FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS POPULATION AND TRENDS FROM 2018-2023

13.4 MILLION
FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PEOPLE

Refugees 1.9M
Asylum-Seekers 127K
Refugees Returnees 118K
Returned IDPs 1.9M
Stateless 931K
Others of Concern 140K
Internally Displaced People 8.3M

General Trends 2018 - 2023

Refugees
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displaced people
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**MOBILE, INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)**

- **Chad**: 13,319,934
- **Cameroon**: 14,778,750
- **Nigeria**: 11,392,887
- **Mali**: 10,804,623
- **Burkina Faso**: 10,166,839
- **Côte d’Ivoire**: 9,137,582
- **Guinea**: 5,210,841
- **Guinea-Bissau**: 3,180,955
- **Senegal**: 2,971,569
- **Sierra Leone**: 2,787,011
- **Togo**: 2,157,181
- **Democratic Republic of the Congo**: 1,277,015
- **Mauritania**: 677,273

**REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS**

- **Chad**: 2,062,534
- **Cameroon**: 1,066,254
- **Niger**: 682,412
- **Burkina Faso**: 575,529
- **Côte d’Ivoire**: 357,691
- **Guinea**: 321,809
- **Guinea-Bissau**: 312,835
- **Libya**: 214,184
- **Mali**: 206,584
- **Mauritania**: 204,435
- **Nigeria**: 115,641

**CONGO REGIONAL BUREAU FOR WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA**

*Forcibly Displaced Persons by Country - July 2023*

- **CAR, Chad, and Central African Republic (CAR)**
- **Cameroon**
- **Nigeria**
- **Mali**
- **Burkina Faso**
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**POPULATION TRENDS**

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**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

- **Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger)**: 77.9% of the region’s refugees with a contribution of 37%, 24%, and 16%, respectively.
- **Central Africa (WCA)**: 22.1% of the region’s refugees with a contribution of 9%, 8%, and 5%, respectively.
- **Examining the data, it is clear that**: Sudan, CAR, and Nigeria are the main countries of origin (together 77%) of the region’s refugees with a contribution of 37%, 24%, and 16%, respectively.

**POPULATION PROFILE**

- **Children**: 54%
- **Women & Children**: 81%

**LEGAL & PHYSICAL NEEDS**

- **Legal & Physical Needs**: 48%

**MAIN COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND ASYLUM**

- **Chad**: 942,945
- **Cameroon**: 479,503
- **Niger**: 208,917
- **Nigeria**: 79,226
- **Burkina Faso**: 52,499
- **Togo**: 52,689

**POPULATION BY COUNTRY**

- **Benin**: 2,976,577
- **Cameroon**: 1,840,570
- **Côte d’Ivoire**: 906,267
- **Guinea**: 677,273
- **Guinea-Bissau**: 645,746
- **Libya**: 485,825
- **Mali**: 381,289
- **Mauritania**: 275,529
- **Niger**: 315,277

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**SUMMARY**

- **Grand Total**: 13,445,910

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