



Rohingya refugee population in Bangladesh

1,102,566

37,390

■ **1990s registered refugees**

In early 1990s, Rohingya flee violence and persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State. While most return, some remain in Bangladesh with the status of 'registered refugees'.

971,654

■ **Post-2017 refugees**

In August 2017, more than 740,000 refugees flee military clearance operation in Myanmar's Rakhine State, in what was the largest and swiftest forced movement in the region in decades.

93,522

■ **Biometrically identified new arrivals**

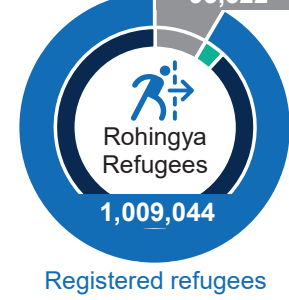
From 2024, targeted violence and persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State forces thousands of Rohingya to seek safety in Bangladesh. Unlike refugee registration, biometrically identified individuals are not issued with individual refugee identity documents, rather family cards to facilitating lifesaving assistance.

As of March 2025, UNHCR Bangladesh has registered/identified 1,102,556 Rohingya refugees (229,059 households) who fled persecution in Myanmar. Significant waves of arrivals occurred in 1990 and 2017, and new refugees continue to seek safety in Bangladesh in 2024 and 2025 due to escalating conflict in Rakhine State. As a result, a wave of new arrivals to the camps was identified in late 2024, and their biometric identification is ongoing.

77% of the refugees are women and children, while 8% are individuals with specific needs including persons with disabilities, single parents, those with serious medical conditions, unaccompanied minors, older persons at risk, and others requiring legal and physical protection. 51% of the population is female and 49% male. The largest age group (45%) comprises adults aged 18–59. The average household has five members: 36% of families consist of 4–5 people, while 12% live in households of eight or more.

The 33 camps in Cox's Bazar are densely populated: covering 23.6 square kilometers, the population density is of 45,000 one of the highest in the world.

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Persons with specific needs (PSN)

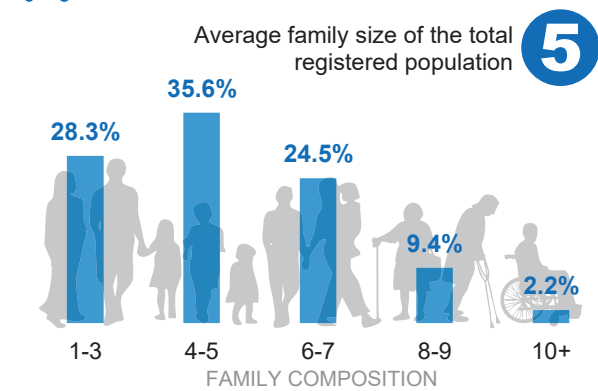
*An individual may have more than one specific need.

Category	Female (%)	Male (%)	TOTAL
Persons with disability	51%	49%	56,975
Single parent/Caregiver	96%	4%	20,526
Legal & physical protection needs	44%	56%	6,470
Serious medical condition	57%	43%	4,351
Unaccompanied/separated child	53%	47%	3,069
Children at risk	90%	10%	2,438
Other Specific Needs	97%	3%	2,405
Older person at risk	70%	30%	2,268

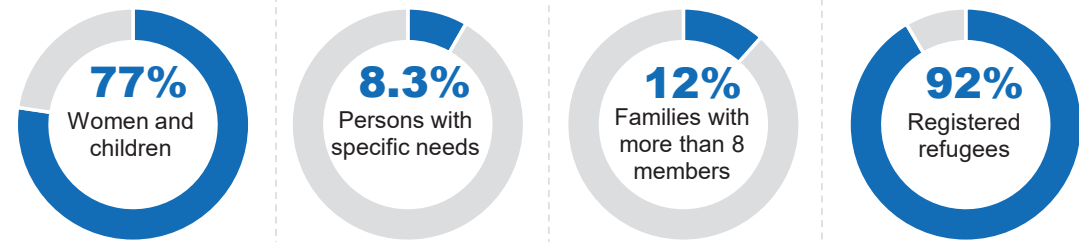
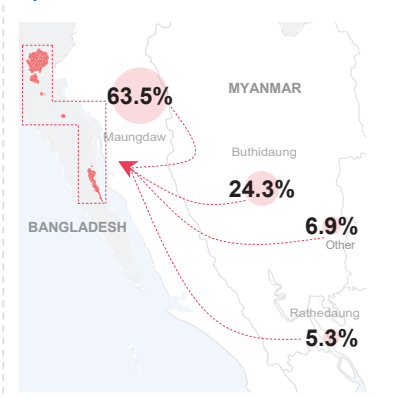
Age and gender

Age Category	Female (%)	Female Count	Male Count	Male (%)	TOTAL
Below 1 Year old	0.8%	8,952	9,334	0.8%	18,286
1-4 Years old	7.1%	78,551	81,461	7.4%	160,012
5-11 Years old	10.2%	112,106	115,641	10.5%	227,747
12-17 Years old	7.0%	76,898	79,842	7.2%	156,740
18-59 Years old	24.4%	268,626	222,404	20.2%	491,030
60 Above	1.9%	21,455	27,296	2.5%	48,751

Family size



Place of origin



Geographic overview (Population by camp)

