

## Q&A | FAQ – UNHCR Central America and Mexico data portal

### What are the objectives of the portal?

This Portal seeks to be a single point of entry on information and data related to forced displacement in Central America and Mexico. Its main objective is to make official and reliable data on internal and cross-border forced displacements accessible and easier to understand.

### What can I find in the data portal?

Users can find a set of resources about forced displacement in Central America and Mexico. Currently, it includes data from over 50 countries, and maps showcasing the type of population of concern by country. The portal also provides a collection of relevant and official documents, videos, news articles and social media items. Additional special features include a section on the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), which is a regional application of the Global Compact on Refugees.

### What exactly do these figures include?

The portal reports a total of 1,039,687 people forcibly displaced from Central American countries and Mexico. This includes (a) some 318,500 internally displaced people in El Salvador and Honduras; (b) global numbers of refugees and asylum seekers from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, Nicaragua and Mexico; and (c) people of other nationalities who are refugees and asylum seekers in Central America and Mexico.

### How often is the data updated?

The current data corresponds to a reporting period to the end of 2019 (unless stated otherwise). All states have different reporting periods of asylum claims and refugee status determination. As such, the frequency of updates depends on the availability of data provided by governments. We recommend verifying the dates of each data set, as shown below:

Location name	Source	Data date	Population
Costa Rica	Government	31 Dec 2019	49.9% 93,407

UNHCR keeps this portal updated with the latest official data provided by governments to the UN Refugee Agency.

### How do you calculate the figures shown in the data portal?

The portal features two data sets that have been calculated in different forms.

The number of internally displaced people in Honduras and El Salvador resulted from two distinct profiling studies from each respective government and with the support from UNHCR and JIPS. You can consult the studies and learn about their specific research methodologies in the following links:

- Honduras: [Estudio de caracterización del desplazamiento interno por violencia en Honduras 2004-2018](#)
- El Salvador [Caracterización de la movilidad interna a cause de la violencia en el Salvador](#)

The number of refugees and asylum seekers include official registries of recognized refugee populations at the end of the year, the number of people whose applications are pending resolution at the end of the year, and those who have not been able to file the official claim but have scheduled appointments to do so.

Detailed information by country can also be consulted here: [http://popstats.unhcr.org/en/asylum\\_seekers](http://popstats.unhcr.org/en/asylum_seekers)

### Can these figures be used for citing?

The figures correspond to official data provided by governments to UNHCR. This portal presents the most updated and reliable source of information. However, it is important to take into account reporting periods of each data set when citing the portal.

## **How do I cite the portal?**

Kindly credit the information to the UNHCR Central America and Mexico Data Portal.

## **Where are most refugees and asylum seekers from Central America and Mexico located in the world?**

A large part of refugees and asylum seekers from Central America have sought protection in the Mexico, the United States and Europe. Others have filed asylum claims in in other Central American countries.

## **Contact**

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