UNHCR The UN Refugee Agency | Nigeria

Forcibly Displaced Populations

1 March 2026

SITUATION OVERVIEW

- *Nigerians make up 3.5% of the world's 117 million forcibly displaced persons, including both internally displaced individuals and Nigerian refugees, primarily in the Lake Chad Basin.*
- *Conflict, insurgency, and communal violence have displaced millions, with the North-East experiencing the highest displacement.*

KEY FIGURES

138,886

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN NIGERIA

- *Nigeria hosts refugees & asylum-seekers from over 45 countries, with majority from Cameroon*
- *Most refugees are concentrated in border states across the North East (Borno, Adamawa, Yobe), North Central (Benue), and South South (Cross River) regions of Nigeria.*
- ***13,059** individuals are awaiting registration.*

3,711,314

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

- ***2,333,190** individuals displaced in the North East, primarily due to insurgency (**92%**) and communal clashes (**6%**).*
- *In the North West, **793,534** individuals are displaced, while the North Central region has **584,590,** driven by various conflict dynamics.*

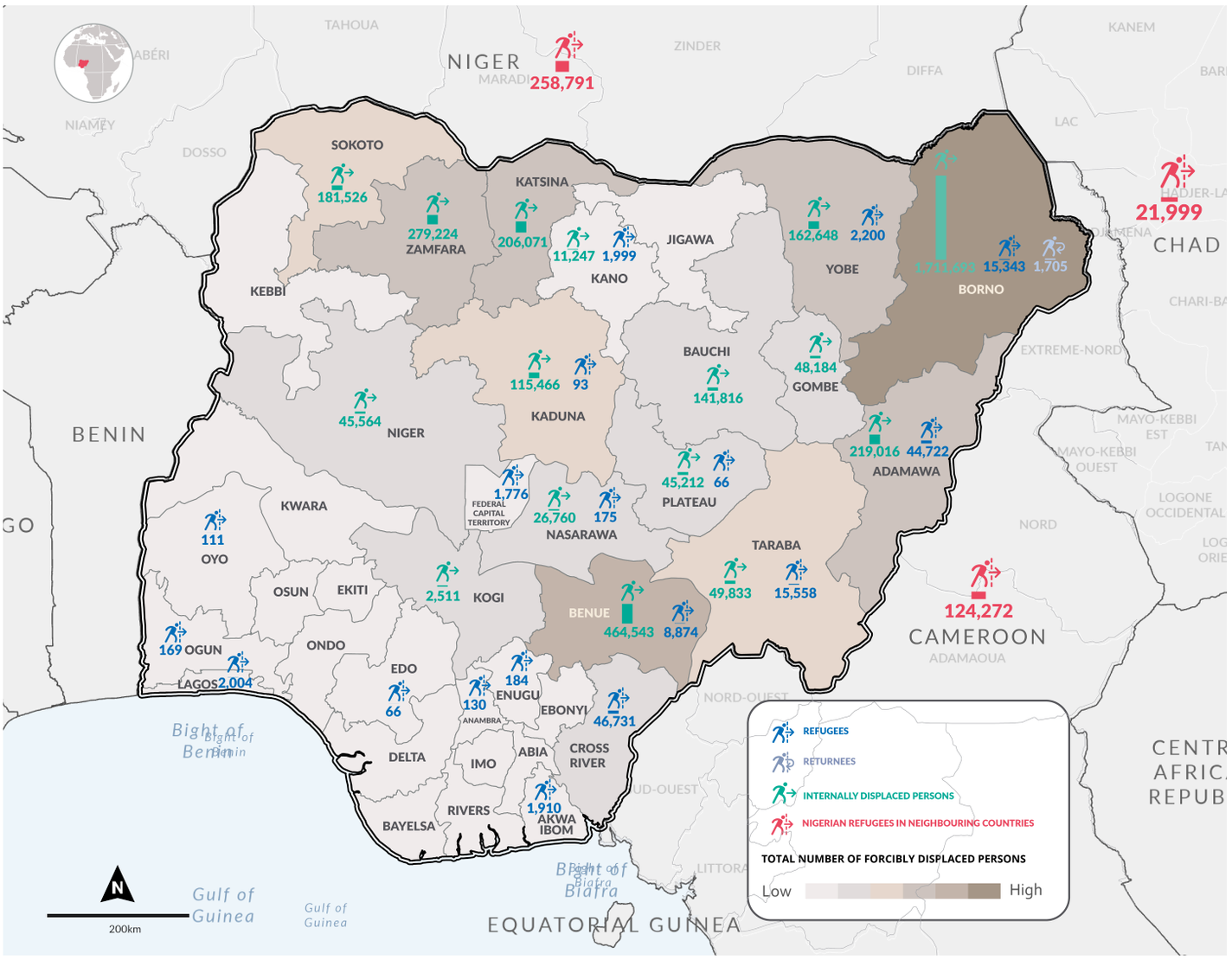
3,083

REFUGEE RETURNEES

- *Under the tripartite agreement, 3,083 Nigerian refugees were voluntarily returned to their areas of origin in Borno State.*

405,062

NIGERIAN REFUGEES REGISTERED IN CAMEROON, CHAD, AND NIGER



Disclaimer: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Published: March 2026 **Source:** UNHCR, IOM DTM R51, IOM DTM R18, NIS, NCFRMI **Feedback:** nigabim@unhcr.org **Website:** unhcr.org/ng