

MCO CAMEROON: REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKER STATISTICS (August 2026)

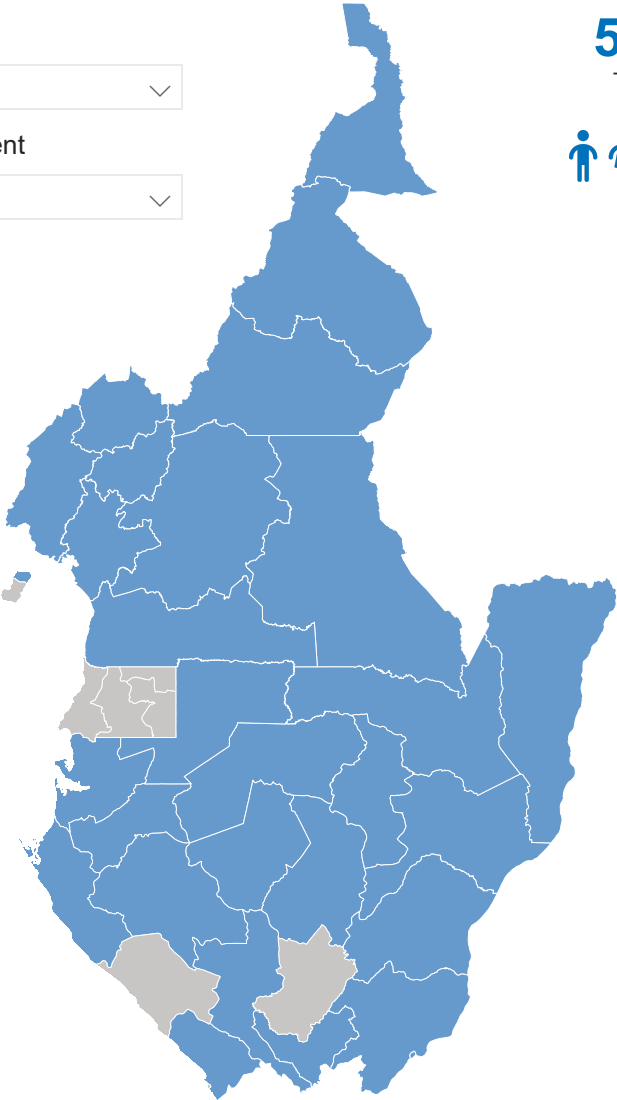


Region

All

Departement

All



505,847
Total Population

477,601
Refugees

28,246
Asylum Seeker

249,927
Children

235,258
Adults

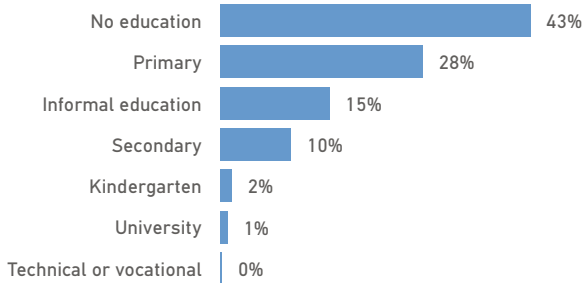
20,662
Elders

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years	06-11 Years	12-18 Years	Total
Est	10,785	32,387	33,584	76,756
Adamaoua	4,100	12,088	12,888	29,076
Nord	2,758	8,853	7,450	19,061
Centre	1,288	4,177	3,745	9,210
Littoral	616	2,455	2,688	5,759
Sud-Ouest	3	50	199	252
Nord-Ouest		15	36	51
Estuaire	1	6	13	20
Haut-Ogooue		4	8	12
Sud	3	5	3	11
Ouest		3		3
Ogooue-Maritime			2	2
Total	19,554	60,043	60,616	140,213

Country of Origin	Total
Central African Republic	323,338
Nigeria	127,206
Democratic Republic of the Congo	31,862
Niger	11,575
Chad	4,475
Rwanda	3,700
Sudan	1,174
Mali	997
Guinea	400
Burundi	176
Burkina Faso	135
Congo, Republic of the	121
Cameroon	99
Total	505,847

Education Level



Legal Status

☐ Asylum Seeker

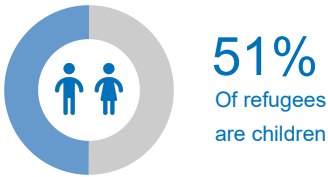
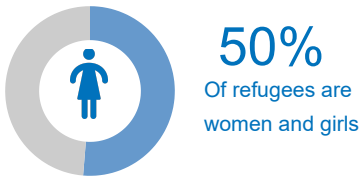
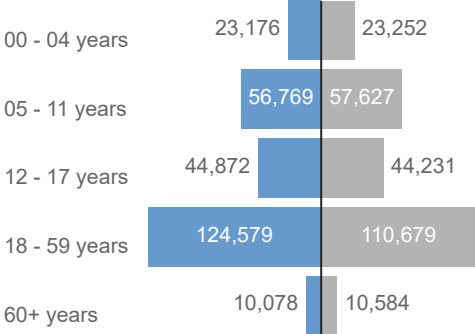
☐ Refugee

Region	00 - 04 years		05 - 11 years		12 - 17 years		18 - 59 years		60+ years	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Ogooue-Lolo									3	
Ogooue-Maritime							2	3	3	1
Ouest							4	79		1
Plateaux	397	373	1,314	1,220	1,040	1,059	2,526	2,306	298	227
Pointe-Noire	31	38	82	105	107	93	397	982	14	49
Pool	226	196	609	580	388	423	1,485	1,640	121	217
Sangha	22	17	52	58	34	42	223	296	7	25
Sud	4	1	3	4	1	1	22	109		14
Sud-Ouest	3	5	25	25	77	94	292	928	33	42
Woleu-Ntem								1		1
Total	683	633	2,087	1,993	1,647	1,714	4,952	6,347	474	577

Refugee population in the sites/camp

Sites / Camp	Female	Male
Minawao Camp	43,730	37,676
Gado Site	8,479	7,456
Mbile Site	4,877	4,519
Lolo Site	4,339	4,124
Site du 15 Avril	3,816	3,502
Borgop Site	3,610	3,087
Site de Bouemba	3,126	2,872
Timangolo Site	1,881	1,768
Ngam Site	1,580	1,340
Ngarisingo Site	552	556

Repartition par Tranche d'age et par Sexe



104,481

Personnes à Besoin Spécifiques	Female	Male	Total
Child at risk	16,084	12,744	28,828
Disability	5,525	6,114	11,639
Older person at risk	6,359	5,879	12,238
Serious medical condition	6,233	4,696	10,929
SGBV	2,240	112	2,352
Single parent	14,336	1,187	15,523
Torture	216	329	545
Unaccompanied or separated child	3,938	3,220	7,158
Woman at risk	15,259	10	15,269

Refugee data source: Government of Cameroon with the support of UNHCR ::

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UNHCR Cameroon supports refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country. This update provides detailed demographic, socio-economic, and educational data, as well as information on persons with specific needs, underscoring the complex and multifaceted nature of the refugee and IDP crisis in Cameroon. The monthly update highlights the demographic diversity, educational and occupational challenges, and specific needs of the displaced populations. The data emphasizes the importance of targeting interventions and creating support mechanisms to address the varied and pressing needs of these vulnerable groups. UNHCR works with the Cameroonian government and international organisations to provide necessary aid and ensure the well-being of these populations.

Population Overview:

Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Cameroon hosts **414,576** refugees and **20,058** asylum seekers.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): The country has **1,004,257** IDPs, with an additional **790,842** returnees.

Major Countries of Origin: Refugees primarily come from the Central African Republic **287,507** , Nigeria **127,199** , Chad **4,372** , and Niger **11,563**.

Demographic Distribution:

A significant portion of the refugees are women and children. Specifically, **52%** of the refugee population are women and girls, and **51%** are children.

Age Groups: Refugees are categorized into various age groups, with notable populations in the 0-4, 5-11, 12-17, 18-59, and 60+ age ranges.

Education Levels:

The educational attainment of refugees varies, with **46%** having no education, **27%** having primary education, and smaller percentages having informal, secondary, university, or technical/vocational education.

Occupations:

47% of refugees are engaged in various occupations such as homemakers, traders, drivers, pensioners, maneuvers, and breeders. **17%** are students, **14%** are unemployed, **9%** are farmers.

Ethnicity and Religion:

Ethnicity: The majority of ethnicities are Peulh **44%** , Kanuri **12%** .

Religion: The religious makeup includes **74%** Muslims, **24%** Christians, and **2%** others.



Persons with Specific Needs:

Categories: There are several categories of persons with specific needs including children at risk, women at risk, single parents, older persons, unaccompanied or separated children, and persons with disabilities.

Top concerns: The highest numbers are children at risk of not attending school **26,636** , individuals with vision disabilities **3,218** , and older persons with children **5,144** .

Legal and Marital Status:

Legal Status: Refugees and asylum seekers are categorized based on their arrival years, with significant influxes noted in 2014 and subsequent years. Marital Status: **68%** of the refugee population are single, followed by married individuals **25%**.

Regional distribution:

The distribution of refugees and IDPs across various regions in Cameroon shows significant numbers in different regions. The East region hosts the largest refugee population with **163,659** individuals. The Far-North has **122,629** refugees, while Adamaoua has **57,456**. The North region accommodates **37,414** refugees, and the Centre has **27,706**. The Littoral region has **23,680** refugees.

Challenges and Needs:

UNHCR MCO in Cameroon grapples with significant challenges in managing and supporting its large refugee and internally displaced populations. Due to increasing global crises, The East and Far-North host the largest number of and refugees (**163,659** and **122,629** respectively), straining host resources. At the same time, UNHCR is facing many challenges due to serious budget cuts. These populations include a high percentage of children and women, requiring specialized services such as education, healthcare, and protection. The diverse educational levels among refugees, ranging from no education to university, indicate a need for comprehensive educational programmes. Additionally, significant numbers of refugees are unemployed or engaged in low-income occupations, highlighting the necessity for vocational training and employment opportunities. The presence of vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied children, single parents, and individuals with disabilities, further underscores the urgent need for targeted humanitarian aid and robust social support systems to address their specific needs and ensure their well-being.

Central African

Nigeria

Other Refugees

Legal Status

Asylum Seeker

Refugee

Site/Camp

In Site/Camp

Out of Site/Camp



204,162

School age children

Region

Commune

Zone

Owning Office

Refugees by age group

All

All

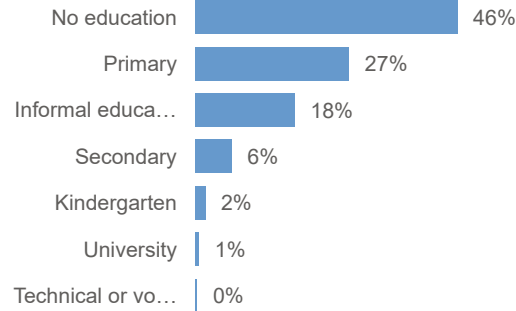
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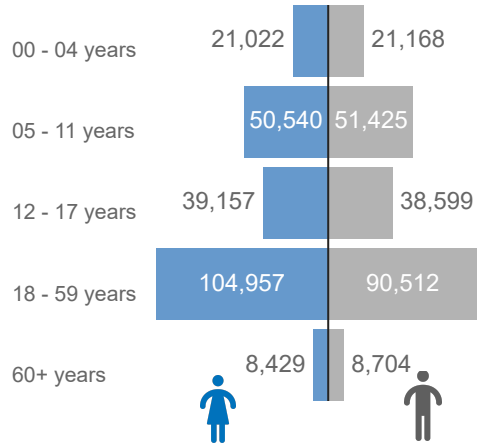
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Education Level

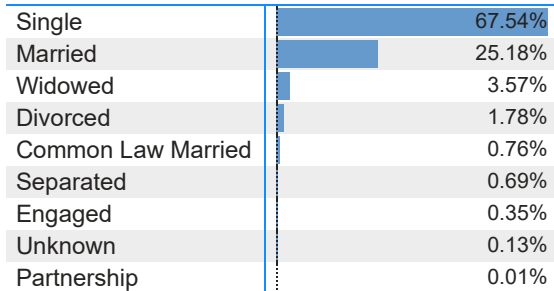


Population distribution (gender and age group)

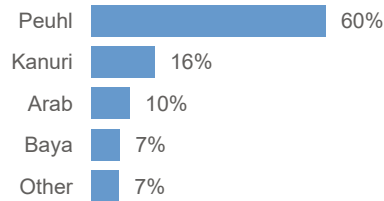


Marital Status

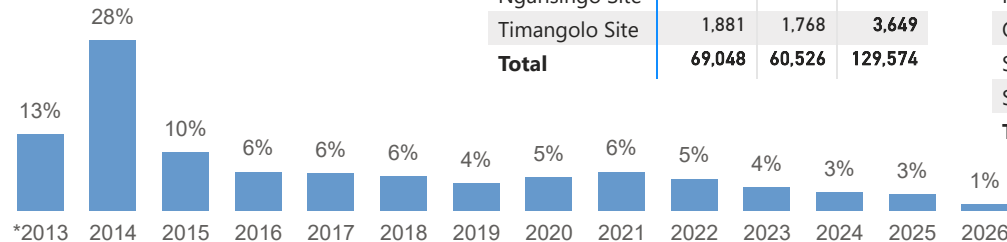
Percentage



Ethnicity



Year of arrival of refugees



Region	00 - 04 years		05 - 11 years		12 - 17 years		18 - 59 years		60+ years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Adamaoua	2,651	2,663	6,948	7,231	5,724	5,718	14,605	9,290	1,351	1,275	57,456
Centre	1,027	1,045	2,443	2,362	1,691	1,558	6,582	10,419	223	356	27,706
Est	7,854	7,906	18,517	19,265	14,935	14,853	42,278	31,461	3,211	3,379	163,659
Extreme-Nord	7,132	7,090	16,166	15,977	12,227	11,847	27,575	19,374	2,643	2,598	122,629
Littoral	478	529	1,344	1,435	1,075	1,169	4,116	13,035	155	344	23,680
Nord	1,873	1,926	5,087	5,115	3,416	3,338	9,420	5,748	801	690	37,414
Nord-Ouest			5	10	11	21	63	68	12	5	195
Ouest		3	2	1			4	79		1	90
Sud	4	1	3	4	1	1	22	109		14	159
Sud-Ouest	3	5	25	25	77	94	292	928	33	42	1,524
Total	21,022	21,168	50,540	51,425	39,157	38,599	104,957	90,511	8,429	8,704	434,512

Refugee population in the sites/camp

Site/Camp	Female	Male	Total
Borgop Site	3,610	3,087	6,697
Gado Site	8,479	7,456	15,935
Lolo Site	4,339	4,124	8,463
Mbile Site	4,877	4,519	9,396
Minawao Camp	43,730	37,676	81,406
Ngam Site	1,580	1,340	2,920
Ngarisingo Site	552	556	1,108
Timangolo Site	1,881	1,768	3,649
Total	69,048	60,526	129,574

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years		06-11 Years		12-18 Years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Adamaoua	2,008	2,092	5,927	6,161	6,474	6,414	29,076
Centre	646	642	2,115	2,062	1,930	1,815	9,210
Est	5,418	5,367	15,856	16,531	16,793	16,791	76,756
Extreme-Nord	4,607	4,524	13,907	13,729	13,828	13,388	63,983
Littoral	268	348	1,208	1,247	1,208	1,480	5,759
Nord	1,338	1,420	4,445	4,408	3,781	3,669	19,061
Nord-Ouest			5	10	13	23	51
Ouest			2	1			3
Sud		3	3	2	1	2	11
Sud-Ouest		3	25	25	91	108	252
Total	14,285	14,399	43,493	44,176	44,119	43,690	204,162

Central Afri...

Nigeria

Other Refu...

Owning Office

All

Region

Department

Commune

Zone

All

All

All

All

Areas of Responsibility

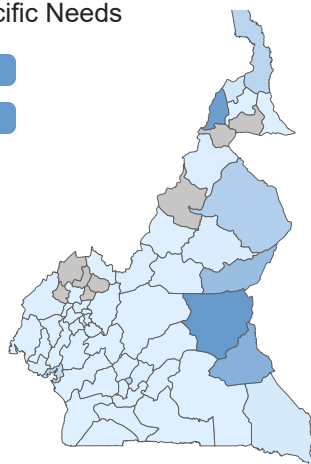
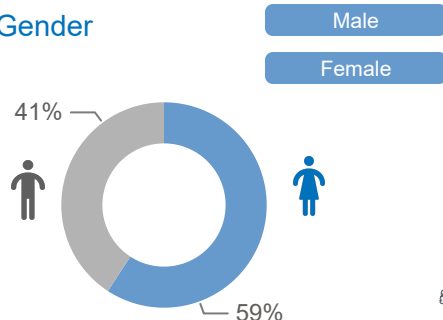
Child Protection

General Protection

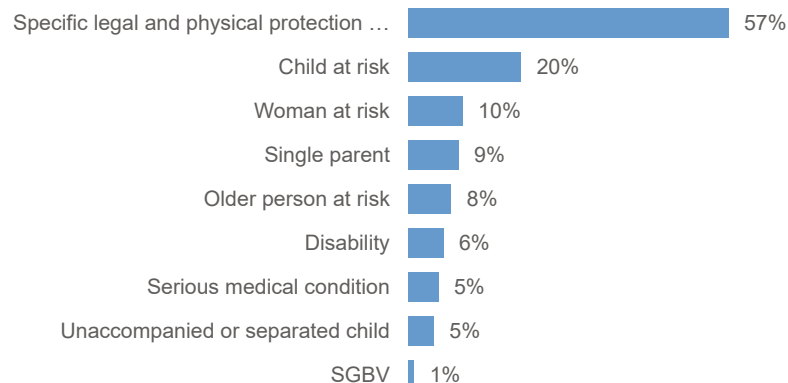
SGBV

135,574 Person with Specific Needs

Gender



Person with Specific Needs



27,221 Child at Risk

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Child at risk of not attending school	26,636
Child with special education needs	344
Child parent	71
Child spouse	68
Child engaged in other forms of child labour	37
Child carer	31
Child engaged in worst forms of child labour	18
Teenage pregnancy	15
Child associated with armed forces or groups	4
	2

7,277 Serious Medical Condition

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Other medical condition	4,469
Chronic illness	1,432
Difficult pregnancy	501
Malnutrition	328
Critical medical	285
Mental illness	175
Woman at risk	18
Addiction	14
Emotions and behavior	3
Vision	3

1,388 SGBV

SGBV	# Refugee
Threat of forced marriage	516
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	444
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	154
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of origin	116
Threat of honour killing/violence	48

8,481 Disability

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Vision	3,218
Hearing	1,396
Lower Body Mobility	1,344
Emotions and behavior	1,040
Communication	618
Upper Body Mobility	376
Remembering and concentrating	40
Self-Care	39
Physical disability - moderate	19
Mental disability - moderate	9

12,129 Single Parent

(Top 10) Single Parent	# Refugee
Single HR - parent	10,992
Single HR - caregiver	575
Single HR - grandparent	438
Woman at risk	13
Single woman at risk	9
Child parent	3
No legal documentation	2
Single older person	2
Child at risk of not attending school	1
Older person with children	1

181 Family Unity

Family Unity Sub-Category	# Refugee
Family reunification required	131
Tracing required	40

10,380 Older at Risk

Older Person at Risk	# Refugee
Older person with children	5,141
Older person unable to care for self	3,838
Single older person	1,629
No legal documentation	2
Woman at risk	2
Single HR - grandparent	1
Single HR - parent	1
Single woman at risk	1

6,196 Unaccompanied or separated child

(Top 6) Unaccompanied or separated child	# Refugee
Separated child	5,733
Unaccompanied child	388
Child headed household	24
Child in foster care	11
Child in institutional care	11
No legal documentation	5

13,114 Woman at Risk

(Top 4) Single Parent Sub-Category	# Refugee
Woman at risk	7,987
Single woman at risk	2,605
Lactating	2,200
Single HR - parent	10



CAMEROON OPERATION: SOCIO-ECONOMICS DATA OF REFUGEES

August 2026

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Central African

Nigeria

Other Refugees

Central African

Region

Zone

Owning Office

Male

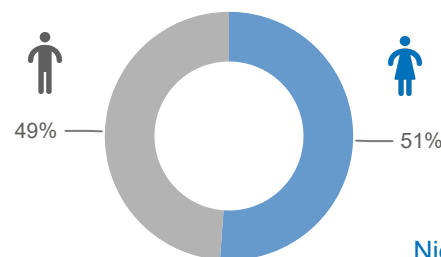
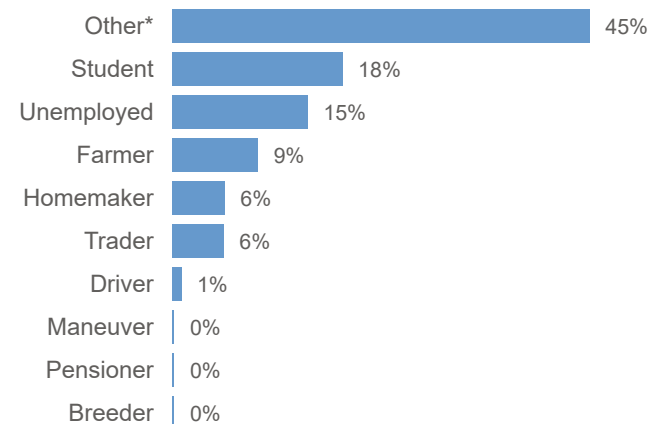
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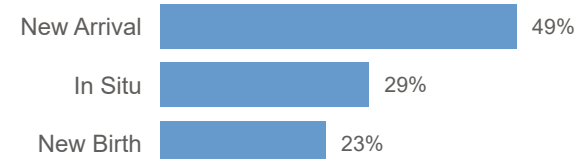
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Occupation

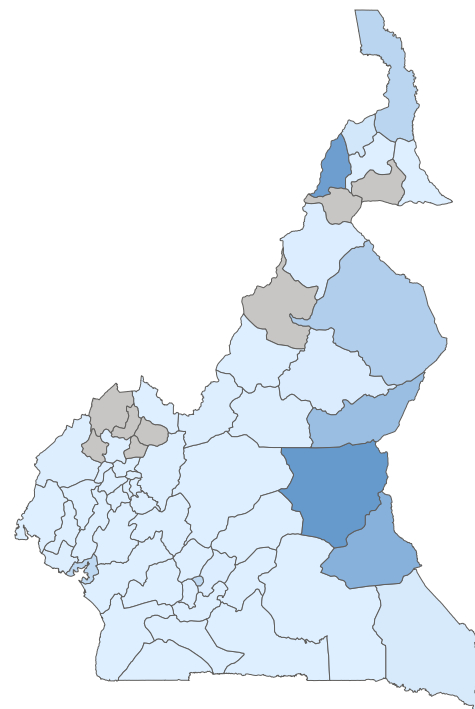
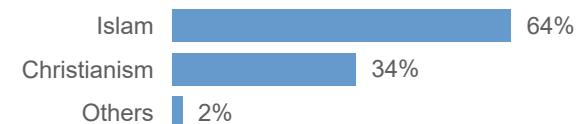


Nigeria

Registration Reason



Religion



Other Nationalities

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total	
Other*	18,120	9,780	58,664		9	5,698	5,841	98,112
Student	15,038	4,392	30,739		2	3,569	7,431	61,171
Unemployed	7,332	2,121	34,314		1	898	11,395	56,061
Farmer	8,689	871	13,997		1	341	6,775	30,674
Homemaker	4,087	1,227	15,294			1,024	1,716	23,348
Trader	2,836	1,352	8,281		1	1,108	1,365	14,943
Driver	426	243	2,163		1	441	233	3,507
Maneuver	11	25	52			7	2	97
Pensioner	12	3	52			3	2	72
Breeder	25		11				28	64

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	295	295	8	93,686	55	1,131	95,470
Student	188	37		10,911	6	448	11,590
Farmer	26	6		7,925	3	755	8,715
Homemaker	51	11	2	4,552	2	102	4,720
Trader	34	112	2	2,507	25	10	2,690
Unemployed	171	86	1	2,360	11		2,629
Driver	6	6		512	3		527
Pensioner	2			24			26
Maneuver				11			11
Breeder				9			9

Occupations	Adamaoua	Centre	Est	Extreme-Nord	Littoral	Nord	Total
Other*	56	3,467	44	51	5,180	45	8,843
Trader	4	1,199	12	9	2,735	4	3,963
Unemployed	31	1,070	18	21	1,170	85	2,395
Student	24	1,350	11	30	494	23	1,932
Farmer	2	176	11		829	13	1,031
Homemaker	15	360	5	6	162	15	563
Driver		96	1	5	129	2	233
Maneuver	1	9			70	2	82
Pensioner		1					1