Overview of the refugees and Asylum-seekers by nationalities in Southern Africa

As of 31 March 2025

Country of Asylum	Refugees	Asylum-seekers	Others of concern	Total individuals	% of Total on Column
Democratic Republic of the Congo	**518,303**	**1,379**	**0**	**519,682**	**48.8%**
Central African Republic	207,039	83	0	207,122	19.5%
Rwanda	203,237	141	0	203,378	19.1%
South Sudan	55,459	304	0	55,763	5.2%
Burundi	51,605	190	0	51,795	4.9%
Other	940	162	0	1,102	0.1%
Somalia	23	499	0	522	0.0%
SAMCO*	**79,301**	**106,415**	**178**	**185,894**	**17.5%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	27,075	27,083	8	54,166	5.1%
Ethiopia	14,252	33,258	1	47,511	4.5%
Other	11,846	24,470	166	36,482	3.4%
Somalia	22,754	5,949	1	28,704	2.7%
Bangladesh	175	9,399	0	9,574	0.9%
Burundi	3,199	6,256	2	9,457	0.9%
Zambia	**81,119**	**10,500**	**17,989**	**109,608**	**10.3%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	62,985	6,066	0	69,051	6.5%
Burundi	11,422	3,576	0	14,998	1.4%
Angola	0	1	13,899	13,900	1.3%
Somalia	4,678	528	0	5,206	0.5%
Rwanda	974	16	4,090	5,080	0.5%
Other	1,060	313	0	1,373	0.1%
Congo	**64,190**	**7,778**	**13,418**	**85,386**	**8.0%**
Central African Republic	30,154	5,298	2,945	38,397	3.6%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30,946	1,465	3,019	35,430	3.3%
Rwanda	2,795	427	7,297	10,519	1.0%
Other	187	262	151	600	0.1%
Sudan	69	226	5	300	0.0%
Chad	39	100	1	140	0.0%
Malawi	**34,989**	**22,449**	**4**	**57,442**	**5.4%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	25,144	12,101	0	37,245	3.5%
Burundi	6,632	5,972	0	12,604	1.2%
Rwanda	3,112	4,023	4	7,139	0.7%
Ethiopia	23	184	0	207	0.0%
Somalia	70	100	0	170	0.0%
Other	8	69	0	77	0.0%
Angola	**25,322**	**30,279**	**202**	**55,803**	**5.2%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	22,447	500	14	22,961	2.2%
Other	1,738	7,560	172	9,470	0.9%
Guinea	126	9,146	0	9,272	0.9%
Côte d'Ivoire	417	5,940	0	6,357	0.6%
Mauritania	323	5,402	0	5,725	0.5%
Somalia	271	1,731	16	2,018	0.2%
Mozambique	**5,391**	**19,053**	**2,064**	**26,508**	**2.5%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2,941	6,445	801	10,187	1.0%
Burundi	1,089	7,524	813	9,426	0.9%
Rwanda	851	2,700	345	3,896	0.4%
Somalia	478	1,819	92	2,389	0.2%
Côte d'Ivoire	0	428	0	428	0.0%
Other	32	137	13	182	0.0%
Zimbabwe	**9,208**	**13,500**	**1,016**	**23,724**	**2.2%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	8,039	4,354	679	13,072	1.2%
Mozambique	0	8,477	9	8,486	0.8%
Burundi	497	288	60	845	0.1%
Rwanda	507	93	118	718	0.1%
Other	155	164	149	468	0.0%
Mali	10	124	1	135	0.0%
Total	**817,823**	**211,353**	**34,871**	**1,064,047**	**100.0%**

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As of 31 March 2025

Country of Asylum (in SAMCO*)	Refugees	Asylum Seekers	Others of Concern	Total Individuals	% of Total
South Africa	**71,169**	**100,355**	**0**	**171,524**	**92.27%**
Ethiopia	14,157	32,716	0	46,873	25.21%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	21,120	25,258	0	46,378	24.95%
Other	11,022	22,211	0	33,233	17.88%
Somalia	22,141	5,153	0	27,294	14.68%
Bangladesh	175	9,396	0	9,571	5.15%
Burundi	2,554	5,621	0	8,175	4.40%
Namibia	**5,353**	**1,269**	**55**	**6,677**	**3.59%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	4,727	1,153	1	5,881	3.16%
Burundi	377	52	0	429	0.23%
Rwanda	126	10	1	137	0.07%
Other	80	36	16	132	0.07%
Zimbabwe	43	18	0	61	0.03%
Namibia	0	0	37	37	0.02%
Eswatini	**1,349**	**3,193**	**16**	**4,558**	**2.45%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	596	588	1	1,185	0.64%
Somalia	220	777	0	997	0.54%
Burundi	219	510	0	729	0.39%
Rwanda	215	457	1	673	0.36%
Ethiopia	52	527	1	580	0.31%
Other	47	334	13	394	0.21%
Madagascar	**89**	**1,225**	**23**	**1,337**	**0.72%**
Pakistan	71	1,152	1	1,224	0.66%
Other	7	41	1	49	0.03%
Yemen	7	20	0	27	0.01%
Madagascar	0	0	21	21	0.01%
Somalia	0	8	0	8	0.00%
Syrian Arab Republic	4	4	0	8	0.00%
Botswana	**846**	**24**	**77**	**947**	**0.51%**
Somalia	367	0	1	368	0.20%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	356	8	0	364	0.20%
Other	31	3	36	70	0.04%
Zimbabwe	16	0	39	55	0.03%
Burundi	46	0	1	47	0.03%
Unknown	30	13	0	43	0.02%
Lesotho	**464**	**211**	**7**	**682**	**0.37%**
Democratic Republic of the Congo	262	40	6	308	0.17%
Eritrea	98	68	0	166	0.09%
Other	45	53	1	99	0.05%
Ethiopia	35	10	0	45	0.02%
Nigeria	11	22	0	33	0.02%
Zimbabwe	13	18	0	31	0.02%
Mauritius	**23**	**122**	**0**	**145**	**0.08%**
Burundi	0	71	0	71	0.04%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	12	28	0	40	0.02%
Other	4	13	0	17	0.01%
Rwanda	0	6	0	6	0.00%
Syrian Arab Republic	6	0	0	6	0.00%
Uganda	1	4	0	5	0.00%
Comoros	**8**	**16**	**0**	**24**	**0.01%**
Sudan	0	8	0	8	0.00%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0	5	0	5	0.00%
Yemen	5	0	0	5	0.00%
Burundi	2	2	0	4	0.00%
None/Stateless	0	1	0	1	0.00%
Other	1	0	0	1	0.00%
Total	**79,301**	**106,415**	**178**	**185,894**	**100.00%**

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