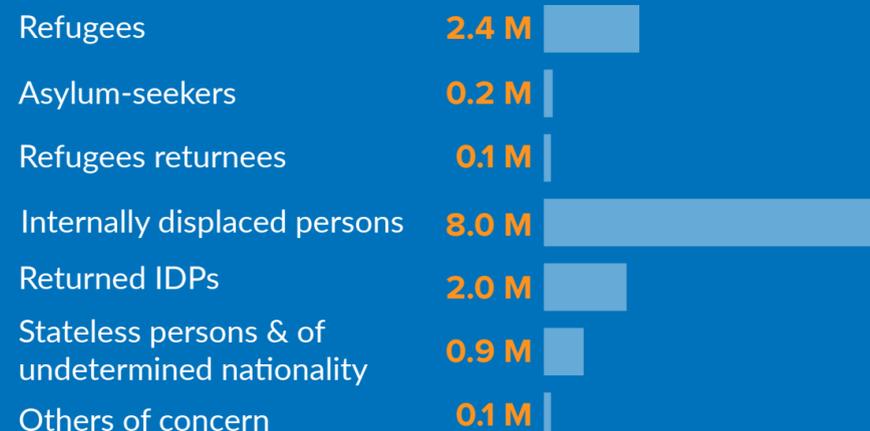
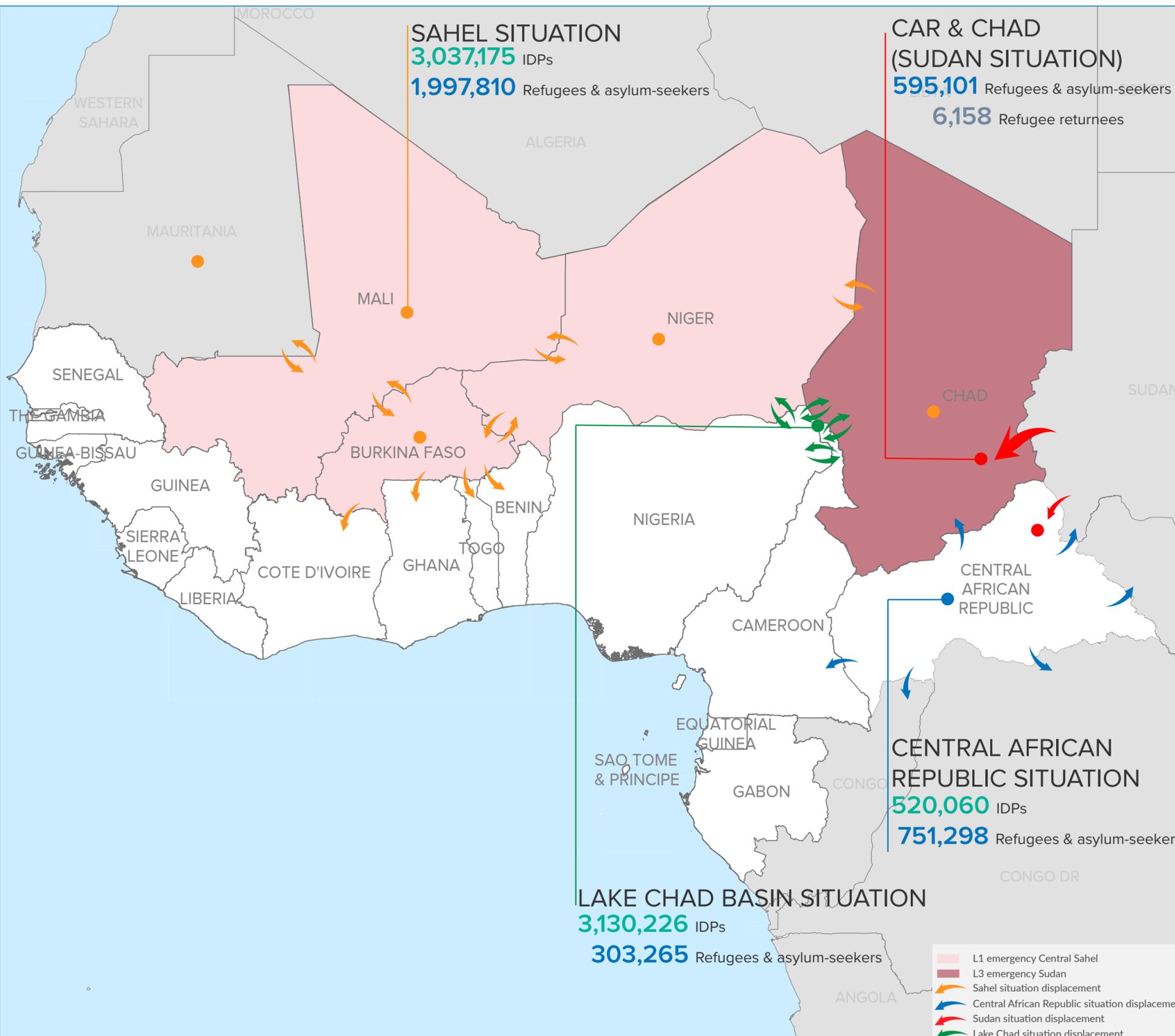
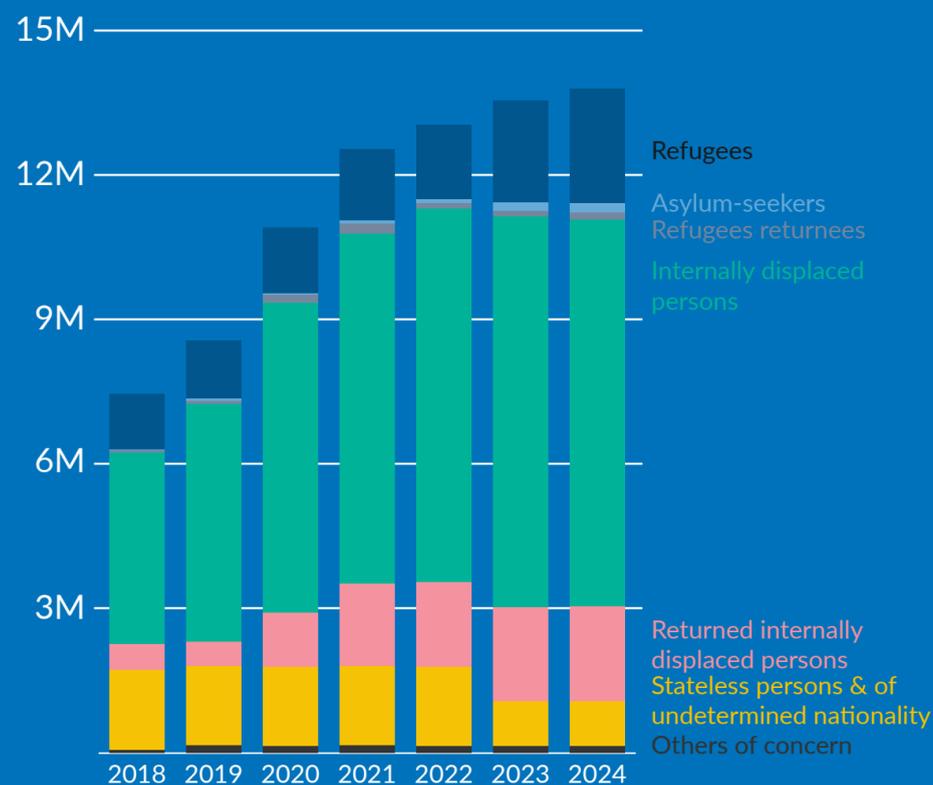


13.8 MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS



Populations trends 2018 - 2024



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UNHCR protects and assists forcibly displaced and stateless persons across the West and Central African region, including refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugee and IDP returnees, stateless and of undetermined nationality persons. Protection and assistance are extended to additional groups, based on humanitarian and other special grounds.

- 2.6 MILLION REFUGEES & ASYLUM-SEEKERS
- 0.1 MILLION REFUGEES RETURNEES
- 8.0 MILLION INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS
- 2.0 MILLION RETURNED INTERNALLY DISPLACED
- 0.9 MILLION STATELESS & OF UNDETERMINED NATIONALITY
- 0.1 MILLION OTHERS OF CONCERN

The current number of 2.6 million refugees and asylum seekers represents a significant increase of 56% increase from the number reported at the same period in 2023, mainly as a result of the ongoing crisis in Sudan and the deteriorating security situation in the Sahel, which has led thousands of persons to leave their country in search for safety and protection.

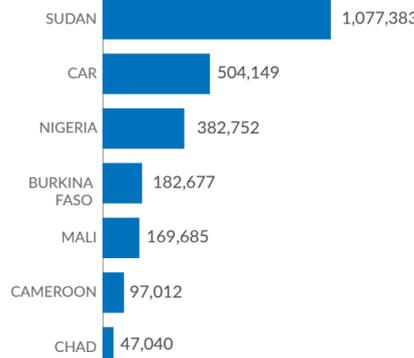
The largest hosting refugee country in the region is Chad with 48% of the total population, followed by Cameroon with 19%. Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), and Nigeria are the main countries of origin, together accounting for 77% of the region's refugee population.

As the registration process is ongoing, there are currently 61,928 asylum seekers pending registration.

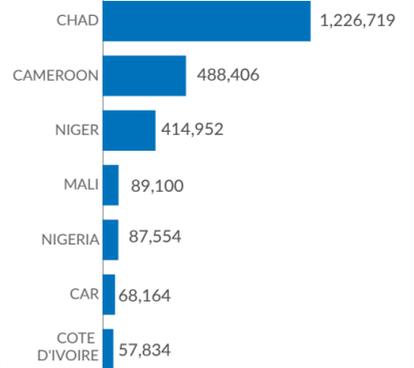
Internally displaced persons represent the vast majority of the forcibly displaced population in the West and Central Africa region. Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Cameroon respectively host 42%, 26% and 13% of the total IDP population.

West Africa hosts over 931,156 persons who are stateless or of undetermined nationality, reported mainly in Côte d'Ivoire and Cabo Verde. Millions of people are reported to be at risk of statelessness across the region.

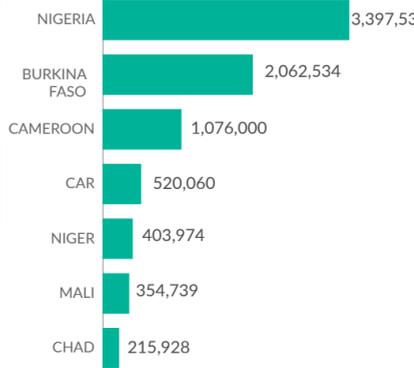
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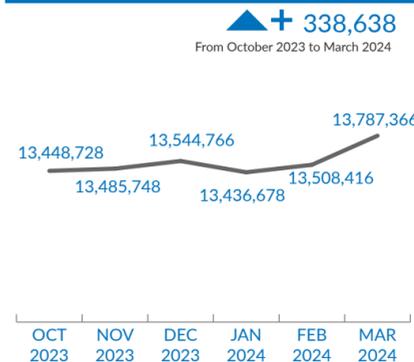
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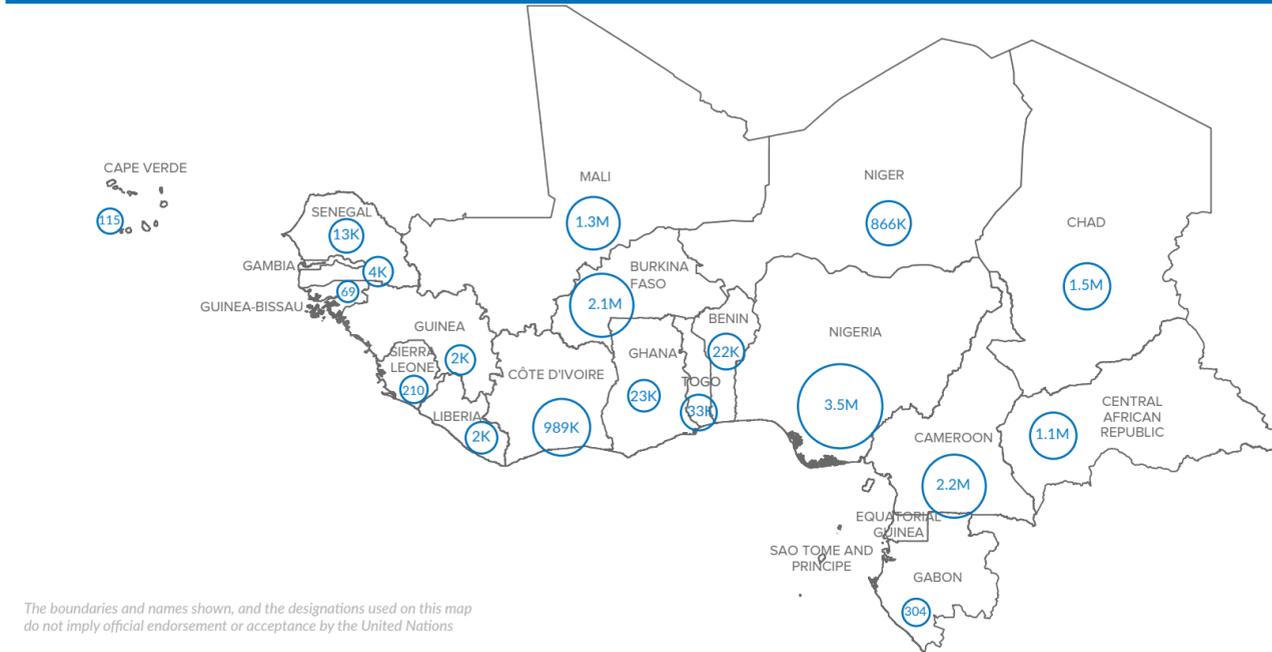
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POPULATION TRENDS (last 6 months)

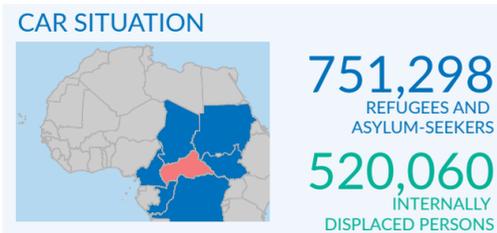


FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND STATELESS PERSONS BY COUNTRY

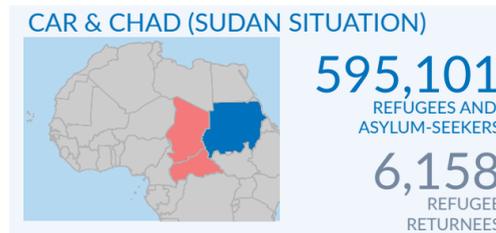


	REFUGEES	ASYLUM SEEKERS	REF. RETURNEES	IDPs	RETURNED IDP	STATELESS	OTHERS	TOTAL
BENIN	12,235	906		8,785				21,926
BURKINA FASO	38,336	1,147		2,062,534				2,102,017
CAMEROON	477,715	10,691		1,076,000	659,000			2,223,406
CAPE VERDE						115		115
CAR	35,639	32,525	31,662	520,060	499,430			1,119,316
CHAD	1,216,992	9,727		215,928			100,543	1,543,190
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,364	55,470				931,041	94	988,969
GABON	210	94						304
GAMBIA	3,846	421						4,267
GHANA	7,093	16,001						23,094
GUINEA	2,187	57						2,244
GUINEA BISSAU	32	37						69
LIBERIA	1,167	617						1,784
MALI	88,829	271	85,683	354,739	803,410			1,332,932
NIGER	370,144	44,808		403,974			46,612	865,538
NIGERIA	70,795	16,759	27,193	3,397,531				3,512,278
SENEGAL	11,881	875						12,756
SIERRA LEONE							210	210
TOGO	28,271	4,680						32,951
GRAND TOTAL	2,367,736	195,086	144,538	8,039,551	1,961,840	931,156	146,546	13,787,366

MAJOR AREAS OF DISPLACEMENT



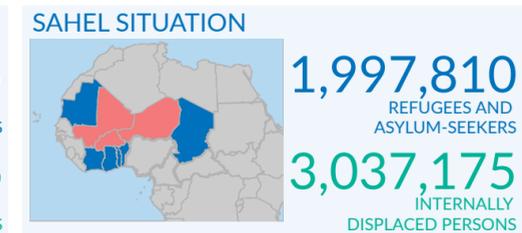
The figures reported reflect the number of refugees from the Central African Republic in neighbouring countries (Cameroon, Chad, Congo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and South Sudan) and of the IDPs within the Central African Republic.



The figures reported reflect the number of Sudanese refugees and asylum-seekers that arrived in the CAR and in Chad since the beginning of the current crisis in Sudan, in April 2023.



The figures reported reflect the total number of IDPs and refugees in the Lake Chad Basin area, across Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria.



The figures reported reflect the number of IDPs in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali and Niger, as well as refugees dispersed throughout the Sahel region. They also include the number of refugees from the Central Sahel (Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger) and in the neighbouring coastal countries of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Togo.

REFUGEE & ASYLUM-SEEKERS POPULATION PROFILE

