13.0 MILLION
FORCIBLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

General Trends 2018 - 2023

- Refugees: 1.6M
- Asylum-Seekers: 93K
- Refugees Returnees: 121K
- Returned IDPs: 1.8M
- Stateless: 931K
- Others of Concern: 139K
- Internally Displaced People: 8.2M

Source: Geographic data: UNHCR. Population statistics: UNHCR Monthly Statistical Reports or latest available. IDP statistics from OCHA, IOM.
The Lake Chad Basin hosts 32% of forcibly displaced population in the region with 25% of IDPs in Nigeria. Burkina Faso is the second largest refugee-hosting country in the region with 29%. CAR, Sudan, and Nigeria are the main countries of origin (together 76%) of the region's refugees with a contribution of 36%. Cameroon is the second largest refugee-hosting country in the region with 2022. Chad hosts the largest number of refugees in the region with 2,177,191.

**Population Trends**

The number of internally displaced persons in the region has fluctuated over the past few years, with peaks in 2020 and 2021. The population of refugees and asylum-seekers has also shown significant fluctuations, with peaks in 2021 and 2022.

**Persons of Concern by Country**

The map shows the distribution of refugees, asylum-seekers, and IDPs across various countries in the region. Key countries include Chad, Sudan, Nigeria, and Burkina Faso.

**Regional Bureau for West and Central Africa**

Forcibly displaced and stateless population in West and Central Africa (WCA) stands at 13 million, with the majority being Internally Displaced Persons. The region hosts 32% of forcibly displaced population, with Nigeria hosting 43% of IDP population in the region. Burkina Faso is the second largest refugee-hosting country in the region with 29% of the IDP population.

**Refugee Population Profile**

- **Children**: 53%
- **Women & Children**: 80%

**Refugees with Specific Needs**

- Legal & Physical Needs: 53%
- Gender at Risk: 77,511
- Woman at Risk: 143,685
- Single Parent: 61,408
- Older Person at Risk: 54,888
- Persons with Disability: 55,368
- Serious Med. Condition: 27,824

**Demographics**

- **Gender**: 53% Female, 47% Male
- **Age Distribution**: 0-17: 16%, 18-59: 54%, 60+: 30%

**Refugees in Camp**

- Overall population: 1,008,109
- Refugees in camps: 1,008,109

**Refugees in Urban Area**

- Total population: 1,008,109
- Refugees in urban areas: 9%

**Car Situation**

- Total number of refugees and IDPs: 742,547
- Number of internally displaced persons: 488,861

**Far North Cameroon**

- Total number of refugees and IDPs: 25,546
- Number of internally displaced persons: 36,276

**Sahel Situation**

- Total number of refugees and IDPs: 1,145,548
- Number of internally displaced persons: 3,180,955

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