13.1 MILLION
FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

Refugees 1.6M
Asylum-Seekers 74K
Refugees Returnees 120K
Returned IDPs 1.8M
Stateless 1.6M
Others of Concern 139K
Internally Displaced People 7.8M

General Trends 2018 - 2023

Forcibly Displaced Population & Trends from 2018 - 2023

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Source: Geographic data: UNCS. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available. IDP statistics from OCHA, IOM.

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The total forcibly displaced and stateless population to UNHCR in West and Central Africa (WCA) relates to the people UNHCR is mandated to protect and assist. It includes those who have been forcibly displaced, those who have returned home within recent years; those who are stateless or at risk of statelessness; and other groups to whom UNHCR has extended its protection or assisted on a humanitarian basis.

### MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

- **Burkina Faso**: 1,367,581
- **Cameroon**: 1,013,568
- **Nigeria**: 485,741
- **Mali**: 302,819
- **Niger**: 93,272
- **Burkina Faso**: 64,110
- **Togo**: 35,806
- **Chad**: 19,997

### MAIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM

- **Chad**: 1,938,792
- **Cameroon**: 1,013,568
- **Nigeria**: 3,167,581
- **Mali**: 599,997
- **Niger**: 381,289
- **Burkina Faso**: 35,806
- **Togo**: 13,914

### PERSONS OF CONCERN BY COUNTRY

- **Chad**: 2,663
- **Burkina Faso**: 35,255
- **Cameroon**: 476,334
- **Nigeria**: 81,933
- **Mali**: 8,715
- **Guinea**: 2,202
- **Gabon**: 213
- **Gambia**: 3,702
- **Cameroon**: 7,727
- **Guinea Bissau**: 32
- **Liberia**: 1,680
- **Mali**: 63,222
- **Nigeria**: 92,133
- **Senegal**: 11,810
- **Sierra Leone**: 10
- **Togo**: 8,862
- **Grand Total**: 1,574,900

- **Refugees Asylum Seekers**: 830
- **Refugees Returnees**: 551
- **IDPs**: 494,430
- **Returned IDP**: 221
- **Stateless**: 206
- **Others**: 55
- **Total**: 1,974,598

### DEMOGRAPHICS

- **Children**: 53%
- **Women & Children**: 80%

### REFUGEES WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

- **Child at Risk**: 31%
- **Woman at Risk**: 31%
- **Legal & Physical Needs**: 31%
- **Single Parent**: 31%
- **Older Person at Risk**: 31%
- **Persons with Disability**: 31%
- **Serious Med. Condition**: 31%

### REFUGEES IN CAMPS

- **Burkina Faso**: 692K
- **Cameroon**: 290
- **Mali**: 212
- **Nigeria**: 206
- **Guinea**: 55
- **Guinea Bissau**: 69
- **Liberia**: 206
- **Mali**: 206
- **Nigeria**: 55
- **Senegal**: 69
- **Sierra Leone**: 206
- **Togo**: 206
- **Grand Total**: 1,574,900

- **Refugees and Asylum Seekers**: 312,806
- **Returned Internally**: 302,559
- **Returned Internally Displaced**: 277,559
- **Stateless & at Risk**: 217,559
- **Displaced Persons**: 131,701
- **Stateless & At Risk**: 102,480

### SITUATIONS

- **Car Situation**: 739,911
- **Far North Cameroon**: 42,607
- **Sahel Situation**: 1,122,610

These figures represent refugees from Central African Republic in neighboring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, South Sudan) and IDP in Central African Republic.

These figures represent Cameroonian refugees in Chad and forcibly displaced people following the outbreak of violence in the Far North region of Cameroon in December 2021.

These figures represent all refugees and IDPs in Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Chad, Niger) and Mauritania. Refugees from Central Sahel neighboring coastal countries (Bénin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo) are also included.