UNHCR CAMEROON MONTHLY UPDATES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS September 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 408,472 refugees and 14,151 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 286,119 , Nigeria 124,830 , Chad 4,328 , and Niger 4,864 .

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 46% having no education, 27% having primary education, and smaller percentages having informal, secondary, university, or technical/vocational education.

Occupations:

46% of refugees are engaged in various occupations such as homemakers, traders, drivers, pensioners, maneuvers, and breeders. 17% are students, 15% are unemployed, and 10%are farmers.

Ethnicity and Religion:

Ethnicity: The majority of ethnicities are Peulh 45% , Kanuri 12% .
Religion: The religious makeup includes 74% Muslims, 24% 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 30,198 , individuals with vision disabilities 5,336 , and older persons with children 3,013 .

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 164,823 individuals. The Far-North has 120,582 refugees, while Adamaoua has 56,787 . The North region accommodates 37,637 refugees, and the Centre has 25,125 . The Littoral region has 16,509 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 164,823 and 120,582 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

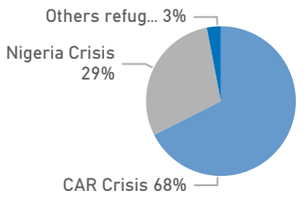
September 2024

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

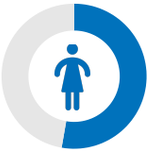
Population Type: All | Region: All | Zone: All

2,117,942
Total of Persons we serve

408,472 Refugee
14,151 Asylum Seeker
1,036,775 Internally Displaced
658,544 Returnees IDP



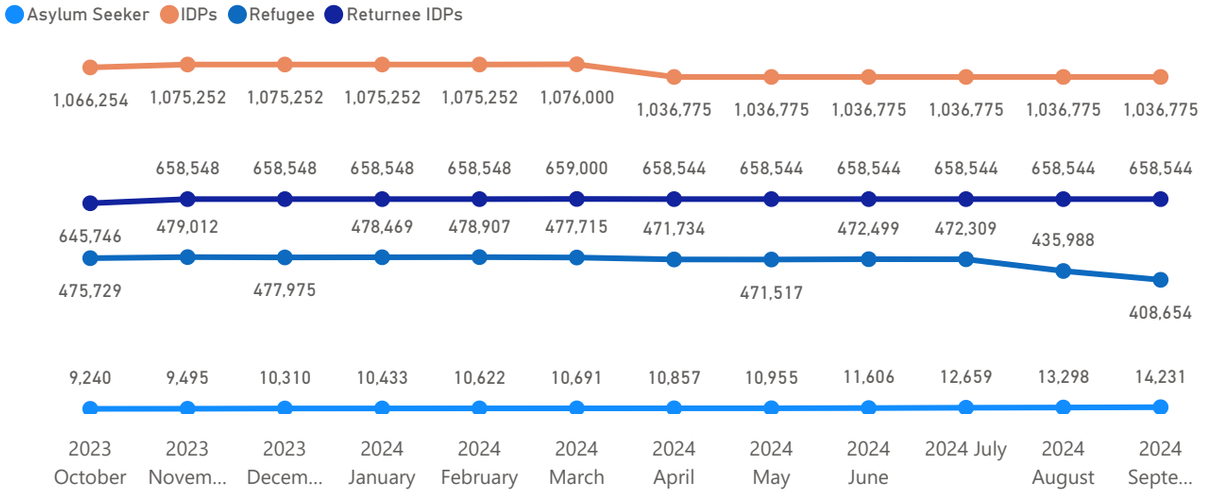
Distribution by crisis



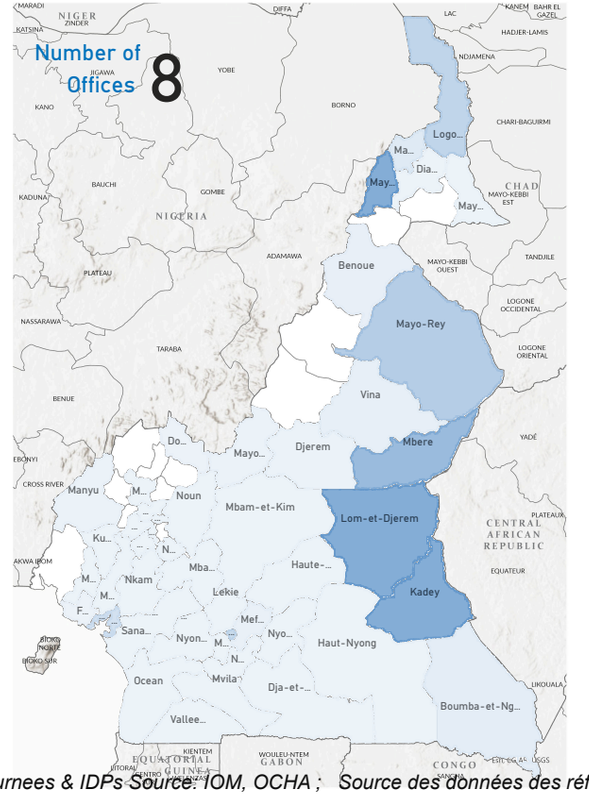
53% Of refugees are women and girls

55% Of refugees are children

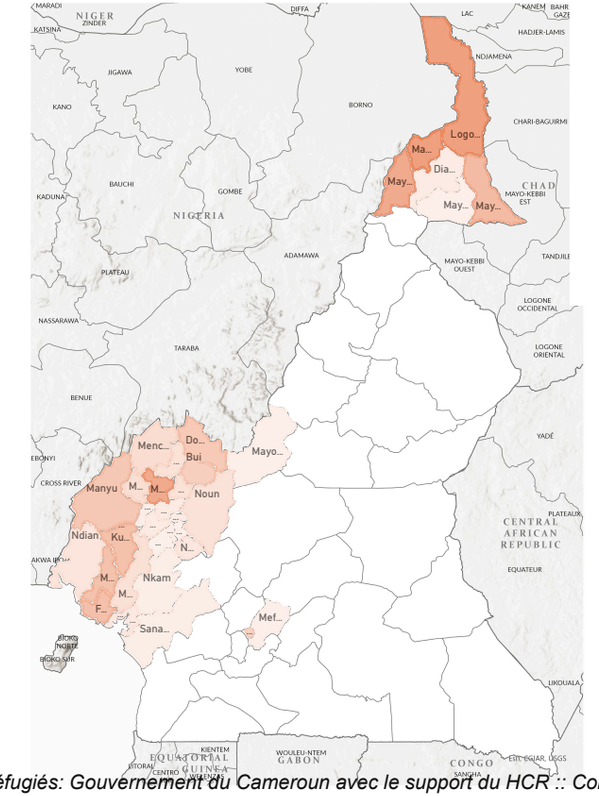
61% Of IDPs are children



Refugee and Asylum Seeker by Department



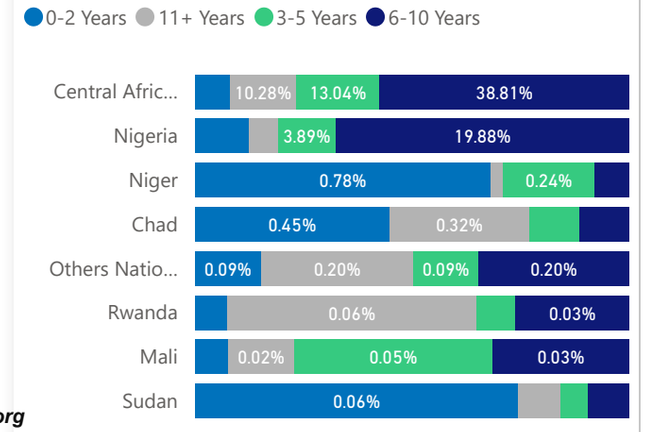
IDPs by Department



Refugee By country of origin

Central African Republic	286,090
Nigeria	124,830
Chad	4,273
Others Nationalities	2,468
Niger	4,864
Rwanda	440
Mali	426
Soudan	368

Number of years spent in Cameroon



Returnees & IDPs Source: IOM, OCHA ; Source des données des réfugiés: Gouvernement du Cameroun avec le support du HCR :: Contact for more info DIMA Unit Cameroon ***cmr_yaim@unhcr.org***

DEMOGRAPHIC POPULATION IN CAMEROON

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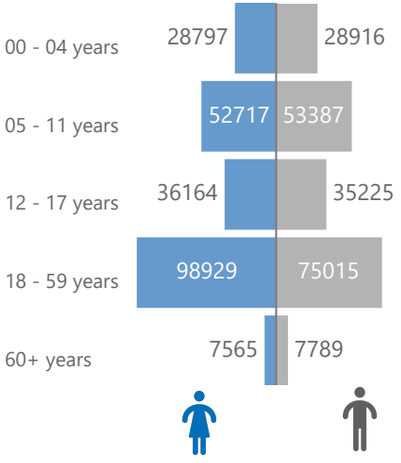
Central African | Nigeria | Other Refugees

Region: All | Zone: All

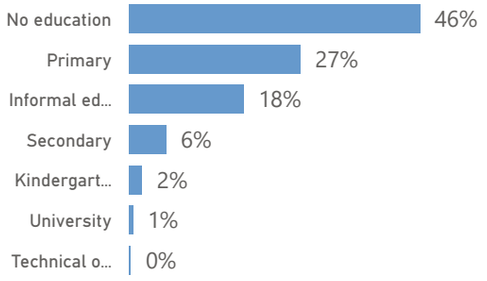
Legal Status: Asylum Seeker | Refugee

200,877
School age children

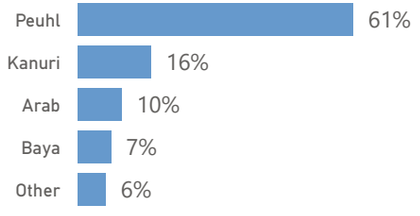
Population distribution (gender and age group)



Education Level



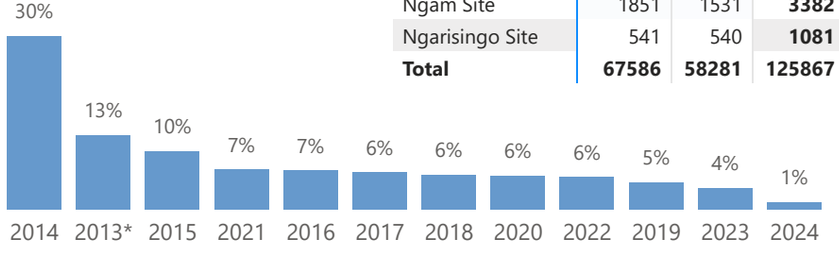
Ethnicity



Marital Status

Marital Status	Percentage
Single	67.42%
Married	25.13%
Widowed	3.68%
Divorced	1.85%
Separated	0.70%
Common Law Married	0.60%
Engaged	0.33%
Unknown	0.28%
Partnership	0.01%

Year of arrival of refugees



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	10085	10013	19488	20294	14577	14348	40790	29119	2914	3195	**164823**
Extreme-Nord	9761	9732	16658	16394	10731	10371	25354	16781	2412	2388	**120582**
Adamaoua	4273	4348	7218	7452	5291	5221	13209	7474	1161	1140	**56787**
Nord	2608	2643	5388	5303	3052	2972	9134	5236	704	597	**37637**
Centre	1300	1288	2376	2250	1485	1278	5785	8925	176	261	**25124**
Littoral	563	663	1275	1327	926	922	3568	6982	120	163	**16509**
Sud-Ouest	1	1	46	49	73	83	256	292	31	22	**854**
Nord-Ouest			13	18	7	17	62	53	10	5	**185**
Sud	1	1	2	5	1	5	17	53		5	**90**
Ouest		2	1	2	1		3	21		1	**31**
Total	**28592**	**28691**	**52465**	**53094**	**36144**	**35217**	**98178**	**74936**	**7528**	**7777**	**422622**

Site/Camp	Female	Male	Total
Minawao	39781	33871	**73652**
Gado Badzere Site	9071	7760	**16831**
Mbile Site	5325	4846	**10171**
Lolo Site	4874	4542	**9416**
Borgop Site	3772	3073	**6845**
Timangolo Site	2371	2118	**4489**
Ngam Site	1851	1531	**3382**
Ngarisingo Site	541	540	**1081**
Total	**67586**	**58281**	**125867**

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years		06-11 Years		12-18 Years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Adamaoua	2061	2113	6185	6381	5981	5777	**28498**
Centre	677	662	2014	1924	1671	1505	**8453**
Est	5446	5719	16853	17419	16403	16081	**77921**
Extreme-Nord	4907	4910	14262	13979	11926	11568	**61552**
Littoral	357	375	1095	1148	1046	1077	**5098**
Nord	1686	1725	4553	4448	3362	3227	**19001**
Nord-Ouest			13	18	9	20	**60**
Ouest		2	1	1	1		**5**
Sud		1	2	4	3	5	**15**
Sud-Ouest		1	46	48	81	98	**274**
Total	**15134**	**15508**	**45024**	**45370**	**40483**	**39358**	**200877**

*Returnees & IDPs Source: IOM, OCHA ; Source des données des réfugiés: Gouvernement du Cameroun avec le support du HCR:: * Arrived before 2013:: Contact for more info DIMA Unit Cameroon* ***cmr_yaim@unhcr.org***

PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS IN CAMEROON

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Central African | Nigeria | Other Refugees

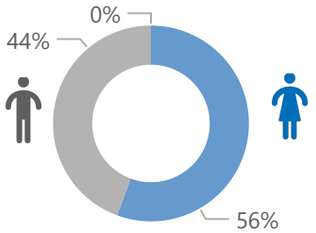
Region: All

Zone: All

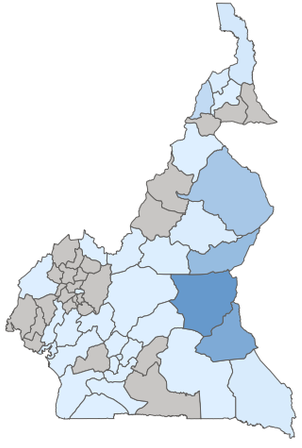
Areas of Responsibility: Child Protection | General Protection | SGBV

139,118 Person with Specific Needs

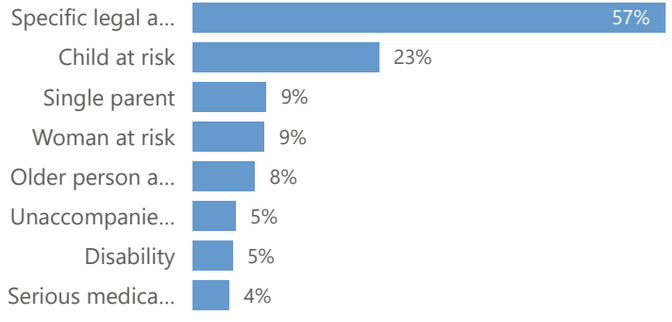
Gender



Other | Male | Female



Person with Specific Needs



31,323 Child at Risk

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Child at risk of not attending school	30198
Child with special education needs	601
Child spouse	519
Child parent	302
Child engaged in other forms of child labour	41
Child carer	34
Teenage pregnancy	27
Child engaged in worst forms of child labour	20
No legal documentation	10
Child associated with armed forces or groups	5

6,679 Disability

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Vision	3013
Hearing	1318
Emotions and behavior	1001
Lower Body Mobility	989
Communication	560
Upper Body Mobility	251
Remembering and concentrating	38
Self-Care	31
Physical disability - moderate	21
Mental disability - moderate	9

10,482 Older at Risk

Older Person at Risk	# Refugee
No legal documentation	2
Older person unable to care for self	4027
Older person with children	5333
Other medical condition	1
Single HR - grandparent	1
Single HR - parent	1
Single older person	1645
Single woman at risk	1
Woman at risk	2

6,122 Serious Medical Condition

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Other medical condition	4064
Chronic illness	1026
Difficult pregnancy	372
Malnutrition	336
Critical medical	263
Mental illness	109
Woman at risk	18
Addiction	12
Emotions and behavior	3

12,366 Single Parent

(Top 10) Single Parent	# Refugee
Single HR - parent	11364
Single HR - caregiver	614
Single HR - grandparent	460
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

7,194 Unaccompanied or separated child

(Top 6) Unaccompanied or separated child	# Refugee
Separated child	6792
Unaccompanied child	379
Child headed household	27
Child in foster care	10
Child in institutional care	10
No legal documentation	5

1,180 SGBV

SGBV	# Refugee
Threat of forced marriage	535
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	318
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	161
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of origin	93
Threat of honour killing/violence	52

176 Family Unity

Family Unity Sub-Category	# Refugee
Family reunification required	134
Tracing required	42

12,063 Woman at Risk

(Top 4) Single Parent Sub-Category	# Refugee
Woman at risk	8005
Single woman at risk	2576
Lactating	1591
Single HR - parent	10

SOCIO-ECONOMICS DATA OF REFUGEES IN CAMEROON

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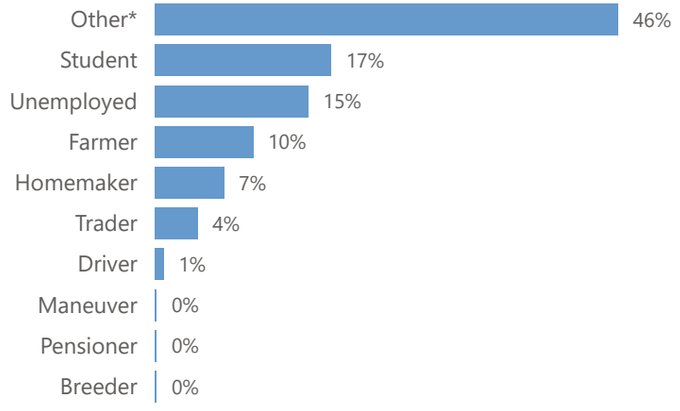
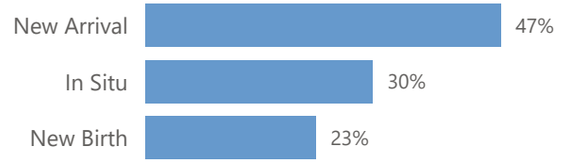
Region: All

Zone: All

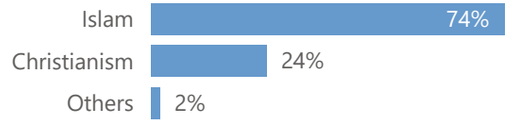
Occupation



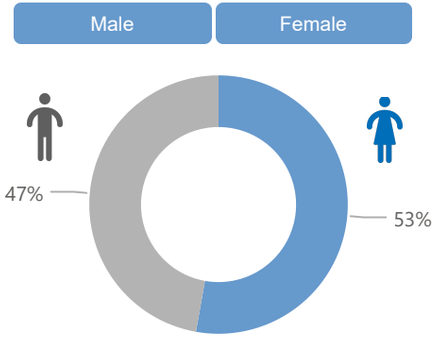
Registration Reason



Religion

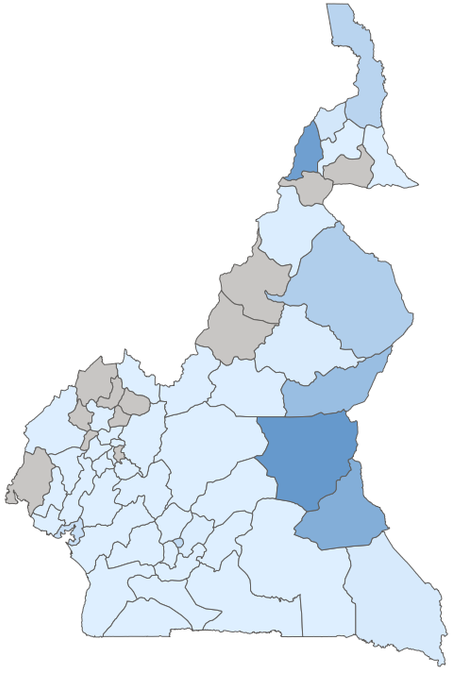


Central African



Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	**Total**
Other*	16720	8898	57333	3	5050	3966	**91970**
Student	15610	4312	31104	3	3430	8127	**62586**
Unemployed	7527	1980	36536		713	12430	**59186**
Farmer	8782	1027	14478	1	339	7060	**31687**
Homemaker	4090	1327	15134	1	1016	1742	**23310**
Trader	2824	1187	8018		1051	1407	**14487**
Driver	374	218	2048	2	404	241	**3287**
Maneuver	10	19	41		6	2	**78**
Pensioner	12	4	58		2	2	**78**
Breeder	25		12			32	**69**

Nigeria



Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	**Total**
Other*	293	120	7	94539	18	1130	**96107**
Student	187	35		8757	5	448	**9432**
Farmer	25	4		7643	2	755	**8429**
Homemaker	52	8	3	4837	2	103	**5005**
Unemployed	169	53	1	2559	2		**2784**
Trader	34	44	1	1847	8	10	**1944**
Driver	6	4		294	3		**307**
Pensioner	2			22			**24**
Maneuver				11			**11**
Breeder				10			**10**

Other Nationalities

Occupations	Adamaoua	Bioko Norte	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord
Other*	47	2	2904	136	352	2223	57
Student	16		1350	18	22	401	29
Unemployed	20		818	35	23	550	90
Trader	6		774	18	22	657	6
Farmer	20		195	46	86	679	25
Homemaker	19		332	95	71	129	30
Driver	1		73	4	2	65	2
Maneuver	2		5		1	10	2
Breeder	2						
Pensioner			2				