UNHCR CAMEROON MONTHLY UPDATES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS June 2025

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 412,123 refugees and 19,180 asylum seekers.
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): The country has 969,273 IDPs, with an additional 699,545 returnees.
Major Countries of Origin: Refugees primarily come from the Central African Republic 287,413 , Nigeria 127,148 , Chad 4,424 , and Niger 9,338 .

Demographic Distribution:

A significant portion of the refugees are women and children. Specifically, 53% of the refugee population are women and girls, and 53% 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 41% , 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 28,345 , individuals with vision disabilities 5,273 , and older persons with children 2,990 .

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 162,929 individuals. The Far-North has 122,684 refugees, while Adamaoua has 57,777 . The North region accommodates 38,361 refugees, and the Centre has 27,689 . The Littoral region has 20,056 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 162,929 and 122,684 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

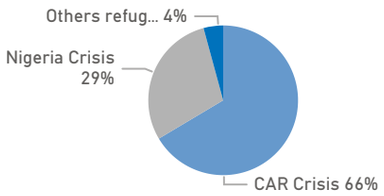
June 2025

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

Population Type: All | Region: All | Zone: All | Owning Office: All

2,100,121
Total of Persons we serve

412,123 Refugee
19,180 Asylum Seeker
969,273 Internally Displaced
699,545 Returnees IDP



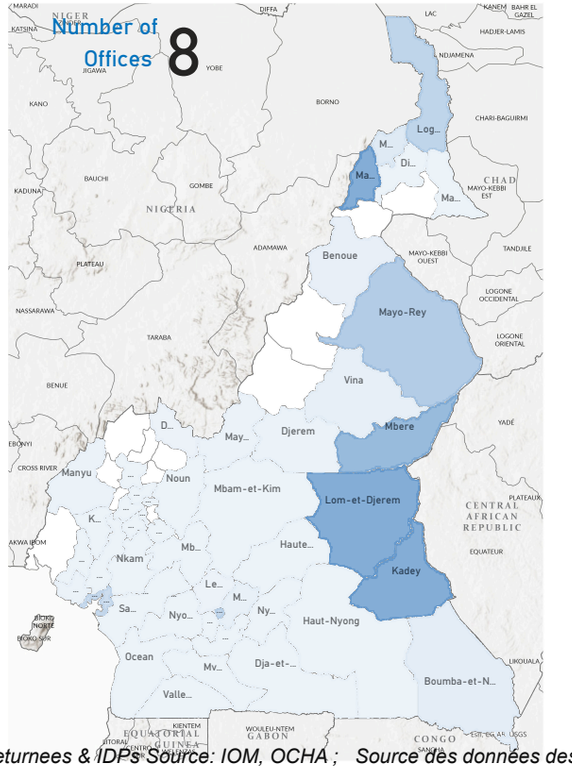
Distribution by crisis

52% Of refugees are women and girls

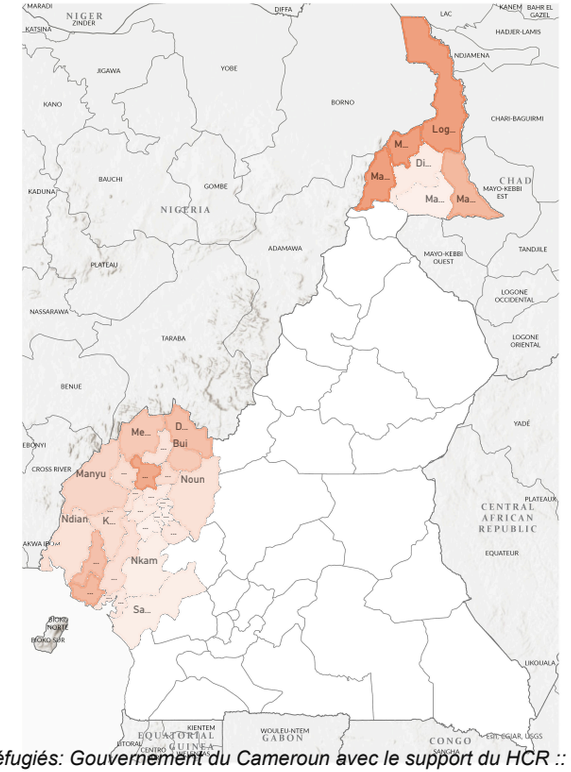
53% Of refugees are children

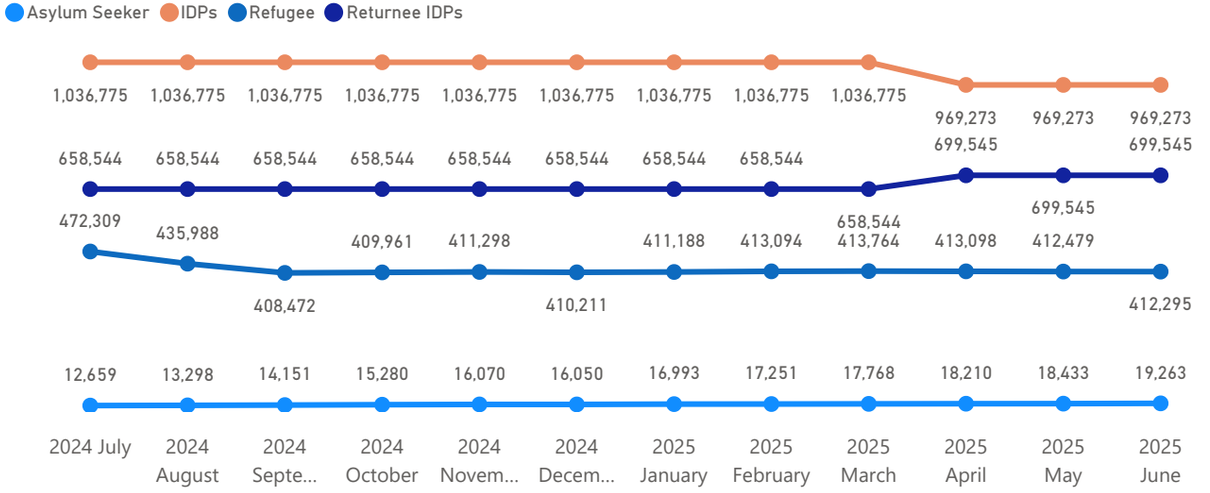
59% Of IDPs are children

Refugee and Asylum Seeker by Department



IDPs by Department

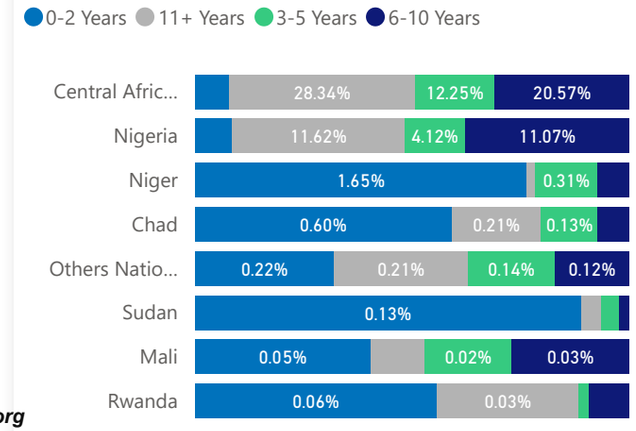




Refugee and Asylum Seekers By country of origin

Central African Republic	287,384
Nigeria	127,148
Chad	4,376
Others Nationalities	3,004
Niger	9,338
Rwanda	440
Mali	511
Soudan	641

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

June 2025

Central African | Nigeria | Other Refugees

Owning Office: All

Legal Status: Asylum Seeker | Refugee

Site/Camp: In Site/Camp | Out of Site/Camp

203,337
School age children

Region: All | Department: All | Zone: All

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	8477	8405	18750	19494	14641	14592	41761	30452	3046	3311	**162929**
Extreme-Nord	8408	8395	16620	16447	11760	11308	26590	18064	2580	2512	**122684**
Adamaoua	3454	3536	6970	7151	5580	5587	14233	8828	1239	1199	**57777**
Nord	1931	1950	5429	5395	3360	3291	9701	5804	800	700	**38361**
Centre	1289	1234	2464	2375	1592	1445	6388	10392	195	315	**27689**
Littoral	539	622	1334	1383	980	1054	3838	9929	134	243	**20056**
Sud-Ouest	3		37	39	77	89	277	790	32	29	**1373**
Nord-Ouest			9	15	9	18	64	72	10	5	**202**
Sud	4	2	2	5	1	3	21	91		6	**135**
Ouest		3	2	3	1		5	74		1	**89**
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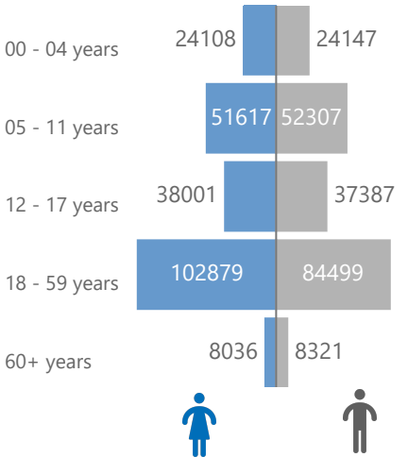
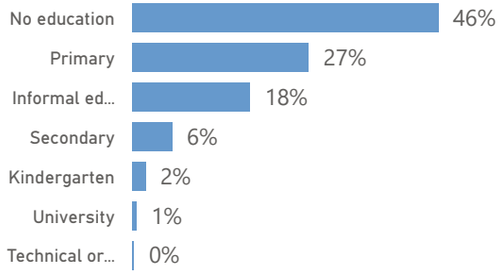
Total	**24105**	**24147**	**51617**	**52307**	**38001**	**37387**	**102878**	**84497**	**8036**	**8321**	**431296**

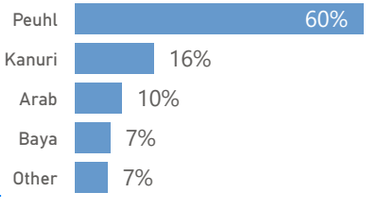
Population distribution (gender and age group)



Education Level

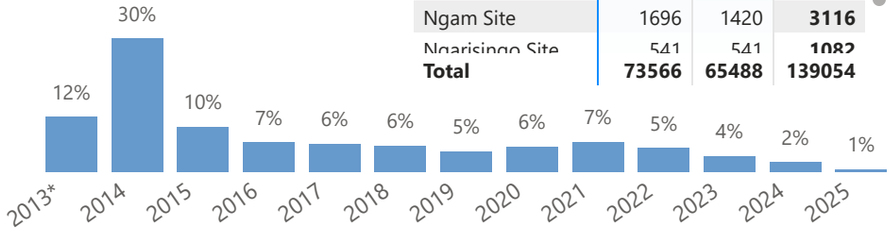


Ethnicity



Marital Status	Percentage
Single	67.22%
Married	25.17%
Widowed	3.63%
Divorced	1.82%
Common Law Married	0.74%
Separated	0.69%
Unknown	0.38%
Engaged	0.35%
Partnership	0.01%

Year of arrival of refugees



Site/Camp	Female	Male	Total
Minawao Camp	44000	37577	**81577**
Gado Badzere Site	8826	7673	**16499**
Mbile Site	5148	4704	**9852**
Lolo Site	4496	4216	**8712**
-	3007	4224	**7231**
Borgop Site	3691	3116	**6807**
Timangolo Site	2044	1876	**3920**
Ngam Site	1696	1420	**3116**
Ngarisingo Site	541	541	**1082**
Total	**73566**	**65488**	**139054**

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years		06-11 Years		12-18 Years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
-	2					1	**3**
Adamaoua	1981	2046	5992	6168	6231	6193	**28611**
Centre	687	660	2125	2022	1820	1667	**8981**
Est	5425	5524	16147	16794	16614	16603	**77107**
Extreme-Nord	4800	4780	14072	13933	13075	12600	**63260**
Littoral	315	386	1161	1180	1099	1289	**5430**
Nord	1499	1589	4627	4537	3725	3618	**19595**
Nord-Ouest			9	15	12	23	**59**
Ouest	1	1	1	2	1		**6**
Sud	1		2	5	2	5	**15**
Sud-Ouest			37	39	86	108	**270**
Total	**14711**	**14986**	**44173**	**44695**	**42665**	**42107**	**203337**

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PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS IN CAMEROON

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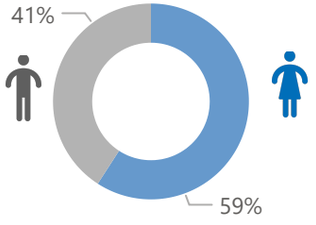
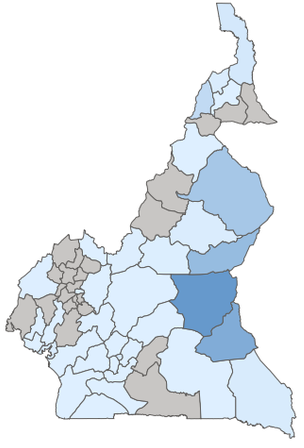
Areas of Responsibility: Child Protection | General Protection | SGBV

136,055 Person with Specific Needs

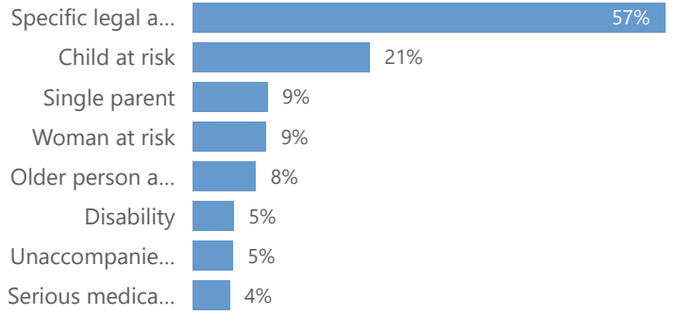
Gender



Male | Female



Person with Specific Needs



29,194 Child at Risk

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Child at risk of not attending school	28345
Child with special education needs	497
Child spouse	211
Child parent	143
-	65
Child engaged in other forms of child labour	55
Child carer	42
Teenage pregnancy	30
Child engaged in worst forms of child labour	23
No legal documentation	10

6,786 Disability

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Vision	2990
Hearing	1310
Emotions and behavior	992
Lower Body Mobility	980
Communication	563
Upper Body Mobility	248
-	171
Remembering and concentrating	39
Self-Care	31
Physical disability - moderate	21

10,415 Older at Risk

Older Person at Risk	# Refugee
Older person with children	5270
Older person unable to care for self	3987
Single older person	1652
-	48
No legal documentation	2
Woman at risk	2
Other medical condition	1
Single HR - grandparent	1
Single HR - parent	1

6,113 Serious Medical Condition

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Other medical condition	4023
Chronic illness	1013
Difficult pregnancy	377
Malnutrition	337
Critical medical	268
Mental illness	94
-	56
Woman at risk	18
Addiction	13

12,340 Single Parent

(Top 10) Single Parent	# Refugee
Single HR - parent	11309
Single HR - caregiver	609
Single HR - grandparent	453
-	41
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

6,633 Unaccompanied or separated child

(Top 6) Unaccompanied or separated child	# Refugee
Separated child	6139
Unaccompanied child	441
-	36
Child headed household	23
Child in foster care	12
Child in institutional care	11

1,294 SGBV

SGBV	Refugee
Threat of forced marriage	517
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	331
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	192
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of origin	115
-	66

183 Family Unity

Family Unity Sub-Category	# Refugee
Family reunification required	139
Tracing required	43
-	1

12,107 Woman at Risk

(Top 4) Single Parent Sub-Category	# Refugee
Woman at risk	7926
Single woman at risk	2600
Lactating	1607
-	113

SOCIO-ECONOMICS DATA OF REFUGEES IN CAMEROON

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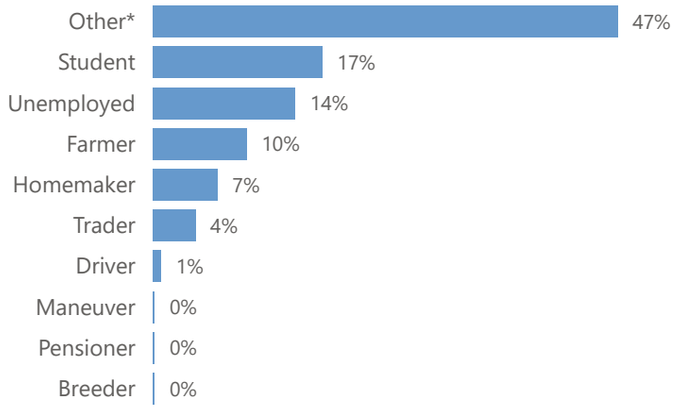
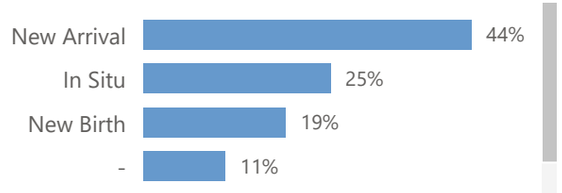
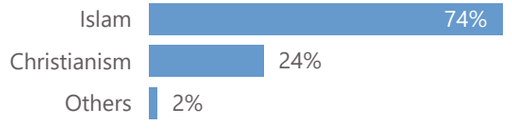
Occupation



Registration Reason



Religion



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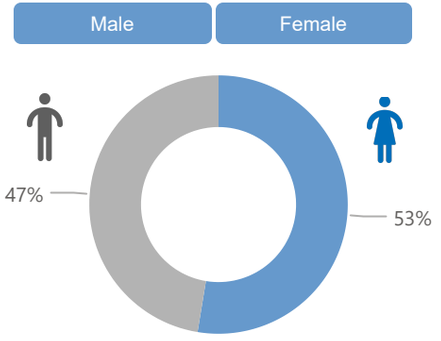
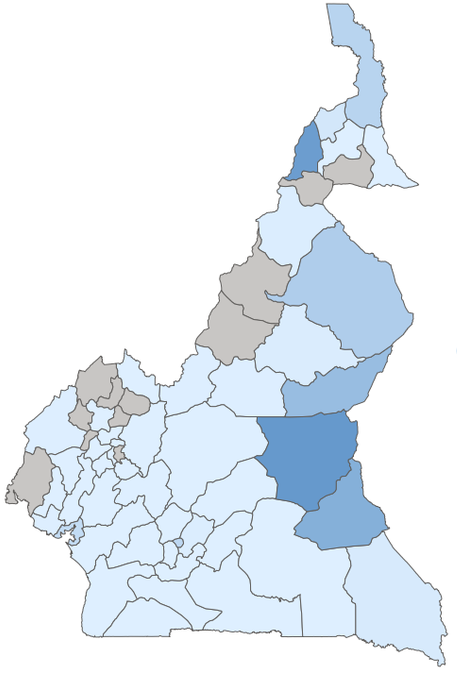


Occupations	-	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	7	17592	9619	57884	8	5397	4488	**949**
Student	2	15365	4387	30447		3505	8111	**618**
Unemployed	1	7532	2054	35628		813	12293	**583**
Farmer		8869	993	14002		337	7249	**314**
Homemaker		4183	1303	14793		1019	1842	**231**
Trader		2878	1301	7935	1	1085	1461	**146**
Driver	1	432	239	2060	1	421	260	**34**
Maneuver		11	21	41		6	2	
Pensioner		12	3	57		2	2	
Breeder		25		12			32	

Nigeria



Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	295	225	7	96477	32	1130	**98166**
Student	188	44		8787	5	448	**9472**
Farmer	26	6		7697	3	755	**8487**
Homemaker	52	12	3	4875	2	103	**5047**
Unemployed	171	86	1	2564	3		**2825**
Trader	34	96	1	1861	12	10	**2014**
Driver	6	6		302	3		**317**
Pensioner	2			25			**27**
Maneuver				11			**11**
Breeder				10			**10**

Other Nationalities

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	NULL	Tahou
Other*	91	3740	153	712	4001	54	4	
Trader	8	1142	19	26	1483	6		
Student	25	1393	18	255	450	26		
Unemployed	40	973	34	29	761	91	1	
Farmer	20	196	48	137	735	24		
Homemaker	33	371	94	97	145	31		
Driver		90	4	5	96	2		
Maneuver	2	6			25	2		
Breeder	2							
Pensioner		1						