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SOMALIA

Refugees and Asylum-seekers

as of 31 March 2026

Somalia is hosting 32,253 refugees and asylum-seekers, among which 70% are women and children. The refugee and asylum seeker population is largely Ethiopian (36% of refugees and 96% of asylum seekers), followed by Yemenis (23% of the population), and is broadly gender balanced, with children comprising nearly half (47%).

Key figures

32,253
Total Individuals

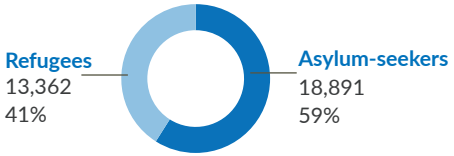
11,131
Households
Average family size: 3

70% Women & Children

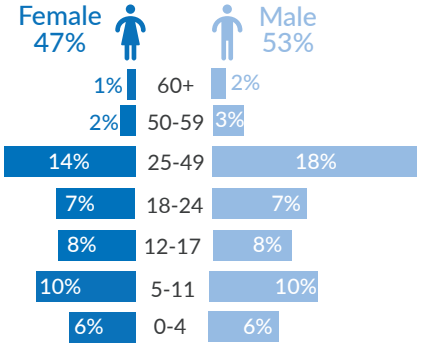
47% Children (0 -17 years)

51% Adults (18 - 59 years)

2% Elderly (60+)



Age-gender breakdown

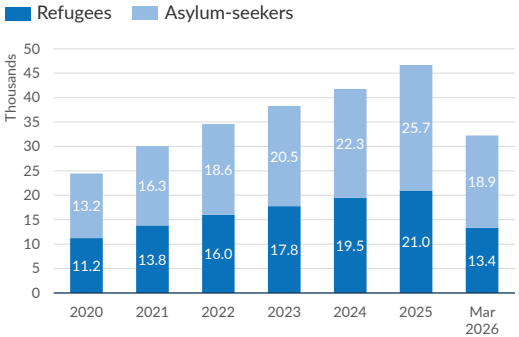


Country of origin | Total population

Country of origin	Total Individuals	Percentage
Ethiopia	23,081	72%
Yemen	7,354	23%
Syria	1,127	3%
Sudan	419	1%
Tanzania	124	<1%
Eritrea	102	<1%
Others*	46	<1%
Total	32,253	

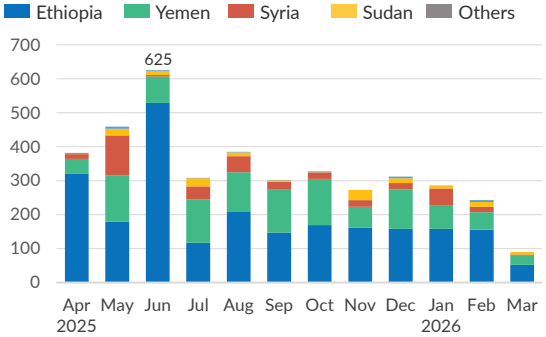
*Others include: Palestine (17 individuals); Bangladesh (6)...In total refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Somalia come from 18 different countries.

Total population trend

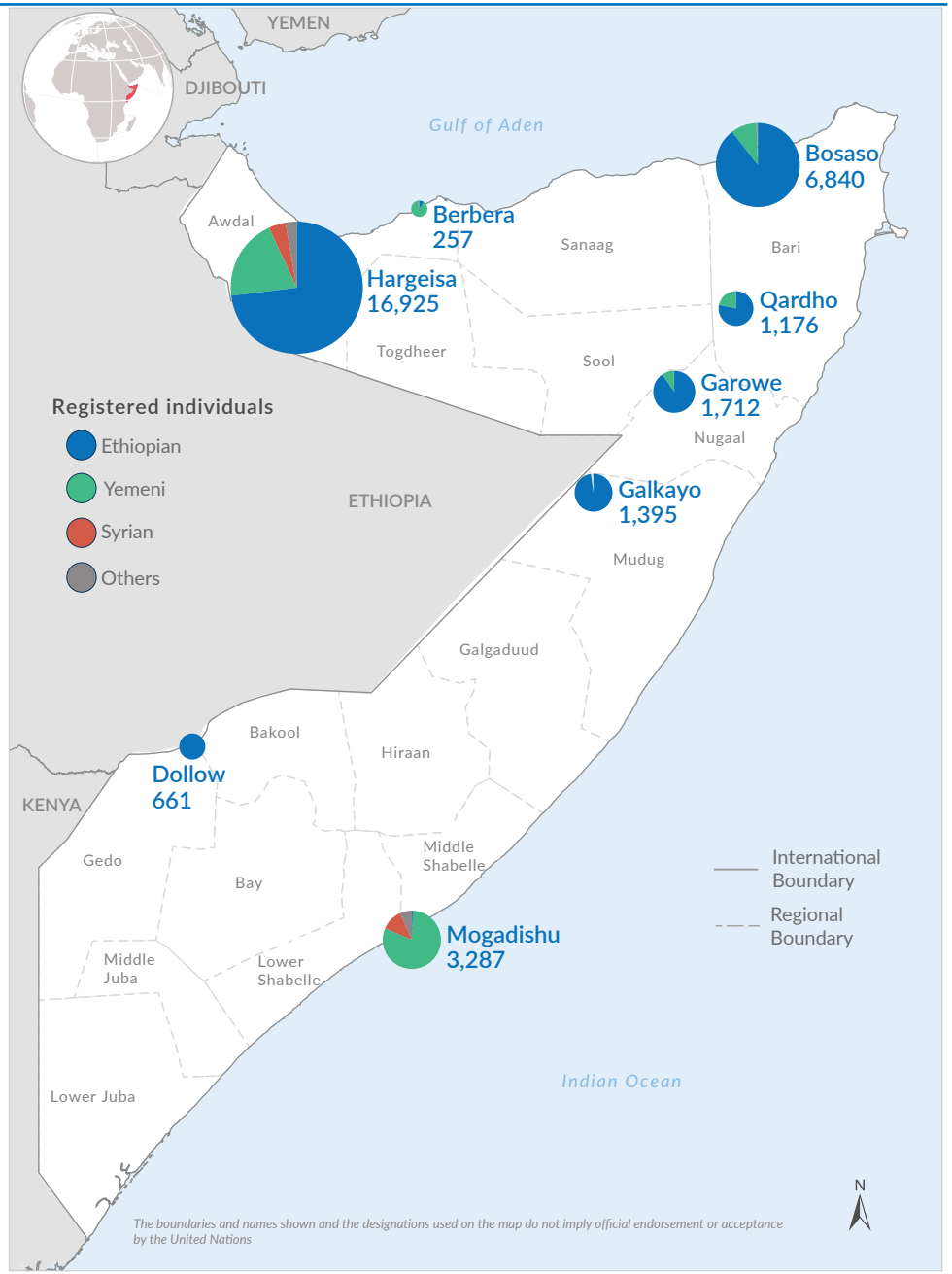


The observed reduction in the refugee and asylum-seeker population is attributed to the deactivation of 'no-show' cases identified during the 2025 verification exercise.

New registration trend | Last 12 months



During the last 12 months, a total of 3,392 new individuals were registered comprising of 2,355 Ethiopian, 1,092 Yemeni, 370 Syrian, 146 Sudanese and others and others 29.



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Status by location

Location	Asylum Seeker	Refugee	Total
Puntland	8,523	2,264	10,787
Somaliland	9,113	8,404	17,517
South Central	1,255	2,694	3,949
Total	**18,891**	**13,362**	**32,253**

Sex and age breakdown

Gender	00 - 04 years	05 - 11 years	12 - 17 years	18 - 59 years	60+ years	Total	
Female	1,840	3,102	2,434	7,406	265	**15,047**	*47%*
Male	1,896	3,324	2,447	8,991	548	**17,206**	*53%*
Total	**3,736**	**6,426**	**4,881**	**16,397**	**813**	**32,253**	

Persons with specific needs

Category	Puntland	Somaliland	South Central	Total
Child at risk	66	30	40	**136**
Disability	305	311	94	**710**
Family unity	5	0	38	**43**
Older person at risk	280	342	253	**875**
Serious medical condition	664	515	335	**1,514**
SGBV	19	37	0	**56**
Single parent	66	160	8	**234**
Specific legal and physical protection needs	10	108	10	**128**
Torture	9	85	0	**94**
Unaccompanied or separated child	271	207	88	**566**
Woman at risk	193	122	33	**348**
Total	**1,888**	**1,917**	**899**	**4,704**

Category	F	M	Total
Child at risk	64	72	**136**
Disability	260	450	**710**
Family unity	15	28	**43**
Older person at risk	314	561	**875**
Serious medical condition	830	684	**1,514**
SGBV	54	2	**56**
Single parent	218	16	**234**
Specific legal and physical protection needs	21	107	**128**
Torture	26	68	**94**
Unaccompanied or separated child	288	278	**566**
Woman at risk	348	0	**348**
Total	**2,438**	**2,266**	**4,704**

Location, Country of Origin and Status

Business Unit	Country of Origin	Asylum Seeker	Refugee	Total
Puntland	Eritrea	5		**5**
	Ethiopia	8,518	1,298	**9,816**
	Palestine		2	**2**
	Syrian Arab Republic		12	**12**
	Yemen		952	**952**
Puntland Total		**8,523**	**2,264**	**10,787**
Somaliland	Bangladesh		6	**6**
	Cameroon		2	**2**
	Djibouti	3	2	**5**
	Egypt	4	1	**5**
	Eritrea	48	49	**97**
	Ethiopia	9,039	3,545	**12,584**
	Iraq		1	**1**
	Jordan	1	1	**2**
	Lebanon	2		**2**
	Palestine		8	**8**
	South Sudan		3	**3**
	Sri Lanka	1		**1**
	Sudan	13	321	**334**
	Syrian Arab Republic		721	**721**
	Uganda	1		**1**
	Yemen		3,744	**3,744**
	Zimbabwe	1		**1**
Somaliland Total		**9,113**	**8,404**	**17,517**
South Central	Ethiopia	669	12	**681**
	Palestine	7		**7**
	Sudan	84	1	**85**
	Syrian Arab Republic	371	23	**394**
	Tanzania	124		**124**
	Yemen		2,658	**2,658**
South Central Total		**1,255**	**2,694**	**3,949**
Total		**18,891**	**13,362**	**32,253**

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