Registered Refugees and Asylum-Seekers in DRC

Key Figures

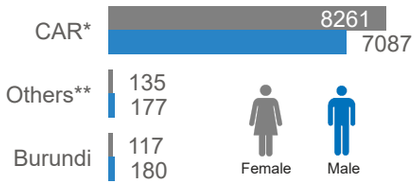
531,353 Refugees and Asylum Seekers (as of 31 October 2021)

515,396 Registered Refugees (as of 31 October 2021)

15,957 Asylum Seekers (as of 31 October 2021)

229,543 Refugees and Asylum Seekers biometrically registered

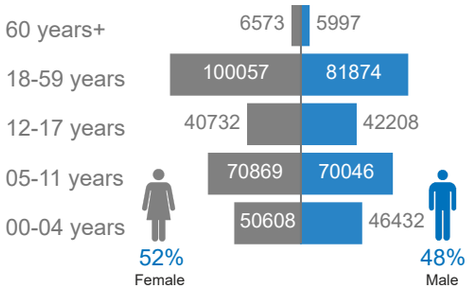
Asylum Seekers Population by Country of Origin



*Central African Republic

**Other countries include Rwanda, Somalia, Angola, Republic of Congo, Cameroon, Syria, Chad, Mali, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Sudan, Palestine, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Niger, Kenya, Romania, Eritrea, Gambia, Zimbabwe, French Guyana, Gabon and Sierra Leone.

Age and Gender of Refugee Population



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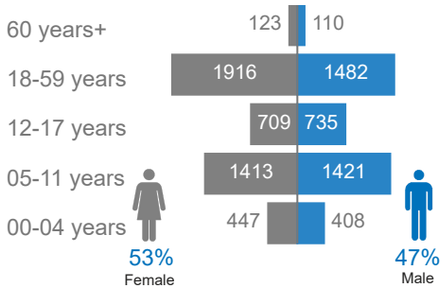
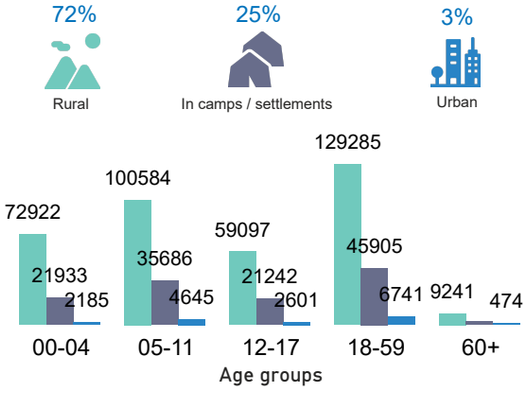


Refugee Population by Type of Location

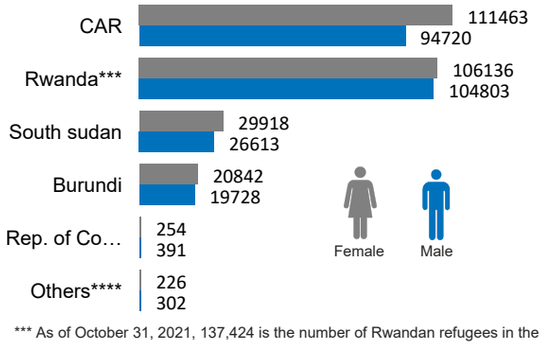


Situation Overview

During this period, the refugee population in the DRC increased slightly from 515,324 on 9/31/2021 to 515,396 on 10/31/2021, an increase of 72 people. The increase in the number of refugees during the month of October of 1,308 people can be explained by the registration of new arrivals: South Sudanese (119); birth registration: Burundians (83), South Sudanese (1), Central Africans (203), and regularizations: South Sudanese (458), Central Africans (402), other nationalities (40). The decrease in the number of refugees during the month of October of 3,050 is due to repatriation: Burundians (229), Rwandans (152), Central Africans (768) and regularizations: Rwandans (789) and Burundians (1,112).

As of October 31, the number of asylum seekers in the DRC is 15,957 including 15,287 people registered during the Central African emergency and 670 other cases of various nationalities awaiting their Refugee Status Determination (RSD), especially in urban areas (Goma (134), Bukavu (1), Lubumbashi (226), Kalemie (71) Kinshasa (187)) and other localities (51).

Refugee Population by Country of Origin



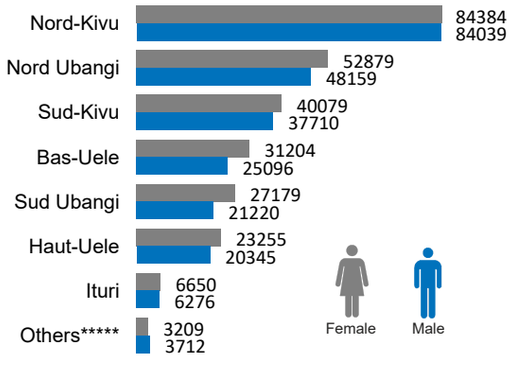
*** As of October 31, 2021, 137,424 is the number of Rwandan refugees in the DRC registered by the DRC government not yet biometrically verified.

****Other countries include Angola, Sudan, Uganda, Somalia, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Syria, Liberia, Chad, etc.

Number of refugees repatriated from the DRC

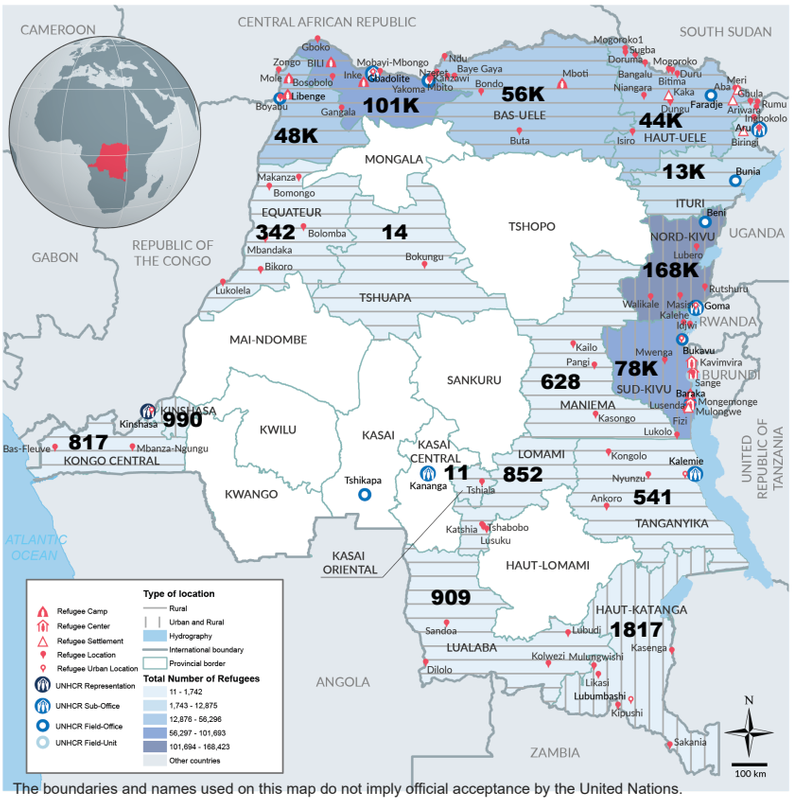
Country of origin	year 2018	year 2019	year 2020	year 2021	Total
Burundi	180	101	1943	7015	9239
Rwanda	3053	2136	922	1590	7701
CAR	9	3137	2061	768	5975
Rep. of Congo		3	5	8	

Refugee Population by Province in DRC



***** The other provinces include Haut-Katanga, Kinshasa, Lualaba, Lomami, Kongo-Central, Maniema, Tanganyika, Equateur, Tshuapa and Kasaï-Oriental.

Locations of Refugee Population in DRC



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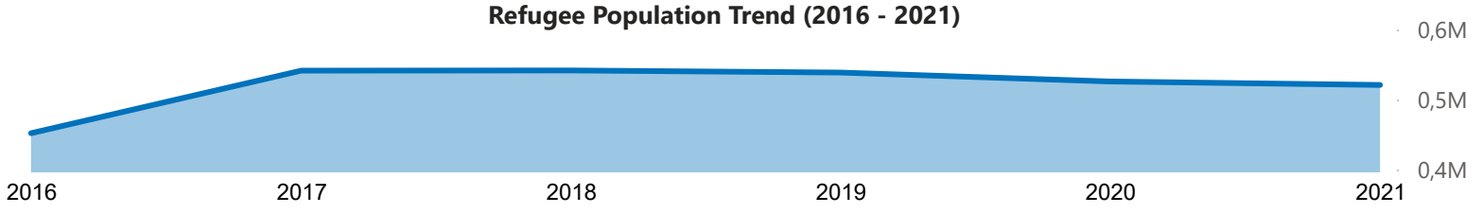
Refugee Population Trend (2016 - 2021)



Profile of Refugee Population in DRC

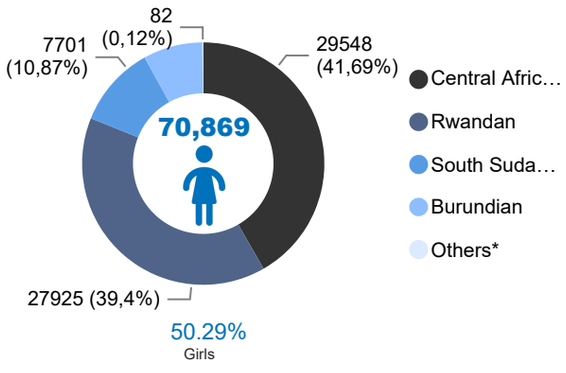
A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

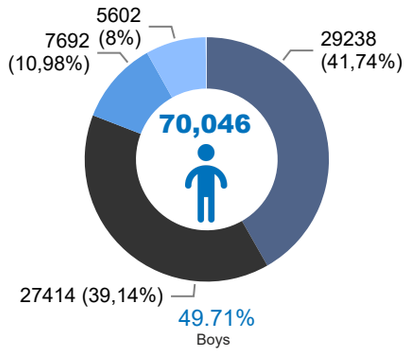
1. School-age children : 320,895 people

Nationalities	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Rwandan	22342	27925	18974	19131	29238	20233	137843	0,43
Central Africans	19253	29548	14577	18482	27414	14693	123967	0,39
South Sudanese	5300	7701	3968	5080	7692	4056	33797	0,11
Burundian	3668	5613	3130	3697	5602	3142	24852	0,08
Others*	45	82	83	42	100	84	436	0,00
Total	**50608**	**70869**	**40732**	**46432**	**70046**	**42208**	**320895**	**1,00**

*Other nationalities include those of the following countries: Republic of Congo, Angola, Sudan, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, Somalia, Chad, Eritrea, Liberia and Syria.

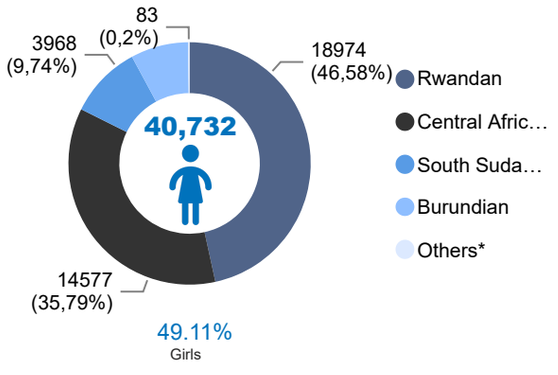
2. Number of children of primary school age: 142,819 people : 140,915 people

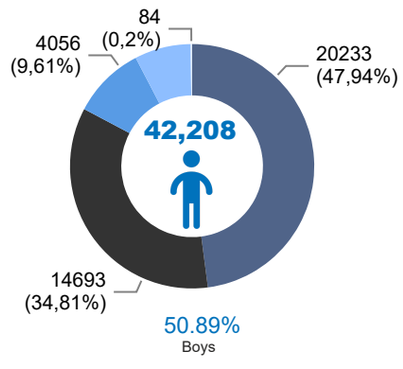




Of all refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo, children of primary school age constitute 44% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are made up of Rwandans (40.46%) and Central Africans (40.42%) and is distributed almost evenly between girls (50.28%) and boys (49.72%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 82,940 people





Of all refugees in the Democratic Republic of Congo, children of secondary school age constitute 26% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are made up of Rwandans (47.17%) and Central Africans (35.22%) and is distributed almost evenly between girls (49.11%) and boys (50.89%).
It should also be noted that 10,878 children (of which 3,645 are from the host population) in the North and South Ubangi provinces are targeted by the ECW (Education Cannot Wait) program.

B) Persons with specific needs: 42,974

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Woman at risk	14	223	249	10750	1457	12693	29,54%
Older person at risk	0	35	809	178	6483	7505	17,46%
Serious medical condition	307	266	854	5503	414	7344	17,09%
Single parent	2	21	14	5205	727	5969	13,89%
Unaccompanied or separated child	270	1350	1199	2091	102	5012	11,66%
Disability	36	311	374	1675	533	2929	6,82%
Child at risk	14	78	361	240	0	693	1,61%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	7	28	46	412	28	521	1,21%
Torture	2	0	0	139	6	147	0,34%
Family unity	0	0	2	109	1	112	0,26%
Gender-based violence	0	1	3	44	1	49	0,11%

C) Documentation (issued by the Government): 55,677

Central African Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Key Figures

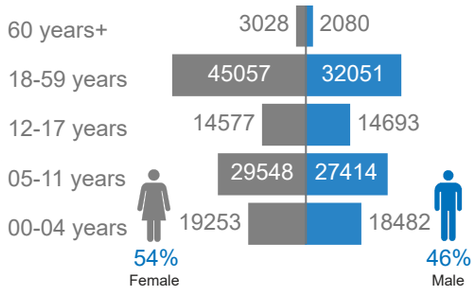
214,338 Refugees and Asylum Seekers (as of 31 October 2021)

206,183 Registered Refugees (as of 31 October 2021)

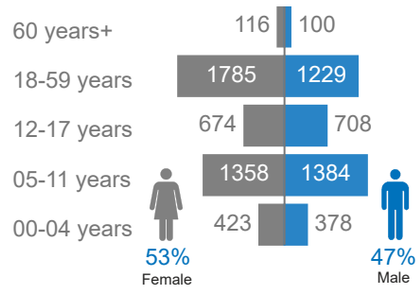
8,155 Asylum Seekers (as of 31 October 2021)

163,091 Refugees and Asylum Seekers biometrically registered

Age and Gender of Refugee Population

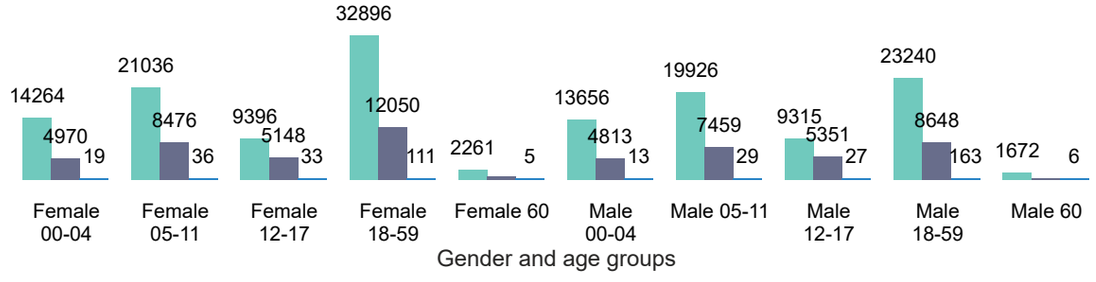


Age and Gender of Asylum Seekers

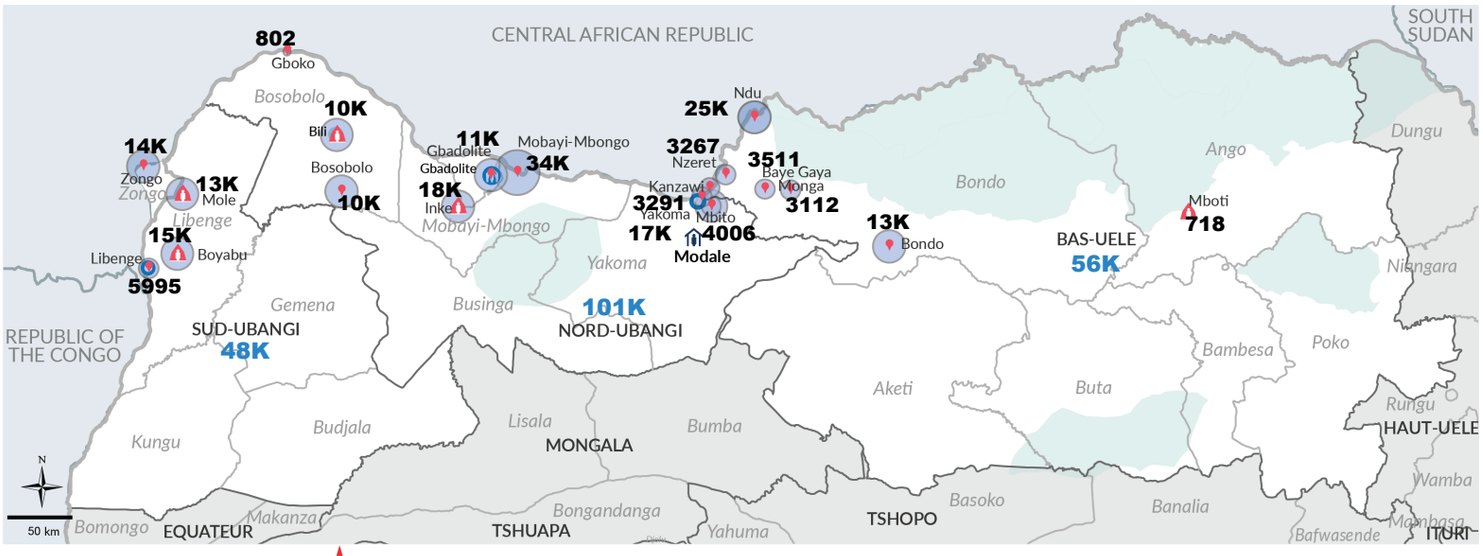


Central African Refugee Population by Type of Location

Rural	In camps	Urban
147,662	58,079	442
71.62%	28.17%	0.21%



Locations of Central African Refugee Population in DRC



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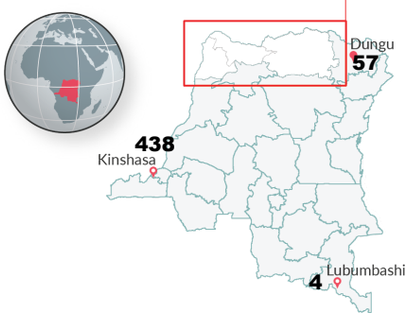

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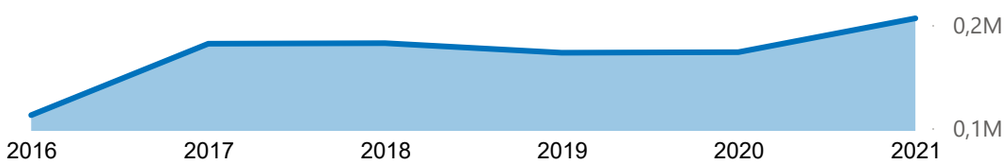


Comments about the figures of Central African refugees

The security situation in the Central African Republic (CAR) deteriorated during the period preceding or following the presidential and legislative elections of December 27, 2020. This situation resulted in an influx of refugees in neighboring countries and in particular in the DRC in the provinces of North Ubangi, South Ubangi and Bas Uele.

As of October 31, 2021, the situation of Central African refugees to undergo a slight decrease. The main activity has been the resumption of repatriation in South Ubangi. As a result, the number of Central African refugees and asylum seekers in the DRC therefore remained equal to 221,531 people in total, including 206,183 refugees and 15,348 asylum seekers. The issuance of identity cards is underway, with 20,959 cards already issued.

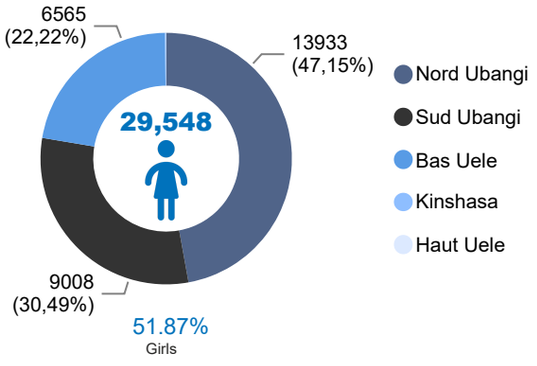
Profile of Central African Refugees in DRC

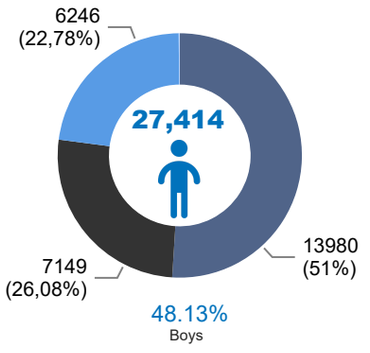
A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 123,967 people

Provinces	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Nord Ubangi	7991	13933	7149	7892	13980	7480	58425	0,47
Sud Ubangi	4948	9008	3721	4307	7149	3721	32854	0,27
Bas Uele	6291	6565	3673	6260	6246	3462	32497	0,26
Kinshasa	19	36	33	13	29	27	157	0,00
Haut Uele	4	6	1	10	10	3	34	0,00
Total	**19253**	**29548**	**14577**	**18482**	**27414**	**14693**	**123967**	**1,00**

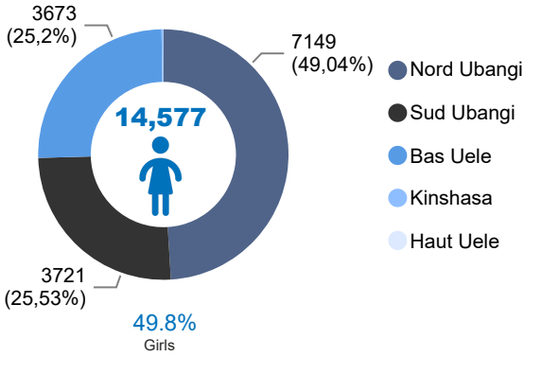
2. Number of children of primary school age : 56,962 people

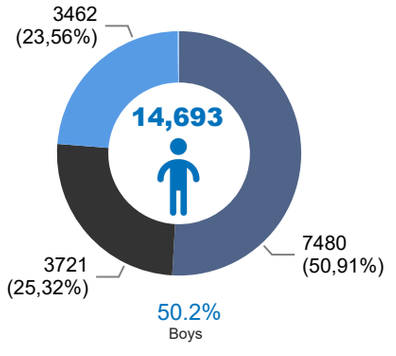




Of all Central African refugees, children of primary school age constitute 46% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of North Ubangi (49%), Sud Ubangi (28.36%) and Bas-Uele (22.49%). These children of primary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (51.87%) and boys (48.13%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 29,270 people





Of all Central African refugees, children of secondary school age constitute 24% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of North Ubangi (49.98%), Sud Ubangi (25.43%) and Bas-Uele (24.43%). These children of secondary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.8%) and boys (50.2%).

B) Persons with specific needs: 24,528

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Woman at risk	8	19	143	5611	261	6042	24,63%
Serious medical condition	287	0	719	4010	244	5260	21,44%
Older person at risk	0	3	1	34	4798	4836	19,72%
Single parent	2	10	11	3145	262	3430	13,98%
Unaccompanied or separated child	259	1131	873	130	0	2393	9,76%
Disability	28	165	176	1123	274	1766	7,20%
Child at risk	13	52	313	132	0	510	2,08%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	7	25	45	161	17	255	1,04%
Torture	0	0	0	28	3	31	0,13%
Family unity	0	0	1	3	1	5	0,02%
Gender-based violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0,00%

C) Occupation (top 7 occupation for aged 18 and above Individuals): 81,606 people with an occupation

Profession	women	men	Total	%
Skilled market-oriented agricultural workers	33527	16355	49882	61,13%
Sales employees	8944	2782	11726	14,37%
Skilled market-oriented forestry, fishing and hunting workers	401	8580	8981	11,01%
Agricultural, forestry and fishing laborers	3460	1624	5084	6,23%
Associate professionals in business and administration	2526	1671	4197	5,14%
Legal, social and cultural professionals	112	771	883	1,08%
Teaching professionals	193	660	853	1,05%

South Sudanese Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Key Figures

56,536
Reugees and Asylum Seekers
(as of 31 October 2021)

56,531
Registered Refugees
(as of 31 October 2021)

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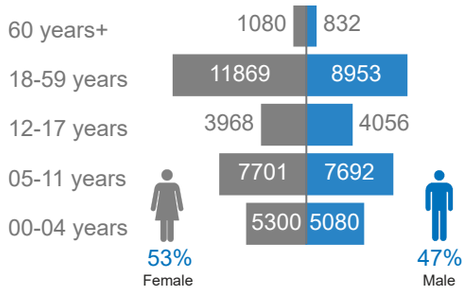
Asylum Seekers
(as of 31 October 2021)

33,870
Refugees and Asylum Seekers biometrically registered

Age and Gender of Refugee Population



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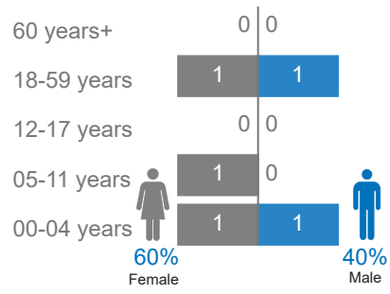
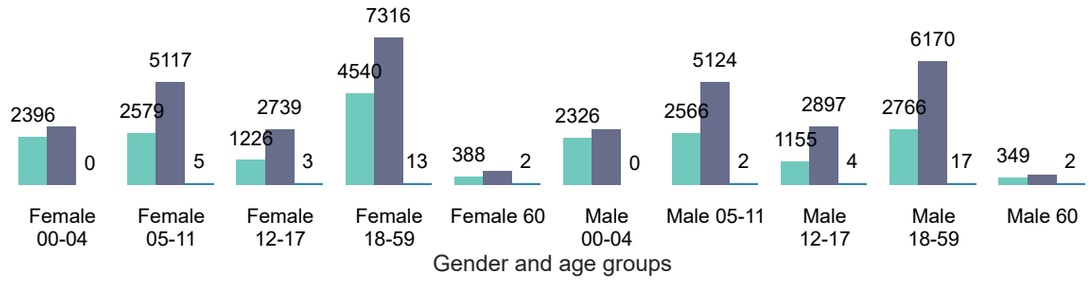
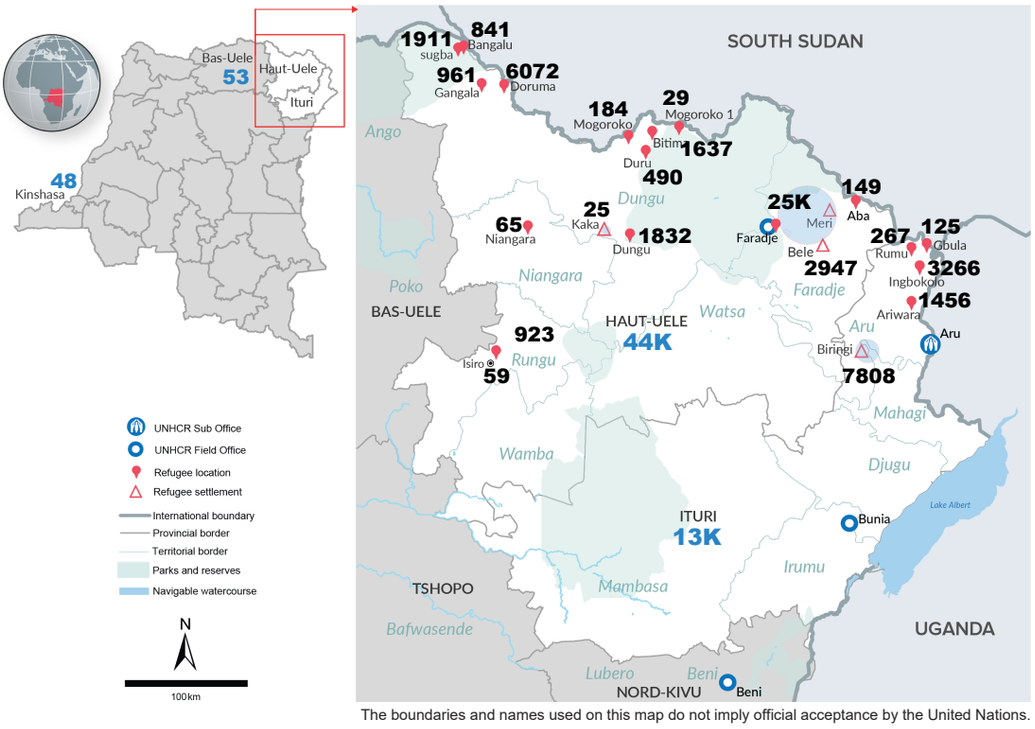


South Sudanese Refugee Population by Type of Location

Rural	In settlements	Urban
20,291	36,192	48
35.89%	64.02%	0.08%



Location of South Sudanese Refugees in DRC



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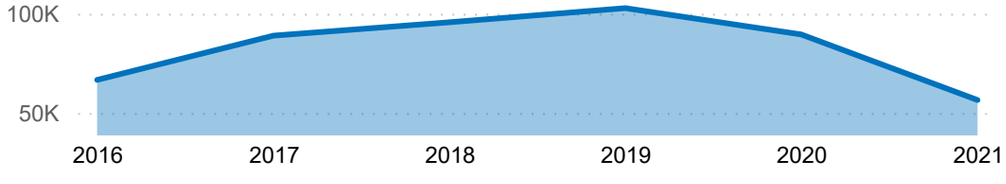


Comments about the figures of South Sudanese refugees

The situation of the South Sudanese refugee population suffered a slight decrease during the month of October 2021.

The overall figures of our South Sudanese beneficiaries who are in our 3 sites (Biringi, Meri and Bele) are in total 36,172 or 63.9% of the overall population of SSDs (56,531).

All the refugees living in the 3 sites have identity documents issued by the CNR with technical support from the UNHCR. However, most ID cards will expire by the end of the year.

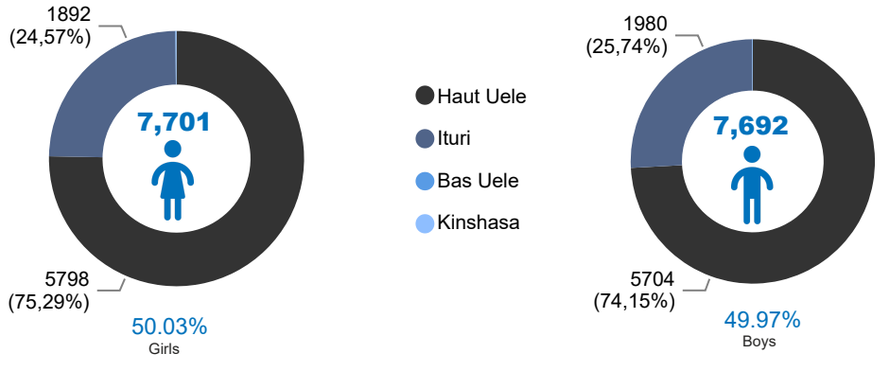
Profile of South Sudanese Refugees in DRC

A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 33,797 people

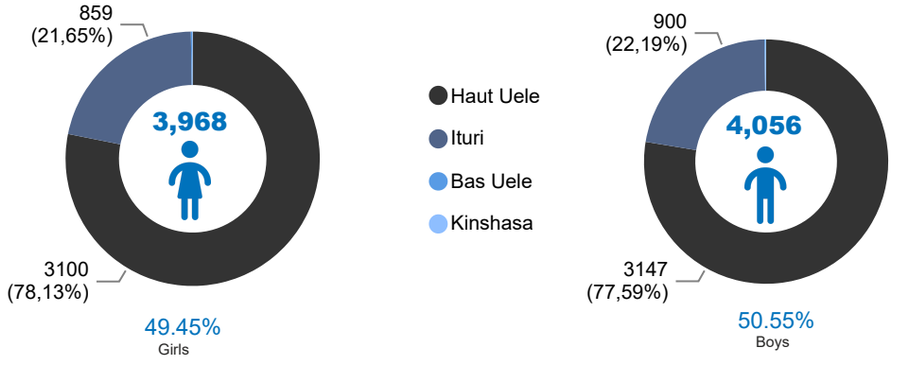
Provinces	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Haut Uele	4140	5798	3100	3952	5704	3147	25841	0,76
Ituri	1156	1892	859	1122	1980	900	7909	0,23
Bas Uele	4	6	6	6	6	5	33	0,00
Kinshasa	0	5	3	0	2	4	14	0,00
Total	**5300**	**7701**	**3968**	**5080**	**7692**	**4056**	**33797**	**1,00**

2. Number of children of primary school age : 15,393 people



Of all South Sudanese refugees, children of primary school age constitute 46% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of Haut Uele (74.72%) and Ituri (25.15%). These children of primary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (50.03%) and boys (49.97%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 8,024 people



Of all South Sudanese refugees, children of secondary school age constitute 24% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are found in the provinces of Haut Uele (77.85%) and Ituri (21.92%). These children of secondary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.45%) and boys (50.55%).

B) Persons with specific needs: 7,951

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Woman at risk	1	16	7	1962	106	2092	26,31%
Older person at risk	0	2	4	177	1278	1461	18,38%
Serious medical condition	16	129	48	983	105	1281	16,11%
Unaccompanied or separated child	11	391	571	129	5	1107	13,92%
Disability	5	77	63	435	213	793	9,97%
Single parent	0	6	2	624	54	686	8,63%
Child at risk	0	27	32	115	0	174	2,19%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	0	1	1	121	2	125	1,57%
Family unity	0	0	3	115	0	118	1,48%
Torture	0	0	0	114	0	114	1,43%

C) Occupation (top 7 occupation for aged 18 and above Individuals): 14,415 people with an occupation

Profession	women	men	Total	%
Field crop and vegetable producers	5874	3572	9446	65,53%
Mixed crop and livestock laborers	2305	1416	3721	25,81%
Street food vendors	336	66	402	2,79%
Mixed crop producers	144	143	287	1,99%
Drivers of cars, taxis and vans	5	213	218	1,51%
Service managers not elsewhere listed	103	80	183	1,27%
Primary School Teachers	37	121	158	1,10%

Burundian Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Key Figures

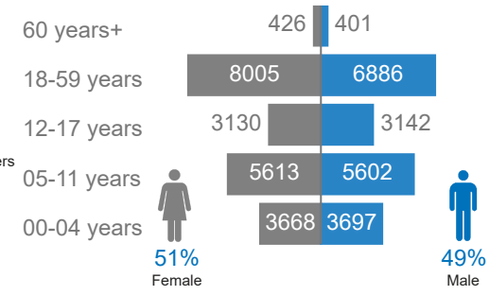
40,867 Refugees and Asylum Seekers (as of 31 October 2021)

40,570 Registered Refugees (as of 31 October 2021)

297 Asylum Seekers (as of 31 October 2021)

28,108 Refugees and Asylum Seekers biométrically registered

Age and Gender of Refugee Population



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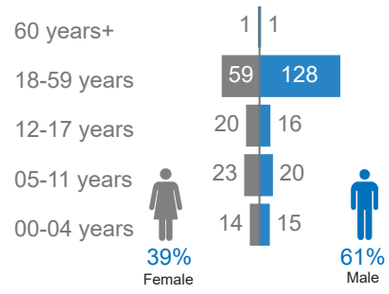
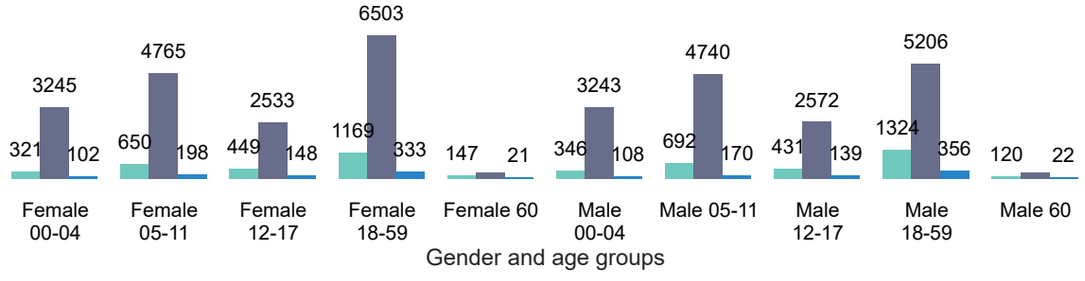
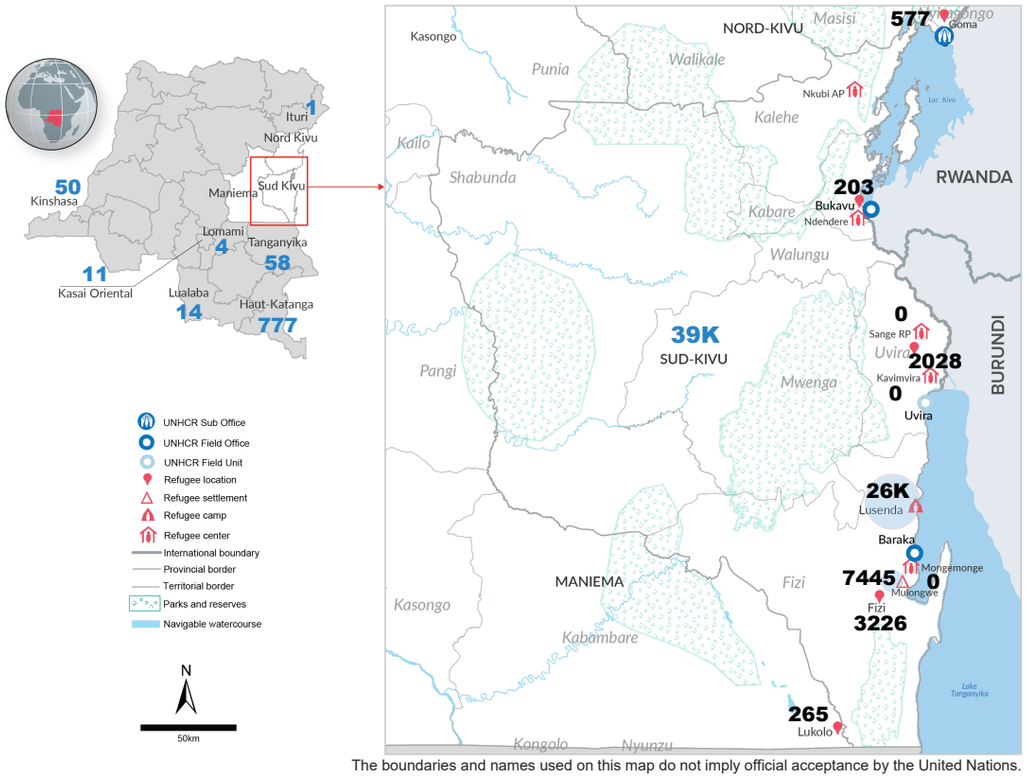


Burundian Refugee Population by Type of Location

Rural	In camps / settlements	Urban
5,649	33,324	1,597
13.92%	82.14%	3.94%



Location of Burundian Refugees in DRC



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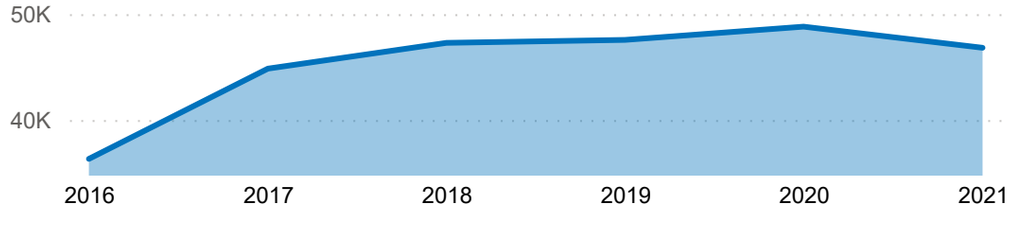
Burundian Refugee Population Trend (2016 - 2021)



Comments about the figures of Burundian refugees

229 Burundian refugees were repatriated to their country of origin in October 2021.

From January 1 to October 31, 2021, 7,015 Burundian refugees were repatriated to their country of origin. The number of Burundian refugees in the DRC is equal to 40,570.

All Burundian refugees have identity documents issued by the CNR with technical support from UNHCR.

Profil des réfugiés burundais en RDC

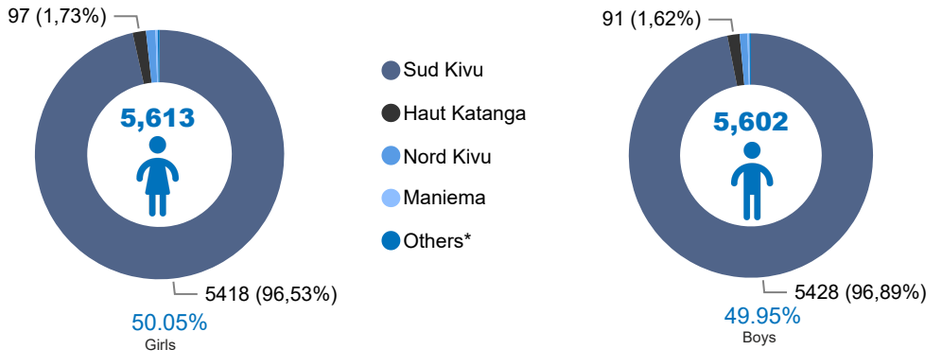
A) School-age children for primary and secondary education

1. School-age children : 24,852 people

Provinces	girls 0-4 years	girls 5-11 years	girls 12-17 years	boys 0-4 years	boys 5-11 years	boys 12-17 years	Total	%
Sud Kivu	3549	5418	2979	3569	5428	3014	23957	0,96
Haut Katanga	58	97	69	64	91	58	437	0,02
Nord Kivu	31	69	64	29	58	49	300	0,01
Maniema	25	16	5	27	14	6	93	0,00
Others*	5	13	13	8	11	15	65	0,00
Total	**3668**	**5613**	**3130**	**3697**	**5602**	**3142**	**24852**	**1,00**

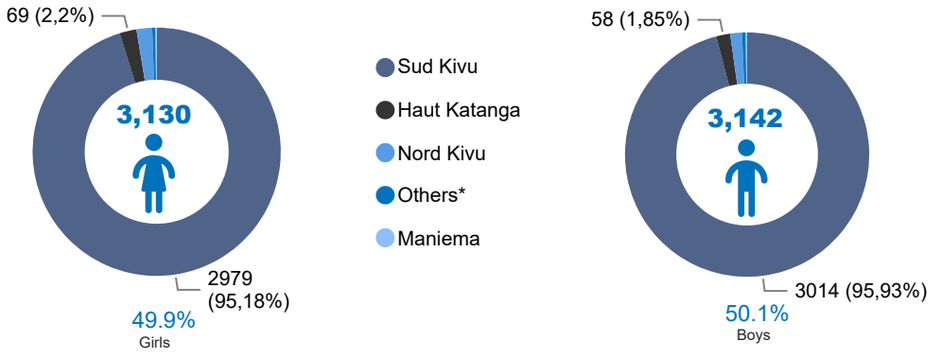
*Other provinces include: Tanganyika, Kinshasa, Lualaba, Kasai Oriental and Lomami

2. Number of children of primary school age : 11,215 people



Of all Burundian refugees, children of primary school age constitute 45% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are in the province of South Kivu (96.81%). These children of primary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.97%) and boys (50.03%).

3. Number of children of secondary school age : 6,272 people



Of all Burundian refugees, children of secondary school age constitute 25% of refugee children of school age. The majority of these children are in the province of South Kivu (95.67%). These children of secondary school age are distributed almost evenly between girls (49.87%) and boys (50.13%).

B) Persons with specific needs: 4,540

Specific needs	0-4 years	5-11 years	12-17 years	18-59 years	60 years +	Total	%
Single parent	0	5	1	1436	47	1489	32,80%
Woman at risk	0	2	0	929	35	966	21,28%
Serious medical condition	4	72	38	660	65	839	18,48%
Disability	3	67	38	301	46	455	10,02%
Older person at risk	0	0	0	5	407	412	9,07%
Specific legal and physical protection needs	0	3	1	150	9	163	3,59%
Unaccompanied or separated child	2	28	56	28	0	114	2,51%
Gender-based violence	0	1	3	44	1	49	1,08%
Child at risk	1	15	26	6	0	48	1,06%
Family unity	0	0	0	3	0	3	0,07%
Torture	0	0	0	2	0	2	0,04%

C) Occupation (top 7 occupation for aged 18 and above Individuals): 9,974 people with an occupation

Profession	women	men	Total	%
Mixed crop and livestock laborers	4413	2999	7412	74,31%
Field crop and vegetable producers	1021	514	1535	15,39%
Commercial sales representatives	305	107	412	4,13%
Student	84	96	180	1,80%
Fishery workers in inland and coastal waters	4	169	173	1,73%
Tailors, dressmakers, furriers and hatters	74	62	136	1,36%
Drivers of cars, taxis and vans	1	125	126	1,26%