as 1951, the year UNHCR was created.
- Data provided by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ([UNRWA](#)). Information is limited to registered Palestine refugees under UNRWA’s mandate.
- Data provided by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre ([IDMC](#)). Information is limited to people displaced within their country due to conflict or violence.

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