UNHCR CAMEROON MONTHLY UPDATES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS August 2024

Source des données des réfugiés: Gouvernement du Cameroun avec le support du HCR ::

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UNHCR Cameroon needs to support refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country. This update provides detailed demographic, socio-economic, and educational data, as well as information on persons with specific needs, underscoring the complex and multifaceted nature of the refugee and IDP crisis in Cameroon. The monthly update highlights the demographic diversity, educational and occupational challenges, and specific needs of the displaced populations. The data emphasizes the importance of targeting interventions and creating support mechanisms to address the varied and pressing needs of these vulnerable groups. The Cameroonian government and international organizations must collaborate to provide necessary aid and ensure the well-being of these populations.

Population Overview:

Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Cameroon hosts 435,988 refugees and 13,298 asylum seekers.
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): The country has 1,036,775 IDPs, with an additional 658,544 returnees.
Major Countries of Origin: Refugees primarily come from the Central African Republic 313,989 , Nigeria 124,466 , Chad 4,225 , and Niger 4,184 .

Demographic Distribution:

A significant portion of the refugees are women and children. Specifically, 53% of the refugee population are women and girls, and 55% are children.
Age Groups: Refugees are categorized into various age groups, with notable populations in the 0-4, 5-11, 12-17, 18-59, and 60+ age ranges.

Education Levels:

The educational attainment of refugees varies, with 47% having no education, 27% having primary education, and smaller percentages having informal, secondary, university, or technical/vocational education.

Occupations:

47% of refugees are engaged in various occupations such as homemakers, traders, drivers, pensioners, maneuvers, and breeders. 17% are students, 14% are unemployed, and 10%are farmers.

Ethnicity and Religion:

Ethnicity: The majority of ethnicities are Peulh 43% , Kanuri 11% .
Religion: The religious makeup includes 74% Muslims, 25% Christians, and 2% others.

Persons with Specific Needs:

Categories: There are several categories of persons with specific needs including children at risk, women at risk, single parents, older persons, unaccompanied or separated children, and persons with disabilities.
Top Concerns: The highest numbers are children at risk of not attending school 53,796 , individuals with vision disabilities 6,035 , and older persons with children 3,350 .

Legal and Marital Status:

Legal Status: Refugees and asylum seekers are categorized based o their arrival years, with significant influxes noted in 2014 and subsequent years. Marital Status: The majority of the refugee population is single 67% , followed by married individuals 25% .

Regional distribution:

The distribution of refugees and IDPs across various regions in Cameroon shows significant numbers in different regions. The East region hosts the largest refugee population with 178,287 individuals. The Far-North has 120,247 refugees, while Adamaoua has 65,480 . The North region accommodates 43,584 refugees, and the Centre has 24,480 . The Littoral region has 16,220 refugees.

Challenges and Needs:

UNHCR MCO in Cameroon grapples with significant challenges in managing and supporting its large refugee and internally displaced populations. Due to increasing global crises, UNHCR Cameroon faces immense strain, with regions like the East and Extreme-Nord hosting 178,287 and 120,247 refugees respectively, the strain on resources is immense. These populations include a high percentage of children and women, requiring specialized services such as education, healthcare, and protection. The diverse educational levels among refugees, ranging from no education to university, indicate a need for comprehensive educational programs. Additionally, significant numbers of refugees are unemployed or engaged in low-income occupations, highlighting the necessity for vocational training and employment opportunities. The presence of vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied children, single parents, and individuals with disabilities, further underscores the urgent need for targeted humanitarian aid and robust social support systems to address their specific needs and ensure their well-being.

UNHCR CAMEROON IN A GLANCE

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Central African | Nigeria | IDP Far North | IDP NWSW | Other Refugees

Population Type: All

Region: All

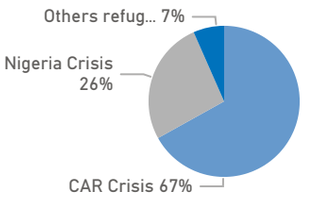
2,144,605
Total of Persons we serve

435,988 Refugee

13,298 Asylum Seeker

1,036,775 Internally Displaced

658,544 Returnees IDP

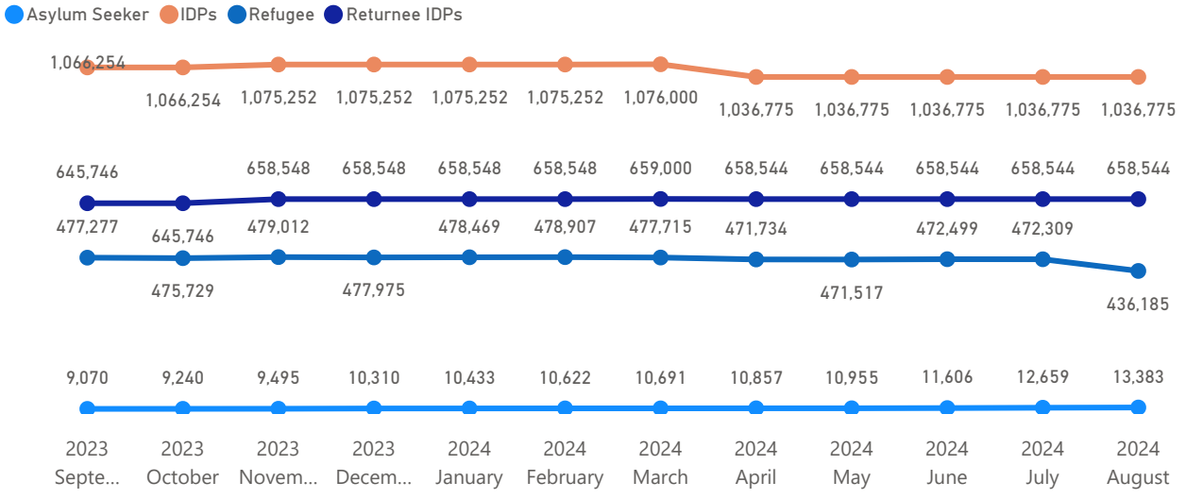


Distribution by crisis

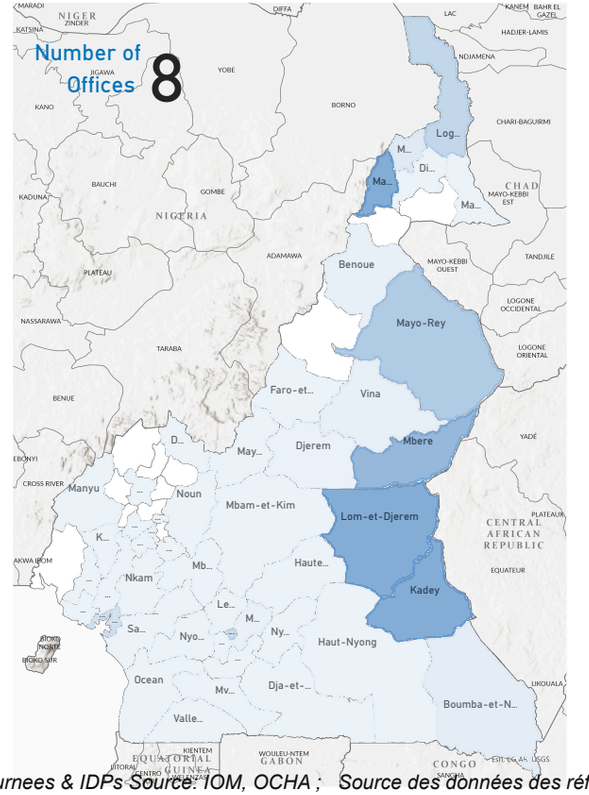
53% Of refugees are women and girls

55% Of refugees are children

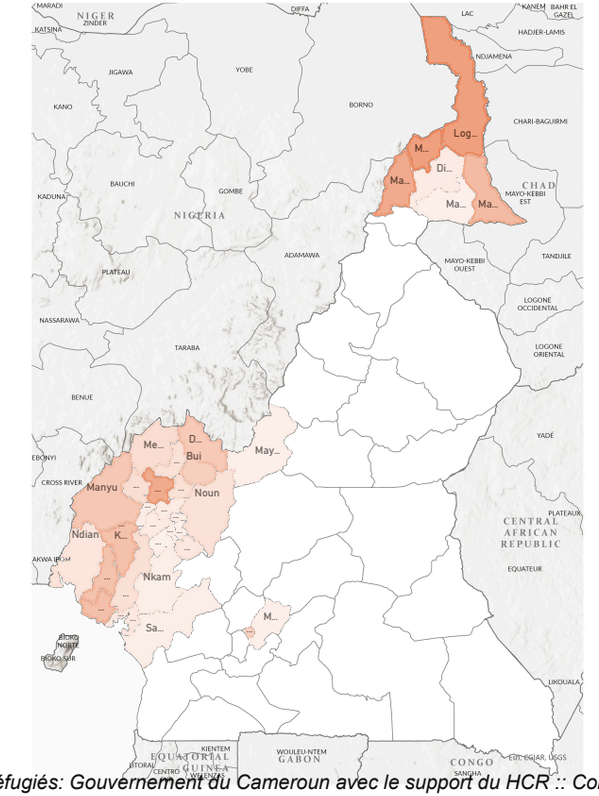
61% Of IDPs are children



Refugee and Asylum Seeker by Department



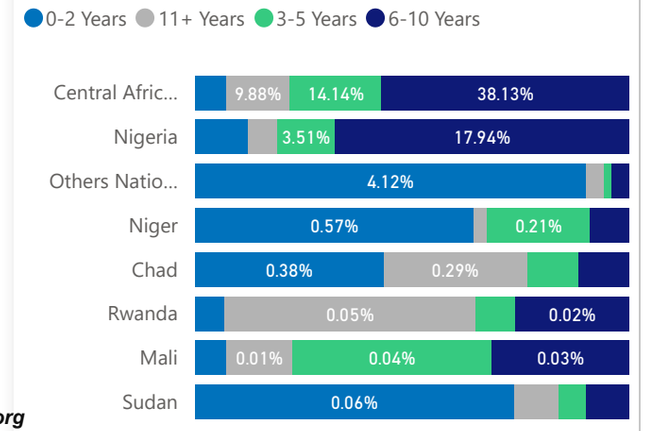
IDPs by Department



Refugee By country of origin

- Central African Republic: 313,956
- Nigeria: 124,466
- Chad: 4,165
- Others Nationalities: 21,489
- Niger: 4,184
- Rwanda: 435
- Mali: 424
- Soudan: 354

Number of years spent in Cameroon



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DEMOGRAPHIC POPULATION IN CAMEROON

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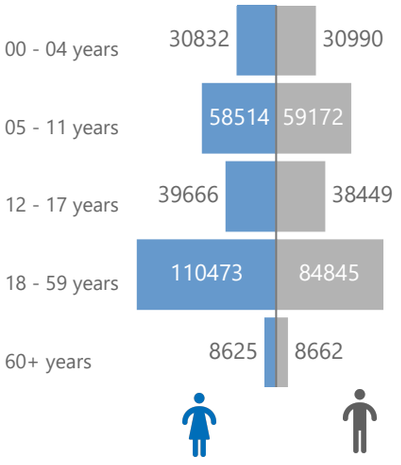
Central African | Nigeria | Other Refugees

Region: All

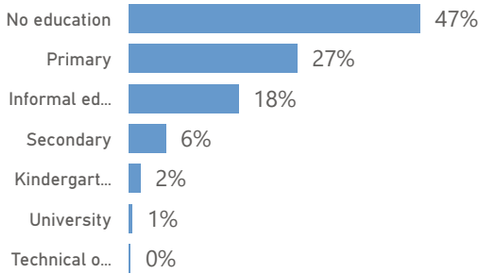
Legal Status: Asylum Seeker | Refugee

210,983
School age children

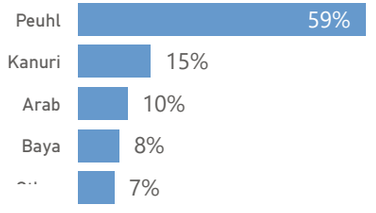
Population distribution (gender and age group)



Education Level



Ethnicity



Refugees by age group

Region	00 - 04 years		05 - 11 years		12 - 17 years		18 - 59 years		60+ years		**Total**
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Est	10348	10320	20766	21535	15256	15019	44331	34004	3190	3518	**178287**
Extreme-Nord	9692	9687	16570	16288	10727	10362	25347	16776	2411	2387	**120247**
Adamaoua	4471	4534	8115	8371	5946	5878	15454	10010	1373	1328	**65480**
Nord	2780	2807	6049	6011	3451	3351	10763	6761	840	771	**43584**
Centre	1282	1264	2328	2212	1452	1259	5679	8575	172	256	**24479**
Littoral	571	662	1269	1319	918	912	3563	6722	120	164	**16220**
Sud-Ouest	1		46	48	73	80	252	154	31	18	**703**
Nord-Ouest			13	18	7	17	61	43	10	5	**174**
Sud	1	1	2	5	1	4	17	47		5	**83**
Ouest		2	1	2	1		3	15		1	**25**
Total	**29146**	**29277**	**55159**	**55809**	**37832**	**36882**	**105470**	**83107**	**8147**	**8453**	**449282**

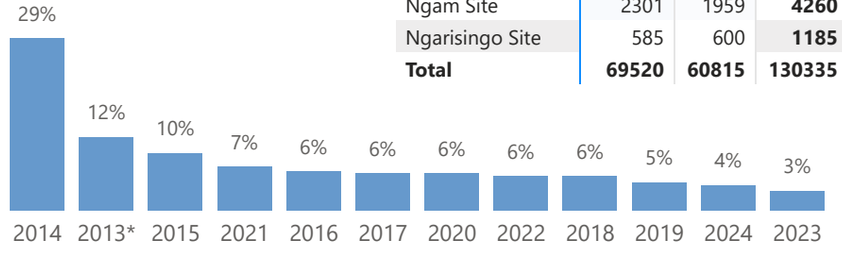
Site/Camp	Female	Male	**Total**
Minawao	39375	33512	**72887**
Gado Badzere Site	9725	8511	**18236**
Mbile Site	5538	5242	**10780**
Lolo Site	5169	4919	**10088**
Borgop Site	4298	3740	**8038**
Timangolo Site	2529	2332	**4861**
Ngam Site	2301	1959	**4260**
Ngarisingo Site	585	600	**1185**
Total	**69520**	**60815**	**130335**

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years		06-11 Years		12-18 Years		**Total**
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Adamaoua	2254	2322	6983	7194	6740	6536	**32029**
Centre	670	648	1975	1894	1630	1472	**8289**
Chari-Baguirmi	1				1		**2**
Est	5919	6238	17902	18433	17172	16836	**82500**
Extreme-Nord	4884	4897	14186	13895	11921	11557	**61340**
Littoral	351	372	1091	1141	1041	1057	**5053**
Nord	1871	1894	5122	5064	3822	3651	**21424**
Nord-Ouest			13	18	9	20	**60**
Ouest		2	1	1	1		**5**
Sud		1	2	4	3	4	**14**
Total	**15950**	**16375**	**47321**	**47691**	**42421**	**41225**	**210983**

Marital Status	Percentage
Single	67.10%
Married	25.32%
Widowed	3.69%
Divorced	1.82%
Separated	0.72%
Common Law Married	0.54%
Unknown	0.49%
Engaged	0.31%
Partnership	0.01%

Year of arrival of refugees



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PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS IN CAMEROON

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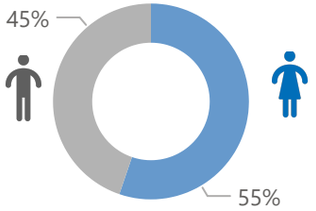
Central African | Nigeria | Other Refugees

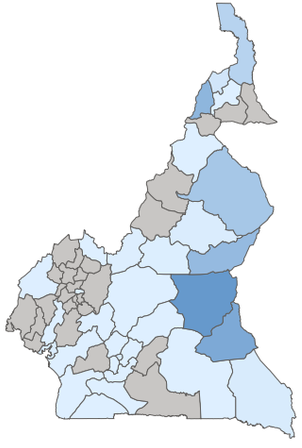
Region: All

Areas of Responsibility: Child Protection | General Protection | SGBV

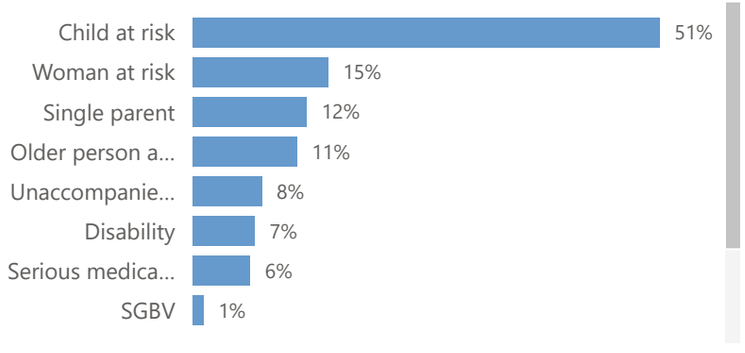
178,176 Person with Specific Needs

Gender





Person with Specific Needs



54,877 Child at Risk

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Child at risk of not attending school	53796
Child with special education needs	613
Child spouse	519
Child parent	292
Child engaged in other forms of child labour	46
Child carer	35
Teenage pregnancy	26
Child engaged in worst forms of child labour	20
No legal documentation	10
Child associated with armed forces or groups	5

6,759 Serious Medical Condition

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Other medical condition	4518
Chronic illness	1105
Malnutrition	382
Difficult pregnancy	381
Critical medical	306
Mental illness	122
Woman at risk	18
Addiction	14
Emotions and behavior	3

1,258 SGBV

SGBV	# Refugee
Threat of forced marriage	659
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	190
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	162
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	82
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of origin	63

7,305 Disability

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Vision	3350
Hearing	1477
Emotions and behavior	1107
Lower Body Mobility	990
Communication	645
Upper Body Mobility	255
Remembering and concentrating	39
Self-Care	31
Physical disability - moderate	21
Mental disability - moderate	8

13,391 Single Parent

(Top 10) Single Parent Sub-Category	# Refugee
Single HR - parent	12287
Single HR - caregiver	671
Single HR - grandparent	507
Woman at risk	15
Single woman at risk	9
Child parent	3
No legal documentation	2
Single older person	2
Child at risk of not attending school	1
Older person with children	1

207 Family Unity

Family Unity Sub-Category	# Refugee
Family reunification required	162
Tracing required	45

12,246 Older at Risk

Older Person at Risk	# Refugee
No legal documentation	2
Older person unable to care for self	4833
Older person with children	6032
Other medical condition	1
Single HR - grandparent	1
Single HR - parent	1
Single older person	1939
Single woman at risk	1
Woman at risk	2

8,125 Unaccompanied or separated child

(Top 6) Unaccompanied or separated child	# Refugee
Separated child	7641
Unaccompanied child	426
Child headed household	64
Child in foster care	14
Child in institutional care	11
No legal documentation	5

15,911 Woman at Risk

(Top 4) Single Parent Sub-Category	# Refugee
Woman at risk	8719
Lactating	4452
Single woman at risk	2877
Single HR - parent	10

SOCIO-ECONOMICS DATA OF REFUGEES IN CAMEROON

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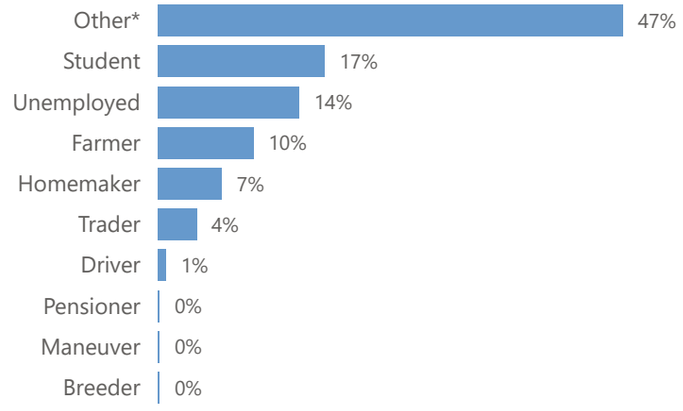
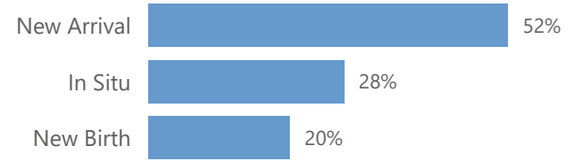
Region

All

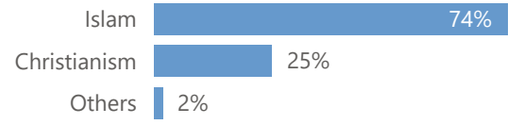
Occupation



Registration Reason

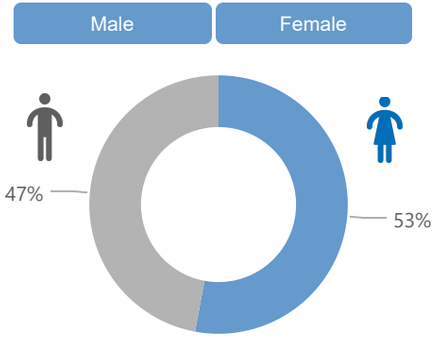


Religion



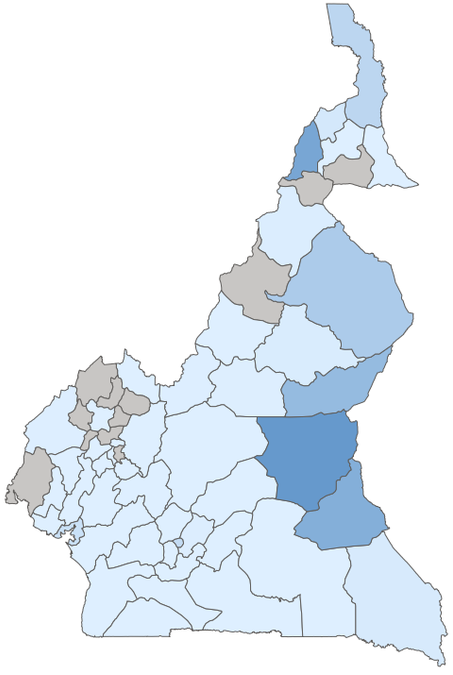
Central African

Male | Female



Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	NDjamena	Nord	T
Other*	23009	8767	67613	6	5026		6571	
Student	16226	4292	31710	3	3431	1	8878	
Unemployed	8246	1936	37093		708		13288	
Farmer	9477	1026	15645	1	339		8080	
Homemaker	4334	1332	15550	1	1023		2066	
Trader	2910	1169	8326		1057		1716	
Driver	421	211	2178	2	402		314	
Maneuver	10	19	41		5		4	
Pensioner	12	4	58		2		3	
Breeder	25		12				33	

Nigeria



Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	NDjamena	Nord	T
Other*	293	116	7	94208	18	2	1130	
Student	187	33		8750	5		448	
Farmer	25	4		7641	2		755	
Homemaker	52	8	3	4833	2		103	
Unemployed	169	50	1	2558	2			
Trader	34	41	1	1844	8		10	
Driver	6	3		294	3			
Pensioner	2			22				
Maneuver				11				
Breeder				10				

Other Nationalities

Occupations	Adamaoua	Batha	Bioko Norte	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Lac	Littor
Other*	48	3	2	2652	153	706	1	
Student	16			1310	19	255		
Unemployed	20			788	35	29		
Trader	6			716	18	25		
Homemaker	19			316	102	97		
Farmer	20			186	50	137		
Driver	1			70	4	3		
Maneuver	2			3		1		
Breeder	2							
Pensioner					2			