INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT/COLOMBIA

LARGE-GROUP INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

January to September 2022

Between January and September, 132 large-group displacement events have been reported in UNHCR's coverage areas, affecting 51,240 individuals (20,437 families). Compared to the same period in 2021, there is a 1% decrease in the number of affected persons, but a 25% increase in the number of events.

In September, 19 events were reported, affecting 8,501 people. Thirteen occurred in the Pacific Coast of Nariño, including six displacements in Olaya Herrera, which affected more than 1,600 people, and two emergencies in El Charco, which resulted in the displacement of nearly 3,000 people.

The reported causes are confrontations between non-State armed groups (NSAGs) near the communities along the Satinga and Tapaje rivers. Moreover, displacements occurred in Barbacoas, La Tola, Magüí, and the rural area of Tumaco.

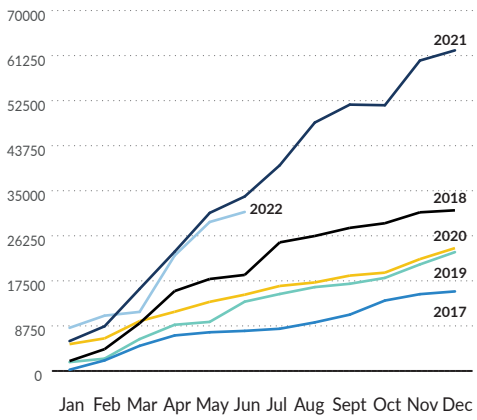
Emergencies are also reported in Alto Baudó, Medio San Juan, and Quibdó (Chocó), related to confrontations between NSAGs in the San Juan and Baudó river basins since 2021 and the control they exert over the civilian population. Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities have been the most affected by mobility restrictions and threats.

Finally, armed confrontations between NSAGs persist in Southern Cauca and the Pacific Coast of Cauca, leading to emergencies in Guapi and Argelia. In the latter municipality, armed confrontations caused the displacement of almost 1,700 people.

The most vulnerable groups are girls, boys, adolescents, the youth, the elderly, single parents with minor children, lactating women, and pregnant women.

DISPLACEMENT OVER TIME[1]

Number of people displaced (2017-2022)



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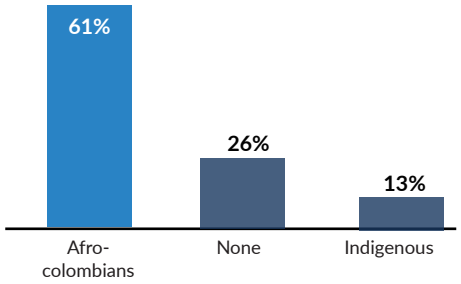
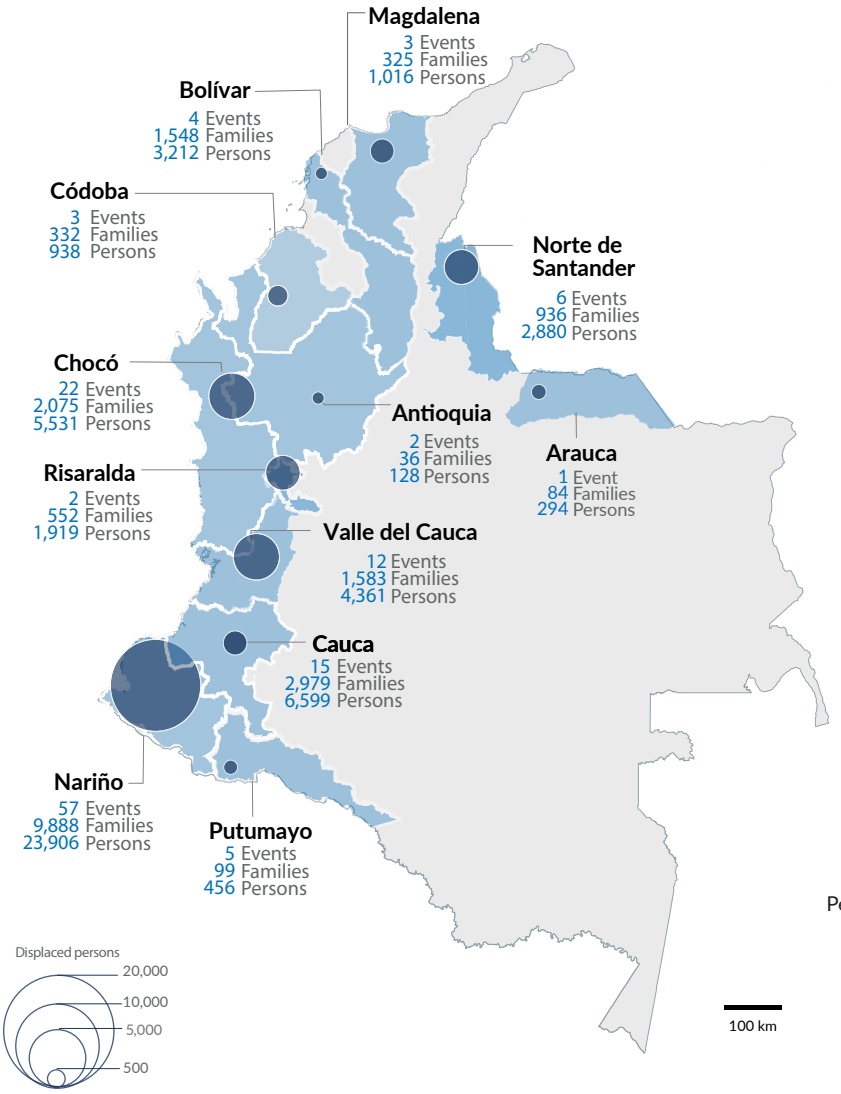
ETHNICITY



132* Events

20,437 Families

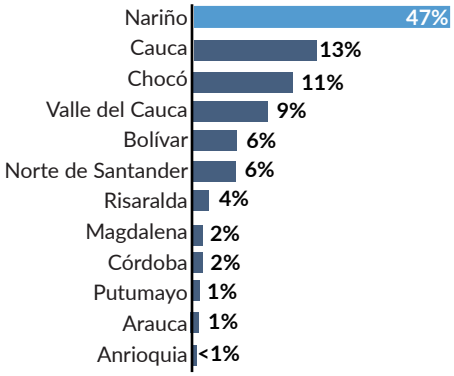
51,240 Persons



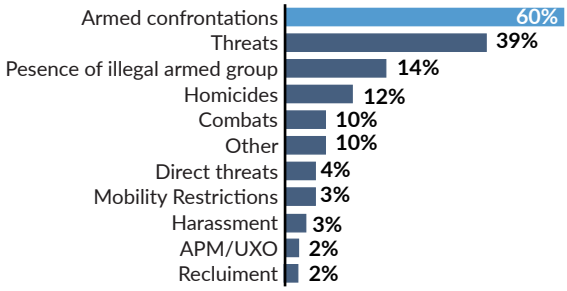
NATIONALITY

Less than 1% of the victims of large-group displacement events are of Venezuelan nationality.

DISPLACEMENT BY DEPARTMENT



CAUSES OF DISPLACEMENT



[1] Large-group displacement is defined as displacement events of more than 10 families or 50 people. Large-scale events presented in this infographic and monitored by UNHCR correspond solely to those that occurred in the areas covered by Field Offices.

* Large-group events are under constant verification and validation, therefore figures are subject to change.

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