

Refugee and Asylum Fact sheet 2025

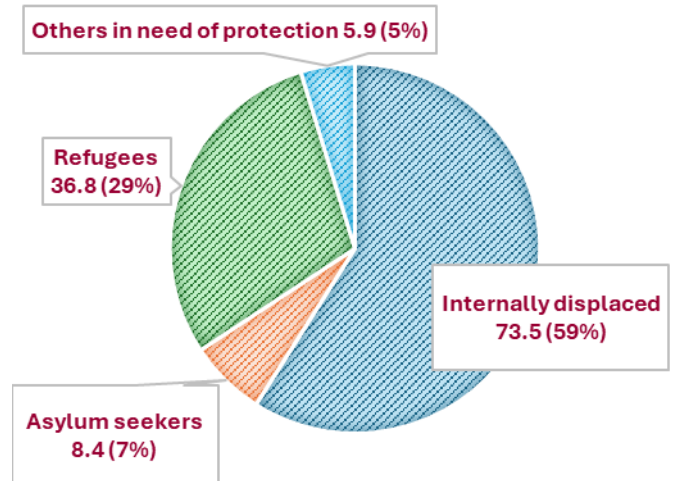
The World (2024 data) Page 1



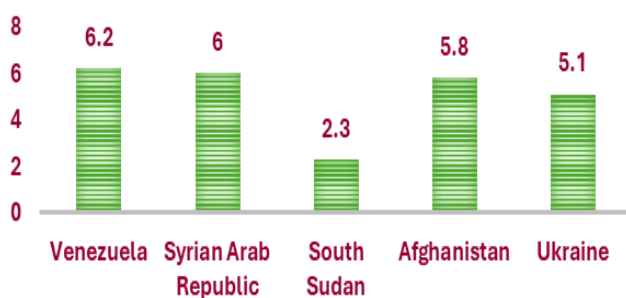
123.2M displaced people in 2024

- 40% children.
- 84.7% increase from 2014-2024 (1% decrease 2024-2025).
- 73.5M (60%) 'internally' displaced in their own country).
- 33.5M (28%) displaced in neighbouring country.
- 'Other' includes Ukrainians with EU/ UK visas.
- Not everyone who leaves their country, seeks asylum but are still 'in need of protection'.

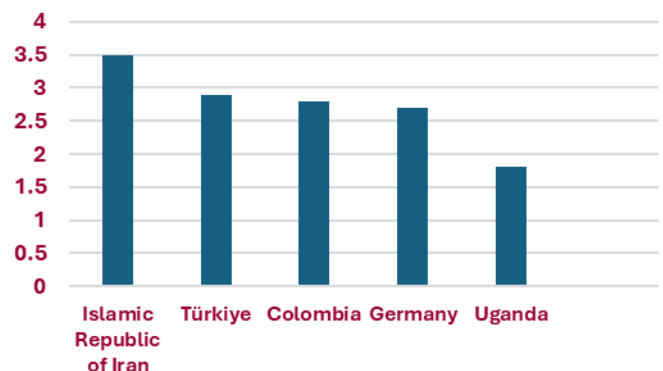
DISPLACED PEOPLE WORLDWIDE 2024 (MILLIONS)



Main country of origin (69%) 2024 (millions)



Top 6 hosting countries: 69% of refugees

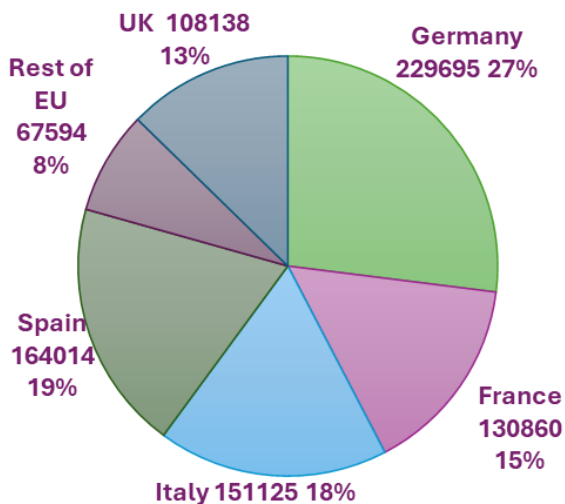


- The Syrian civil war has ended since the data was gathered and some refugees are returning home.
- 73% of refugees are hosted in low or middle-income countries. Just 27% in richer countries.
- Some countries both generate and receive refugees. Previously 'safe' countries (e.g. Türkiye, Iran, Libya and Tunisia) have begun expelling and persecuting them, including those who have been 'welcome' residents in those countries for decades. Many try to flee to Europe and the UK.
- (August 2025) 1.9m (90%) of Gaza population have been displaced; some as many as 10 times.



UK and Europe 2024 Data Page 2

EU and UK Asylum applications 2024



UK

Ukraine visas. Total visas granted since 2022: 269,339. 97,500 (36%) are estimated to have left the UK.

BNO (Hong Kong). Total visas since 2021: 176,714.

Resettlement schemes. Total since 2015: 57,398. Mostly Syrians 21,698, and Afghans 31,944.

Ukraine, BNO, family re-unification and Resettlement schemes have all closed.

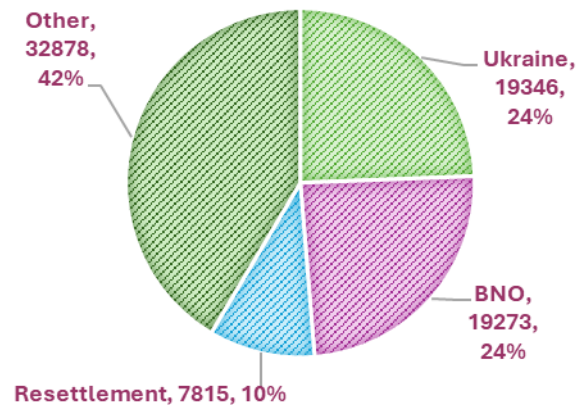
Other. Includes those arriving 'irregularly'; 81% on small boats or on visas and applying for asylum after arrival. 99% of Sudanese, 98% Syrian and 87% Eritrean nationals granted leave to remain on first decision compared to 3% of Albanians.

Caution: 2024 **leave to remain** data is anomalous. The Conservative Government stopped asylum application processing. The Labour Government restored it but has since suspended processing Syrian applications.

Asylum Applications: Refu-

gees **may** (under refugee law they are not required to) seek asylum in the first 'safe' country they come to e.g. Greece, Spain or Italy. In recent years most have moved (and applied for asylum) further North because of increased hostility and risk of spending years in an asylum camp. The figures are for the total number of people applying for asylum in 2024 and date of application may not reflect date of arrival in Europe.

Leave to remain UK



The UK government offers no routes for refugees to come to the UK. The only 'safe' route to the UK is through a visa for e.g. study or work and then to claim asylum (all asylum applications must be made within the UK's borders).

The UK government denies entry visas to citizens of countries with high levels of refugees or high levels of poverty esp. African countries.