



UNHCR CAMEROON MONTHLY UPDATES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS September 2025



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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.

01 10 Population Overview:

Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Cameroon hosts **408,029** refugees and **17,500** 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 **317,311** , Nigeria **127,634** , Chad **4,405** , and Niger **8,724** .



Demographic Distribution:

A significant portion of the refugees are women and children. Specifically, **52%** of the refugee population are women and girls, and **52%** 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 **44%** having no education, **28%** having primary education, and smaller percentages having informal, secondary, university, or technical/vocational education.



Occupations:

53% of refugees are engaged in various occupations such as homemakers, traders, drivers, pensioners, maneuvers, and breeders. **14%** are students, **12%** are unemployed, and **9%** are farmers.



Ethnicity and Religion:

Ethnicity: The majority of ethnicities are Peulh **35%** , Kanuri **10%** .

Religion: The religious makeup includes **63%** Muslims, **20%** Christians, and **17%** 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 **27,178** , individuals with vision disabilities **5,214** , and older persons with children **3,147** .



Legal and Marital Status:

Legal Status: Refugees and asylum seekers are categorized based on their arrival years, with significant influxes noted in 2014 and subsequent years. Marital Status: The majority of the refugee population is single **57%** , followed by married individuals **21%** .



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 **159,937** individuals. The Far-North has **123,176** refugees, while Adamaoua has **57,237** . The North region accommodates **36,782** refugees, and the Centre has **26,038** . The Littoral region has **20,434** 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 **159,937** and **123,176** 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 2025

Central African

Nigeria

IDP Far North

IDP NWSW

Other Refugees

Population Type

Region

Zone

Owning Office

All

All

All

All



2,094,347
Total of Persons we serve



408,029
Refugee



17,500
Asylum Seeker



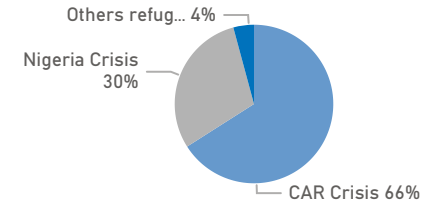
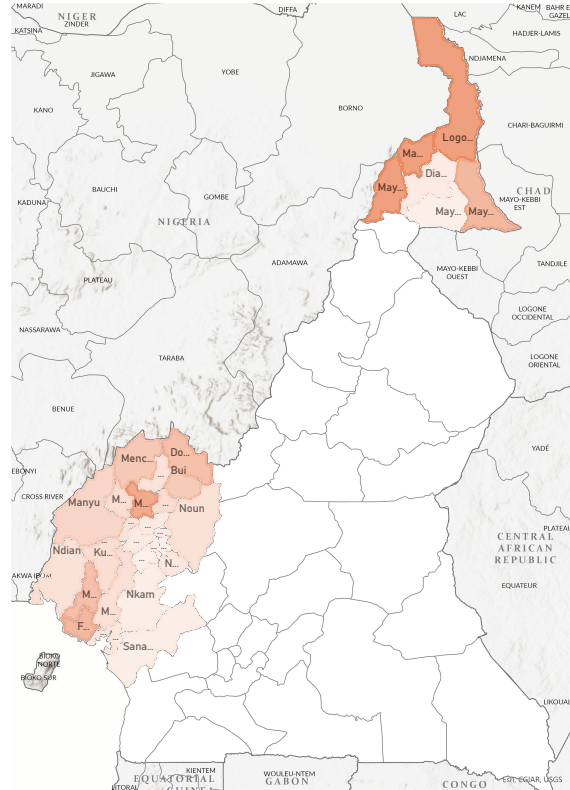
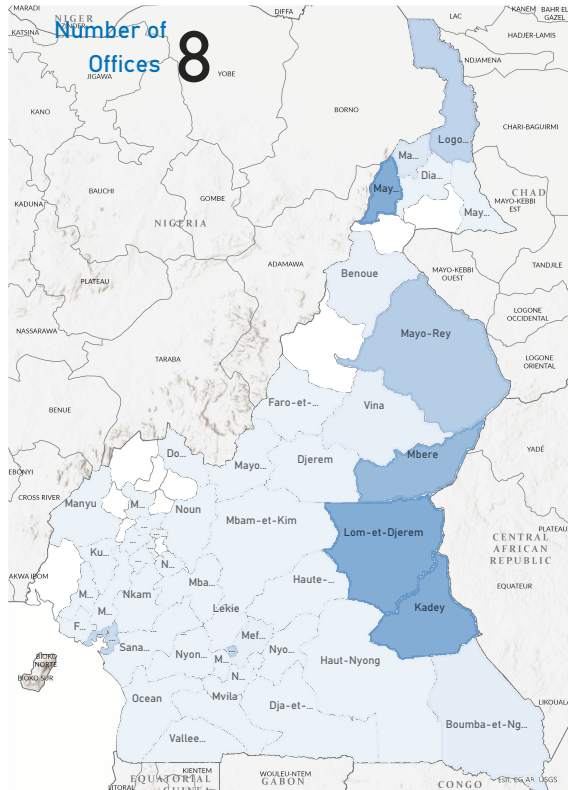
969,273
Internally Displaced



699,545
Returnees IDP

Refugee and Asylum Seeker by Department

IDPs by Department



Distribution by crisis

52%

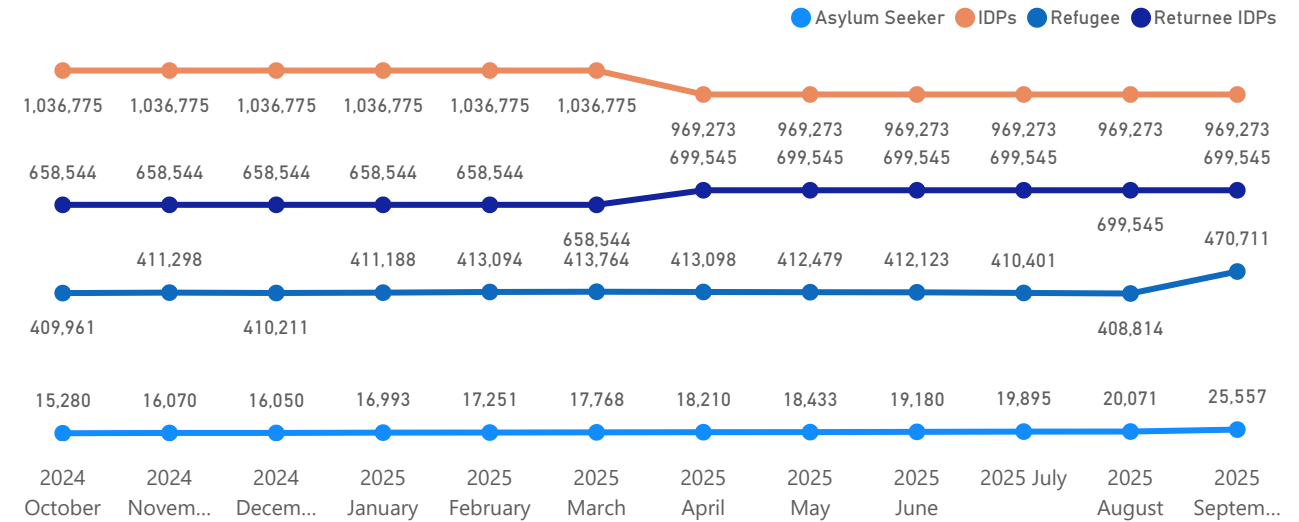
Of refugees are women and girls

53%

Of refugees are children

59%

Of IDPs are children



Top 5 countries with refugees and asylum seekers

Increase/Decrease Population 2025



Central African Republic
281,709



Niger
8,710



Nigeria
127,627



Rwanda
438



Chad
4,217



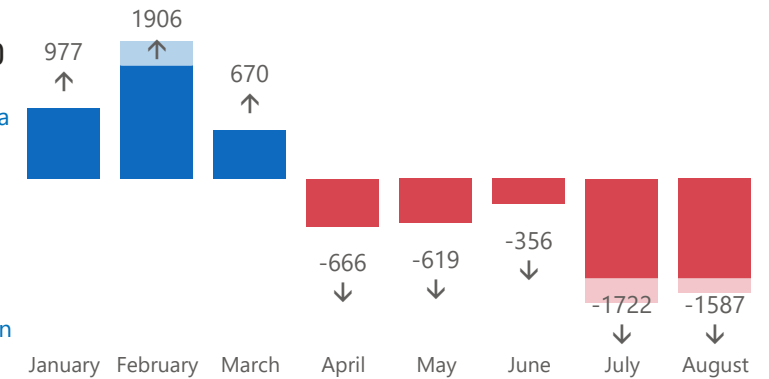
Mali
531



Others Nationalities
3,393



Soudan
683



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

Central African Nigeria Other Refugees

Owning Office
All

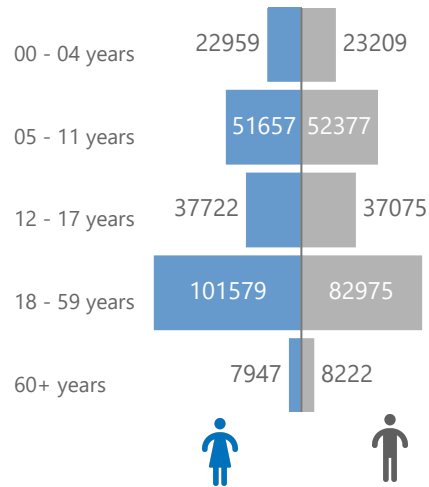
Legal Status
Asylum Seeker Refugee

Site/Camp
In Site/Camp Out of Site/Camp

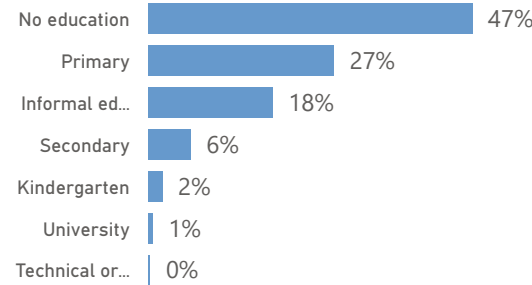
202,953
School age children

Region Department Zone
All All All

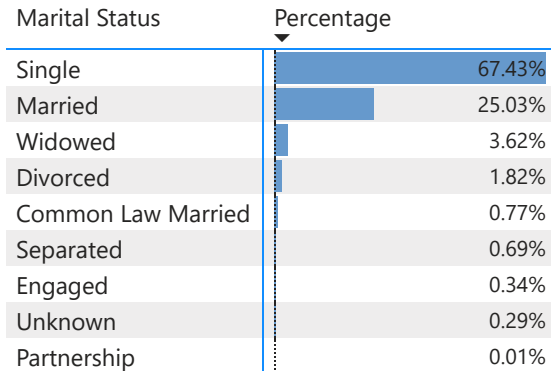
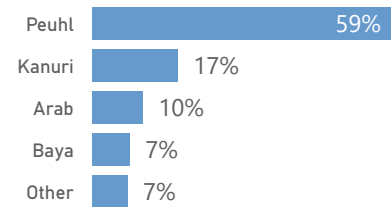
Population distribution (gender and age group)



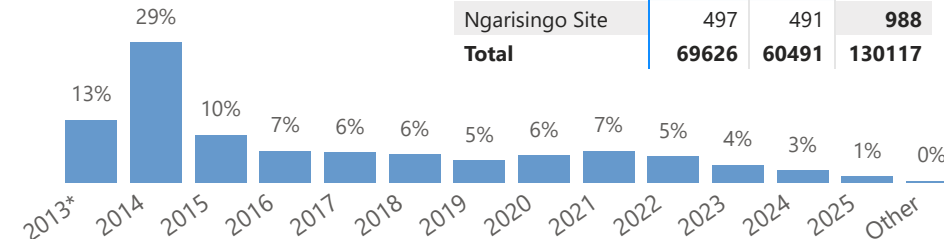
Education Level



Ethnicity



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	7761	7739	18700	19458	14498	14404	41108	30006	3009	3254	159937
Extreme-Nord	8362	8356	16852	16697	11794	11333	26604	18082	2585	2511	123176
Adamaoua	3257	3366	7025	7204	5557	5546	14126	8740	1227	1189	57237
Nord	1840	1931	5239	5176	3192	3117	9304	5553	759	671	36782
Centre	1173	1149	2372	2312	1552	1452	6116	9426	184	302	26038
Littoral	531	630	1378	1415	1011	1084	3907	10096	135	247	20434
Sud-Ouest	3	1	36	41	78	91	277	812	32	31	1402
Nord-Ouest			9	15	9	18	64	72	10	5	202
Sud	4	2	2	2		2	18	81		7	118
Ouest		3	2	1			4	72		1	83
Total	22931	23177	51615	52321	37691	37047	101528	82940	7941	8218	425409

Site/Camp	Female	Male	Total
Minawao Camp	44223	37820	82043
Gado Badzere Site	8567	7469	16036
Mbile Site	4949	4528	9477
Lolo Site	4317	4058	8375
Borgop Site	3612	3049	6661
Timangolo Site	1938	1782	3720
Ngam Site	1523	1294	2817
Ngarisingo Site	497	491	988
Total	69626	60491	130117

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years		06-11 Years		12-18 Years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Adamaoua	2019	2107	6036	6194	6205	6153	28714
Centre	630	640	2054	1963	1776	1669	8732
Est	5464	5550	16030	16743	16462	16391	76640
Extreme-Nord	4925	4891	14344	14190	13113	12623	64086
Littoral	318	384	1189	1208	1142	1358	5599
Nord	1470	1537	4439	4358	3540	3435	18779
Nord-Ouest			9	15	11	22	57
Ouest	1	1	1				3
Sud	1	2	2	2	1	2	10
Sud-Ouest		2	36	39	86	110	273
Total	14828	15114	44140	44712	42336	41763	202893

Central African

Nigeria

Other Refugees

Owning Office

All

Region

Department

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Zone

All

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All

Areas of Responsibility

Child Protection

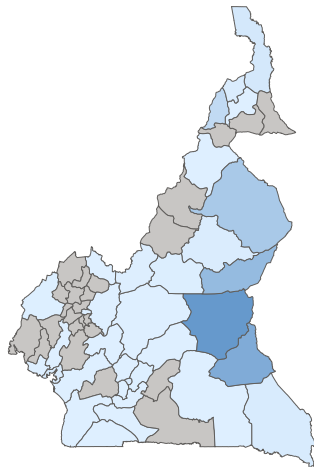
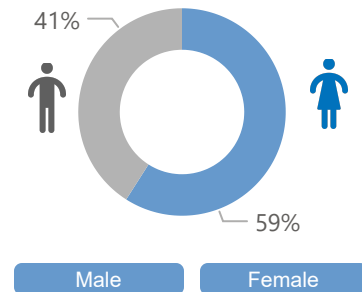
General Protection

SGBV

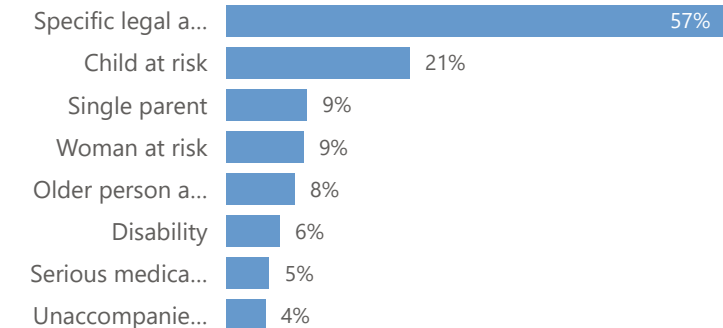
133,888

Person with Specific Needs

Gender



Person with Specific Needs



28,000 Child at Risk

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Child at risk of not attending school	27178
Child with special education needs	469
Child spouse	186
Child parent	131
Child carer	37
Child engaged in other forms of child labour	29
Child engaged in worst forms of child labour	20
Teenage pregnancy	16
No legal documentation	10
Child associated with armed forces or groups	6



6,551 Serious Medical Condition

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Other medical condition	4125
Chronic illness	1181
Difficult pregnancy	466
Malnutrition	337
Critical medical	280
Mental illness	90
Woman at risk	18
Addiction	12
Emotions and behavior	3
Vision	3



1,241 SGBV

SGBV	Refugee
Threat of forced marriage	508
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	397
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	132
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of origin	108
Threat of honour killing/violence	52



8,138 Disability

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Vision	3147
Hearing	1379
Lower Body Mobility	1255
Emotions and behavior	1013
Communication	597
Upper Body Mobility	315
Self-Care	43
Remembering and concentrating	40
Physical disability - moderate	21
Mental disability - moderate	9



12,306 Single Parent

(Top 10) Single Parent	# Refugee
Single HR - parent	11180
Single HR - caregiver	605
Single HR - grandparent	442
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



176 Family Unity

Family Unity Sub-Category	# Refugee
Family reunification required	128
Tracing required	39



10,419 Older at Risk

Older Person at Risk	# Refugee
Older person with children	5211
Older person unable to care for self	3902
Single older person	1636
No legal documentation	2
Woman at risk	2
Other medical condition	1
Single HR - grandparent	1
Single HR - parent	1
Single woman at risk	1



5,958 Unaccompanied or separated child

(Top 6) Unaccompanied or separated child	# Refugee
Separated child	5665
Unaccompanied child	253
Child headed household	20
Child in foster care	8
Child in institutional care	5
No legal documentation	5



11,772 Woman at Risk

(Top 4) Single Parent Sub-Category	# Refugee
Woman at risk	7549
Single woman at risk	2365
Single HR - parent	10
Lactating	1578

Central African

Nigeria

Other Refugees

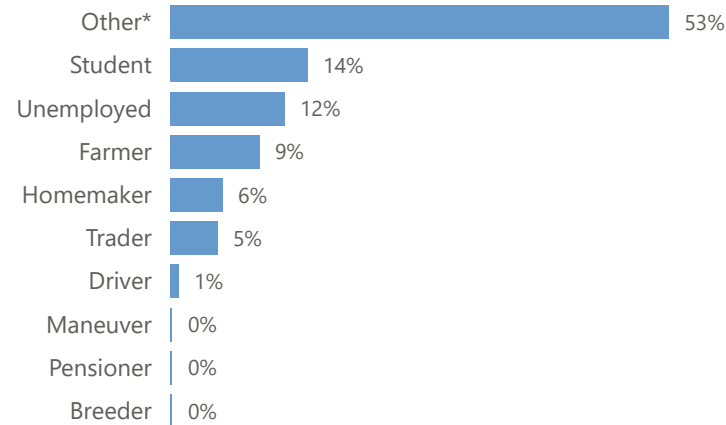
Region

Zone

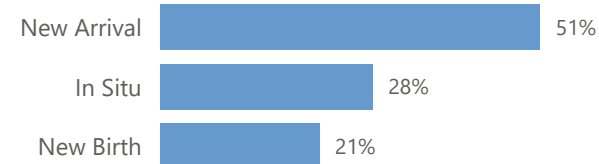
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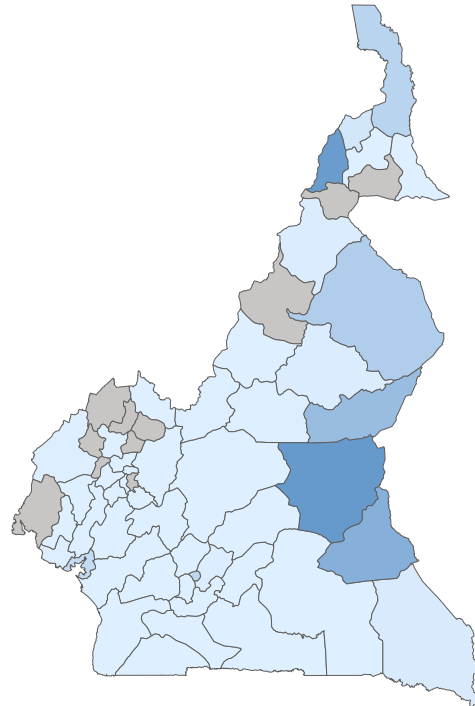
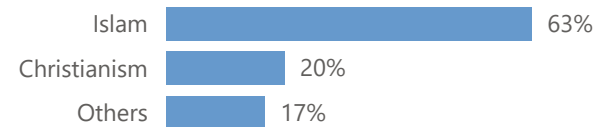
Occupation



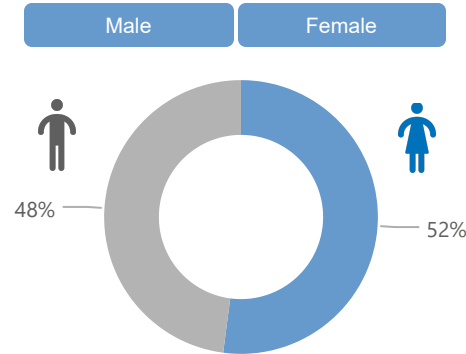
Registration Reason



Religion



Central African



Nigeria

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	17489	9309	57072	9	5496	4488	93863
Student	15182	4357	29906		3549	7634	60628
Unemployed	7456	1827	34774		855	11691	56603
Farmer	8739	857	13688		337	6922	30543
Homemaker	4148	1246	14482		1022	1757	22655
Trader	2863	1287	7803	1	1087	1392	14433
Driver	434	228	2030	1	424	243	3360
Maneuver	11	17	42		5	2	77
Pensioner	12	3	57		2	2	76
Breeder	25		12			28	65

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	295	239	7	96939	42	1130	98652
Student	188	33		8788	5	448	9462
Farmer	26	5		7709	3	755	8498
Homemaker	51	11	3	4880	2	103	5050
Unemployed	171	73	1	2563	5		2813
Trader	34	83	1	1856	14	10	1998
Driver	6	6		304	2		318
Pensioner	2			26			28
Maneuver				11			11
Breeder				10			10

Other Nationalities

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	91	3228	156	723	3994	55	8247
Trader	7	1007	17	26	1577	6	2640
Student	25	1313	18	256	476	27	2115
Unemployed	40	923	33	30	813	91	1930
Farmer	19	156	49	137	729	25	1115
Homemaker	34	340	93	97	148	31	743
Driver		83	4	6	105	2	200
Maneuver	2	3			23	2	30
Breeder	2						2