Lebanon

Syrian returns & movements snapshot

at 30 November 2025

437,586 Syrians estimated to have crossed from or via Lebanon into Syria since 8 December 2024.

379,103 Syrian individuals inactivated in 2025 from UNHCR's records in Lebanon due to confirmed or presumed return in 2025.

112,089 Estimated new arrivals of Syrians since 8 December 2024.

Refugee returns

Since 8 December 2024, UNHCR estimates **1,260,240** Syrians have returned to Syria from neighbouring countries, including some **437,586** from or via Lebanon. Returns are taking place through official and unofficial border crossing points, which complicates tracking. Since January 2025, **379,103** Syrians known to UNHCR have been inactivated due to confirmed or presumed return to Syria by either confirmation or presumed return to Syria.

On 1 July 2025, Lebanon's General Directorate of General Security (GSO) began waiving exit fees, overstay fines, and re-entry bans for Syrians and Palestinian refugees from Syria. UNHCR also launched its Voluntary Repatriation Programme in July, the return of Syrians who wish to go home, including provision of a return cash grant and organized transportation when required. As of November 2025 (Voluntary Repatriation Programme - Lebanon, 30 November 2025), 45,195 Syrian individuals (9,504 families) underwent voluntary repatriation assessments by UNHCR and supported with return, with 36% returning to Homs governorate in Syria. 74,231 Syrian individuals (13,897 cases) remain interested and in the pipeline for facilitated return. 33% of remaining families interested in return reside in Bekaa, Baalbek and El-Hermel governorate.

Movements trends

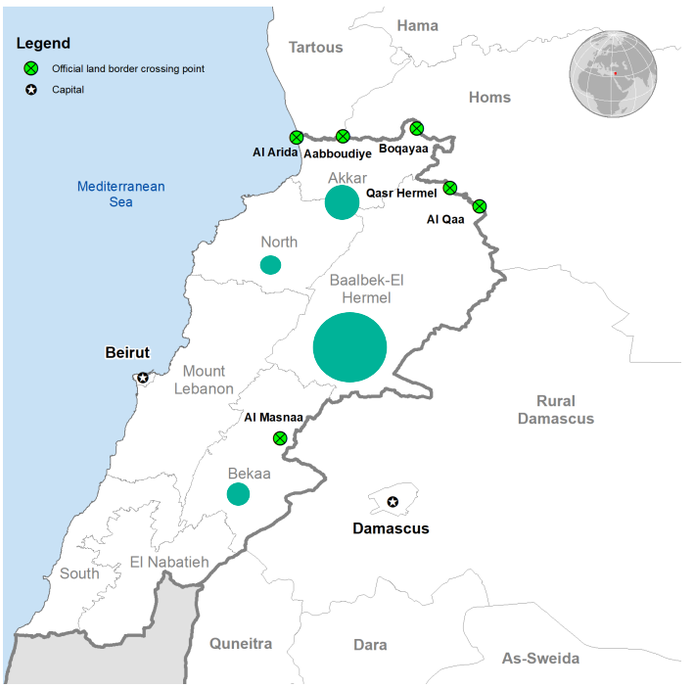
In November, cross-border movements between Lebanon and Syria continued to slow, averaging approximately 59,500 crossings per week—slightly below the October average. Weekly volumes declined steadily from around 66,900 in week 45 to 62,700 by week 47, followed by a more marked decrease to approximately 44,800 in week 48. This reduction in late November contributed to a lower overall monthly average. The direction of movement remained broadly consistent with previous months: outbound crossings to Syria continued to modestly exceed returns into Lebanon. Overall, the data reflect a sustained moderation in movement levels, with a notable decrease observed in the final week of the month, **likely due to weather conditions.**

Post-Dec 2024 Arrivals from Syria

Since 8 December 2024, a total of **112,089** Syrians have been recorded arriving in Lebanon. Of these, 65,279 are residing in the Bekaa and Baalbek-El Hermel governorates, 31,072 in the Akkar and North governorates, and 15,738 in other regions. These figures include individuals who have relocated internally from their initial arrival points. Regional totals may continue to fluctuate as movements remain fluid and identification of arrivals in Beirut, the South, the North and other areas is ongoing.

The total of arrivals has increased by 5,598 people over November primarily due to additional identification of 4,209 people in other regions outside the north and east of the country, and a small number of recent arrivals to Akkar and the North.

Illustrative map* of new arrivals by governorate



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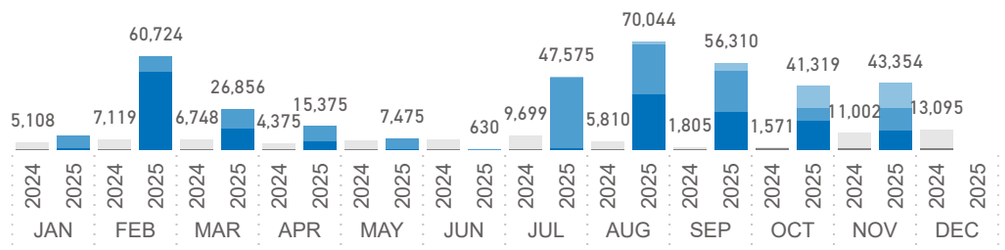
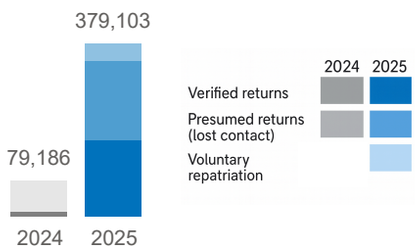


2024 vs 2025 to date



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