Lebanon

Syrian returns & movements snapshot

at 30 September 2025

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294,912 Syrian individuals inactivated in 2025 from UNHCR's records in Lebanon.

105,300 Estimated new arrivals of Syrians since 8 December 2024.

Refugee returns

Since 8 December 2024, UNHCR estimates **1,082,724** Syrians[1] have returned to Syria from neighbouring countries, including some **362,027** from or via Lebanon. Returns are taking place through official and unofficial border crossing points, which complicates tracking. Since January 2025, 294,912 Syrians known to UNHCR have been inactivated 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 up to 31 December 2025. UNHCR also launched its Voluntary Repatriation Programme in July, to facilitate the return those who wish to go home. Transportation support is provided in partnership with IOM and GSO, should it be required. As of September 2025, 118,764 individuals (22,103 families) have expressed interest, mainly from Bekaa, Baalbek-El Hermel governorates (36%), with Homs governorate (35%) as the top return destination.

Movements trends

In September, crossings averaged around 64,800 per week, down from August's 69,000 and July's 67,600. The outward tilt continued: exits averaged around 37,100/week versus entries around 27,700/week. Volumes stayed high in weeks 36–39 (≈72.6k–78.5k), then fell sharply in week 40 to around 21,700 recorded crossings.

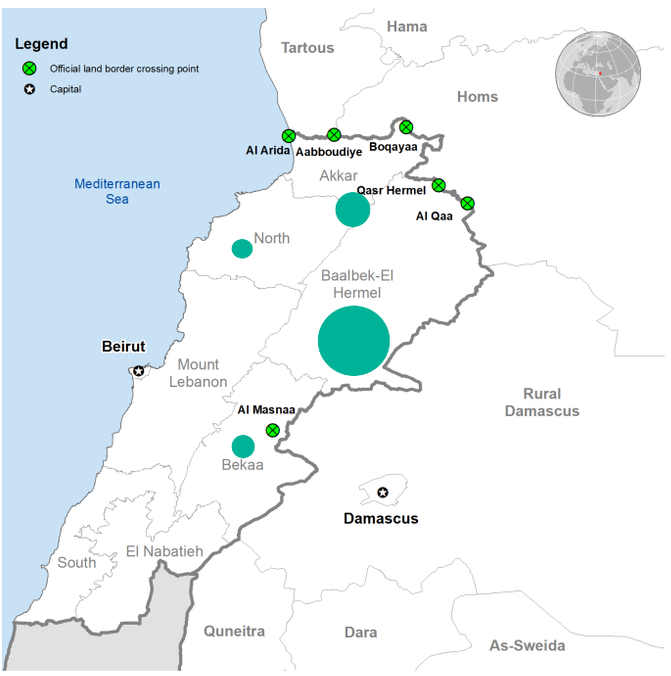
New arrivals

New arrivals of 105,300 Syrians have been monitored since 8 December 2024, of which 65,396 are residing in Bekaa & Baalbek-El Hermel and 28,239 are in Akkar & North.

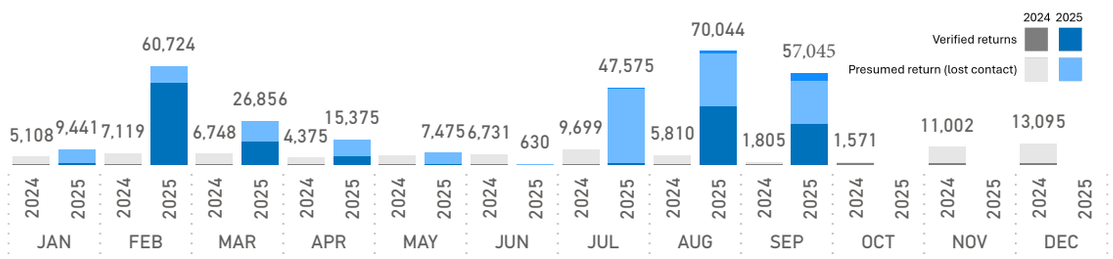
In addition, some 11,665 new arrivals are reported in other areas. This group includes onward internal movements from place of first arrival in Lebanon. Numbers per region will continue to fluctuate due to a fluid movement environment in Lebanon, as identification is still ongoing of those who are in Beirut, the South and other areas beyond.

Numbers have increased by some 7,600 since August due to increased identification through ongoing distributions, identification in other areas of Lebanon, as well as inclusion of mixed families receiving support, and does not equate to new arrivals in the last month.

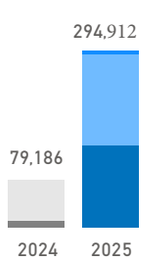
Illustrative map of new arrivals by governorate *



Return inactivations of Syrian refugees in UNHCR records in Lebanon | 2024 vs 2025



2024 vs 2025 to date



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[1] Regional Flash #46 | [2] Voluntary Repatriation Programme - Lebanon, 30 September 2025

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