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Refugees & Asylum-seekers in Nigeria

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127,161

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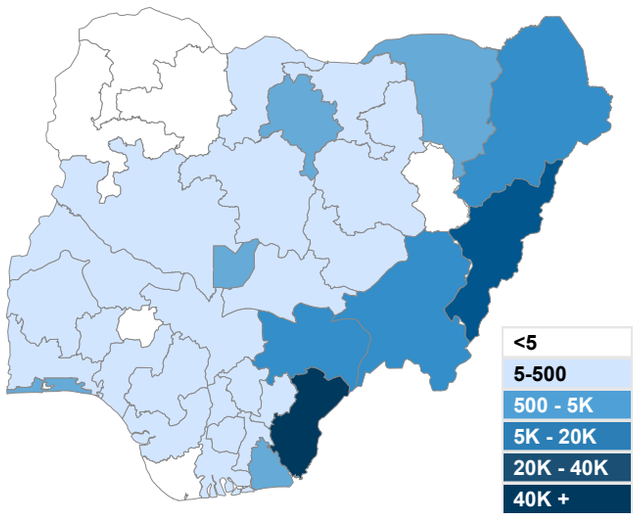
80,904 Refugees

25,226 Asylum-seekers

21,031 Populations Awaiting Registration

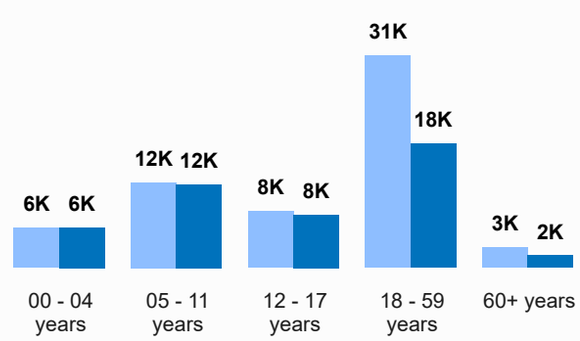


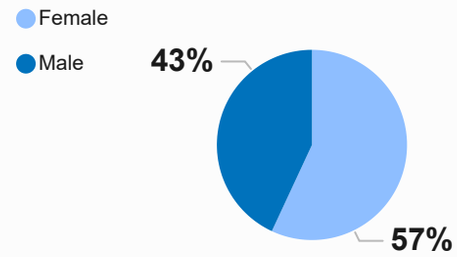
Age & Gender Disaggregation of Registered Population

32% Women

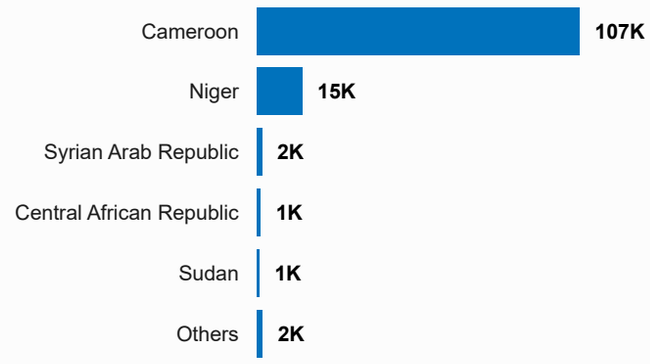
49% Children

19% Men

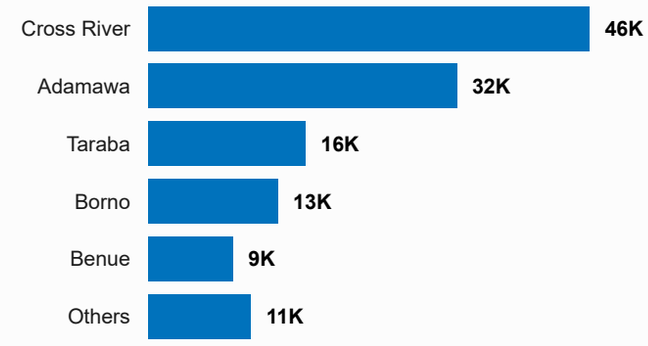




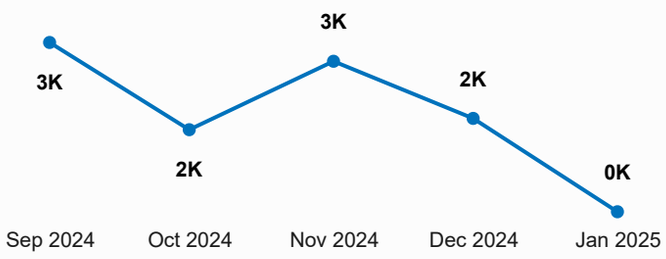
Countries of Origin



Top 5 States of Residence



Registration Trend



Reception & Registration

As a signatory to key international and regional refugee and human rights instruments, Nigeria fully upholds its protection obligations. NCFRMI, the National Commission For Refugees, Migrants, and Internally with UNHCR's technical support, receives, registers, issues attestations, and, when necessary, schedules RSD interviews for asylum seekers

Out-of-Camp Approach

Nigeria practices an out-of-camp approach, which enables asylum seekers and refugees to assimilate more easily into host communities and enhances opportunities for integration and economic inclusion.

Refugee Status Determination (RSD)

The RSD procedures meet minimum standards, however, gaps remain, particularly in adjudication delays. Of the 25,226 applications received, 92 % applications have been assessed and are awaiting Eligibility Committee review and/or decision. Notably, there have been no sittings in 2025 so far.

Populations Awaiting Registration

The pending registration, is estimated at approximately 21,031 individuals. ***Age and gender disaggregation for the population awaiting registration is yet to be determined***

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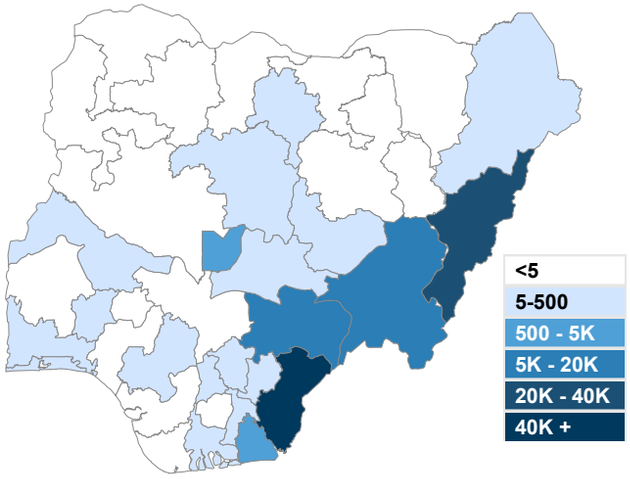
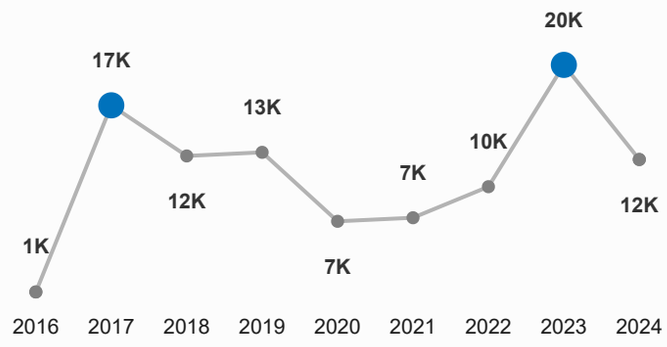
Cameroonian Population in Nigeria

106,728
Cameroonian Refugees & Asylum-seekers

76,356	23,340	7,032
Refugees	Asylum-seekers	Populations Awaiting Registration



Arrival Trend



Status Determination

The Cameroonian population in Nigeria have been under Temporary Protection Status (TPS) since March 2018. Initially valid for two years, the TPS was extended twice in 2020 and 2022.
In February 2024, the Eligibility Committee recommended extending the TPS for three years, marking significant progress from the previous two-year durations. The current extension is valid from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2027.

Population in South-South

Refugees in the South-South region have been granted a three-year Temporary Protection Status (1 July 2024 – 30 June 2027), following the Eligibility Committee's recommendation.

Population in Adamawa

Approximately 15,000 Cameroonian refugees in Adamawa have also been granted two years of Temporary Protection Status, while over 10,000 individuals are still awaiting a decision on their status from the Eligibility Committee.

Cause of Displacement

2017 - The conflict in the North-West and Southwest regions of Cameroon has led to the displacement of thousands of people who have found refuge in Nigeria. Around 8,000 new arrivals were registered in 2023.

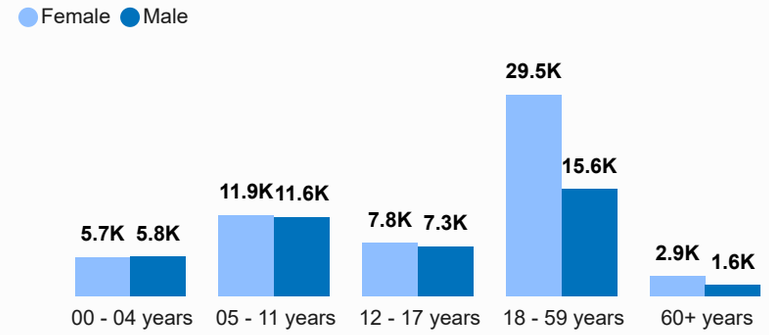
2023 - Far North region of Cameroon experienced inter-communal frictions resulting on mass displacement in Nigeria. L2 registration is ongoing in Adamawa.

Age & Gender Disaggregation of Registered Population*

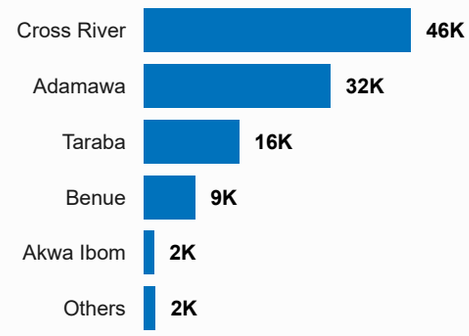
33% Women

50% Children

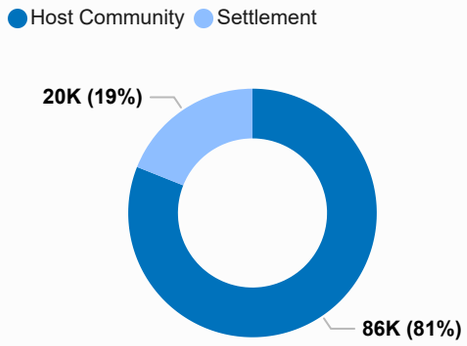
17% Men



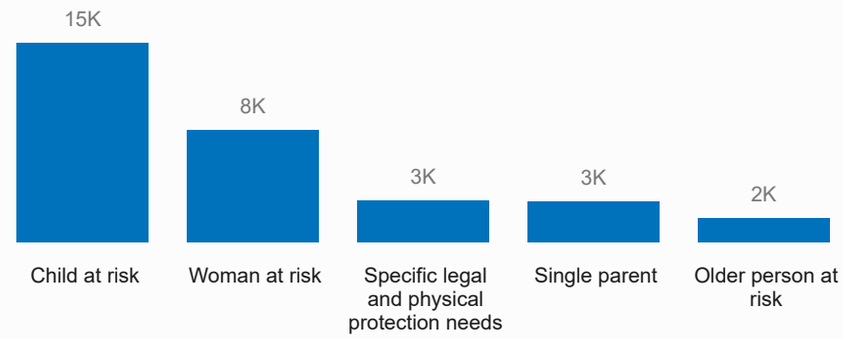
Top 5 States of Residence



Population by Accommodation Type



Top 5 Specific Needs



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