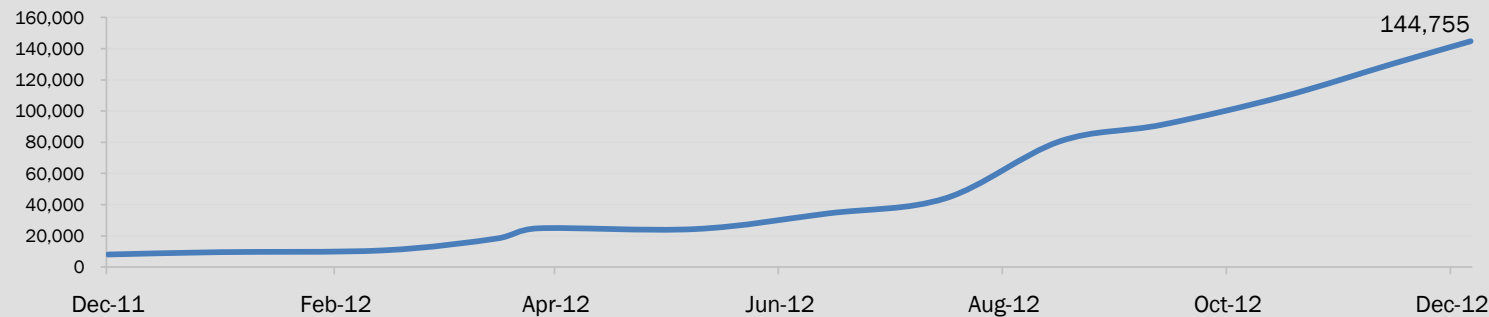
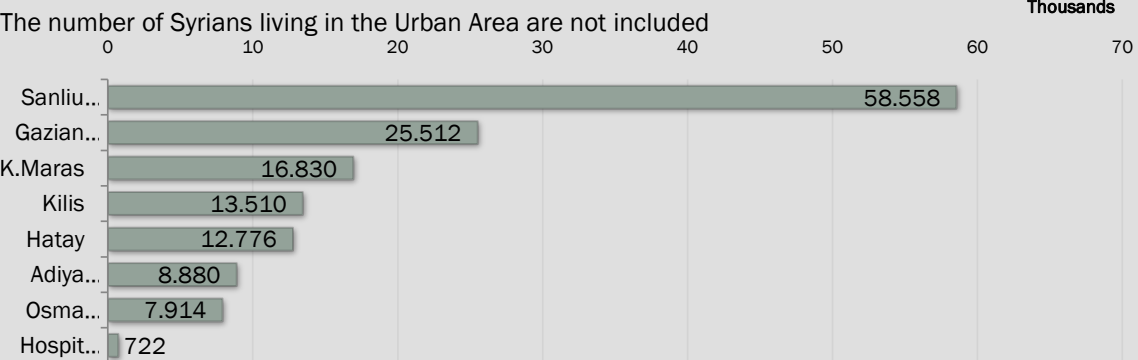




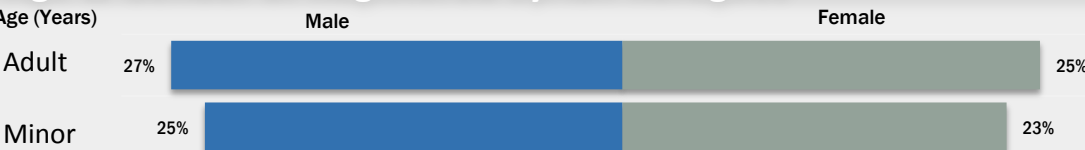
Official Population in Camps in Turkey	144,755
Total Number of Arrivals since April 2011	280,000
Unofficial Estimated Number in the Camps	150,000
Estimated Number of Syrians Living in Urban Areas	60-70,000



Number of Syrians by Province



Age & Gender of Registered Syrian Refugees



Highlights

- Government Agency - AFAD (Disaster & Emergency Management Presidency) reported that the total number of Syrians accommodated in 14 camps, in seven provinces increased to **144,755** persons including those undertaking medical treatment in hospitals and their companions (722 persons) on 21 December 2012. This is about **11% increase** since end of November 2012.
- Reportedly during the reporting period 3,013 new arrivals were admitted from the borders and 928 Syrians returned to Syria voluntarily. It was reported by the Regional representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the number of Syrians across the borders of Hatay and Kilis is estimated to be 25,000 however, according to information gathered it appears that a growing community of internally displaced persons is emerging in Syria near to the border, some of whom are receiving services from various international NGOs. While not all such persons indicate they wish to cross into Turkey, the option to seek international protection must be present and UNHCR continues to lobby with all neighbouring states that the borders stay open. While many do cross into Turkey and the numbers have consistently grown both in and outside the camps, it remains important that all those in need of protection can find access to it.
- The shortage of capacity continues to be a major challenge in the existing operational camps. As of end of reporting period, there are 15% more Syrians are registered in 14 camps than its capacity. According to the official statistics of the two camps (Akçakale and Ceylanpinar) in Şanlıurfa province, about 16,000 people are living with their relatives in the nearby villages on permission from the camp officials, after being registered in the camp.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR staff continued to be present in the camps, while observing the volrep interviews, UNHCR Field Teams also provided technical support to the Government officials in the camps on various protection related issues, registration and camp management. UNHCR Turkey will continue to provide support to the Government officials in winterization of the camps as well as the kitchen sets and cooking sets for the expansion of WFP food card system in other camps.



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