UNHCR Representation in South Sudan

Population Overview

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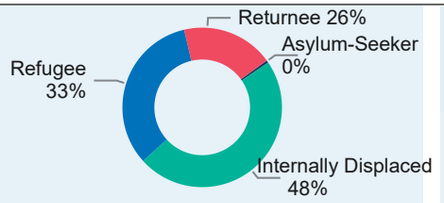
3.4M
Total Population



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438.2K
Registered (proGres)

REFUGEES
432.5K
#individuals

99.3K
#households

ASYLUM-SEEKERS
5.6K
#individuals

4.1K
#households

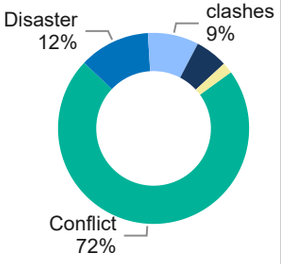
BIOMETRICS
279.1K
Enrolled

4.1K
Enrolled

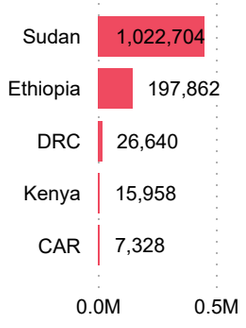
36% | 62%

Camp Rural Urban

2M
IDPs(IOM)



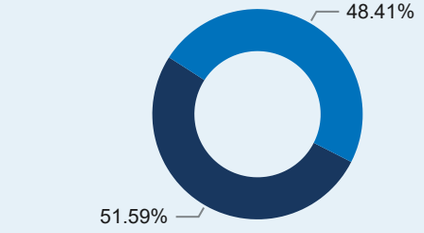
1,271K
Returnees
(by Country of Asylum)



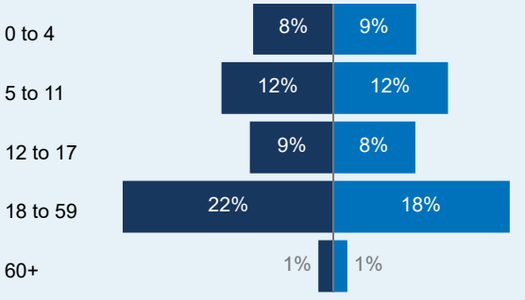
REFUGEES AND ASYLUM-SEEKERS

Registered by sex

Female Male



Registered by age cohort and sex



Registration Summary

From the 438,162 refugees and asylum-seekers registered in South Sudan as of February 2024, the Sudanese including those fleeing conflict in Sudan since April 2023 comprises the majority of the population (93%). Smaller numbers have been registered from the Democratic Republic of Congo (3%), Ethiopia, (1.5%) Central African Republic (0.6%), and Eritrea.
Upper Nile and Unity states shoulder the brunt of this burden, hosting 88 percent of refugees in South Sudan.

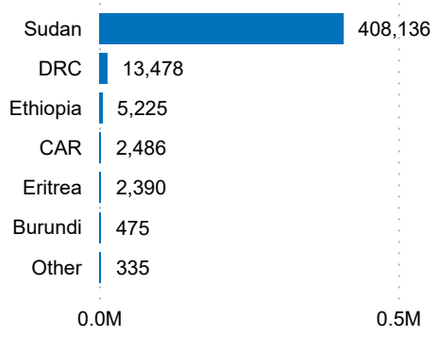
Population Summary

By February 2024, over 438,162 refugees and asylum-seekers have sought protection in South Sudan. Most have arrived from neighboring countries such as Sudan, Ethiopia, and the DRC, with the recent influx from Sudan in April 2023 pushing the displaced population in South Sudan to 3.7 million.

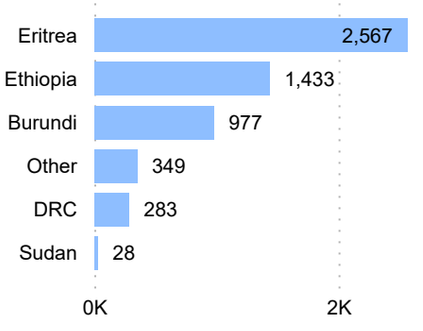
This total also includes approximately 2 million internally displaced persons and 1,210,940 returnees. Women and children are among the most vulnerable, comprising 79 percent of those forcibly displaced.

The Government of South Sudan has generously maintained an open-door policy, allowing access to territory and granting prima facie recognition to those fleeing the conflict in Sudan.

Refugees by Country of Origin



Asylum-seekers by Country of Origin



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Population by Asylum Address

Asylum Location

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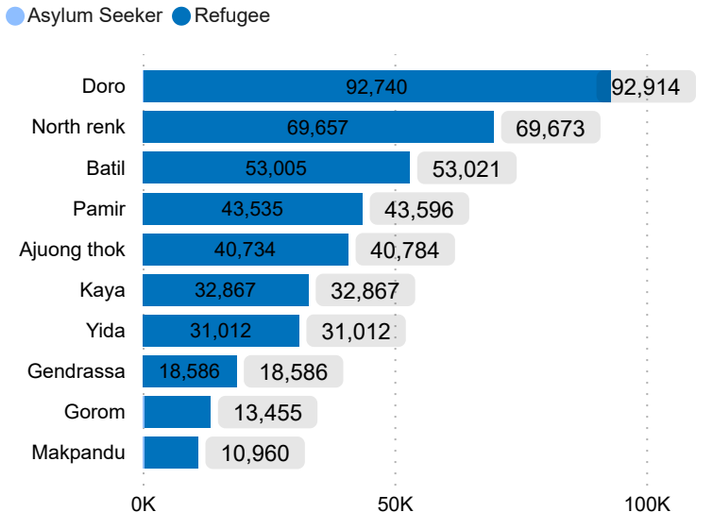
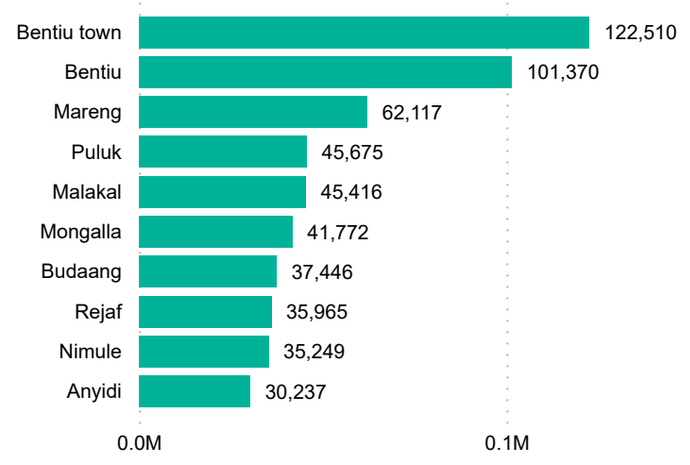
Refugee and Asylum-seekers by location



IDPs Locations

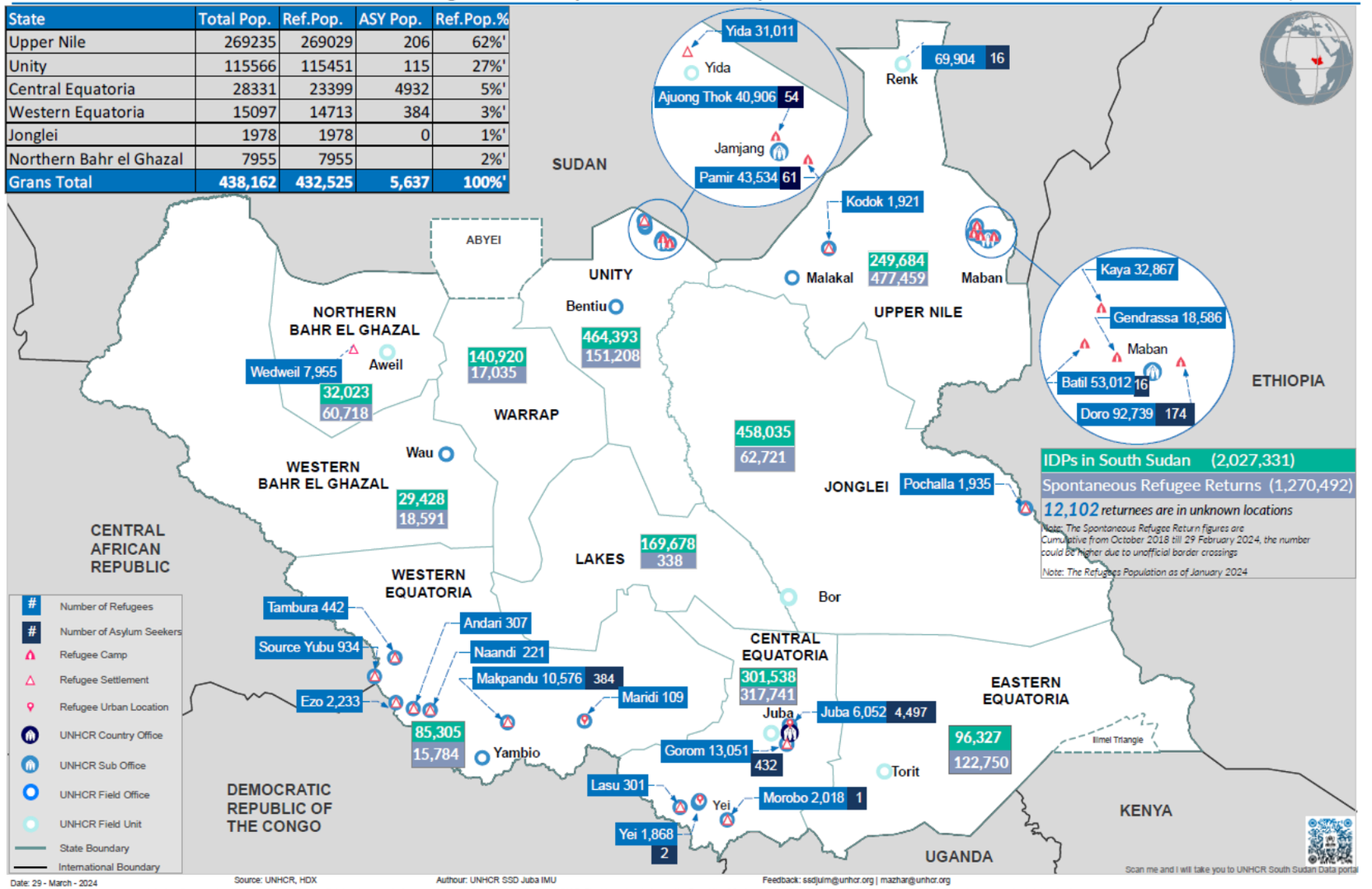


Refugee and Asylum-Seeker Population in South Sudan

South Sudan

29 February 2023

State	Total Pop.	Ref.Pop.	ASY Pop.	Ref.Pop.%
Upper Nile	269235	269029	206	62%'
Unity	115566	115451	115	27%'
Central Equatoria	28331	23399	4932	5%'
Western Equatoria	15097	14713	384	3%'
Jonglei	1978	1978	0	1%'
Northern Bahr el Ghazal	7955	7955		2%'
Grans Total	438,162	432,525	5,637	100%'



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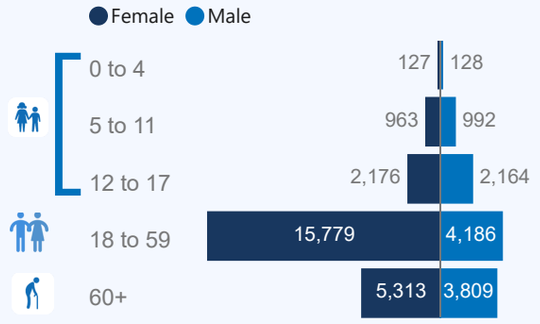
Socioeconomic profile

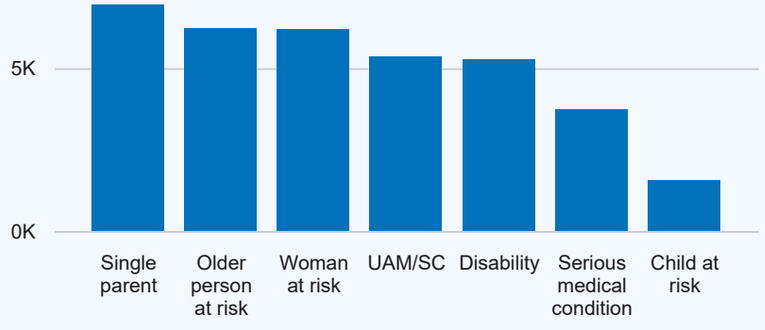
Office: All

Registration Year/Month: 2/2024

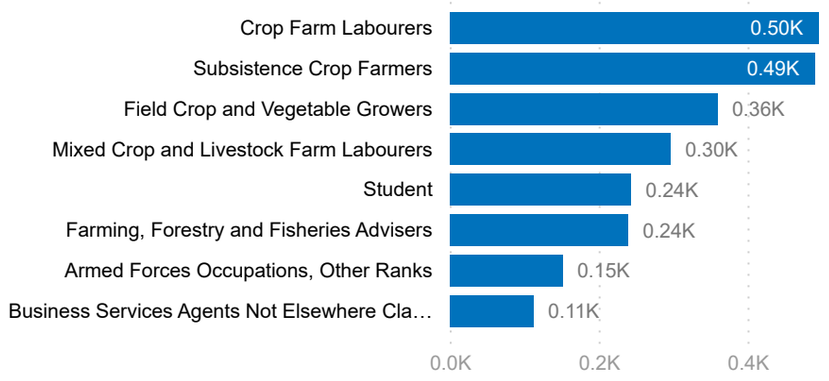
Persons with specific needs by age and sex



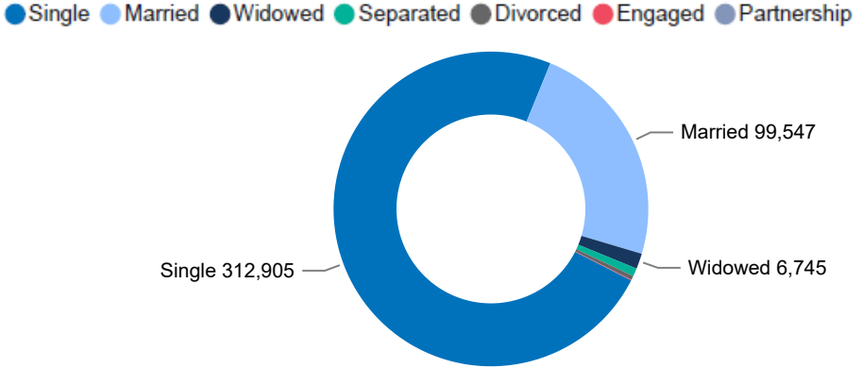
Breakdown of specific needs (Top 7)



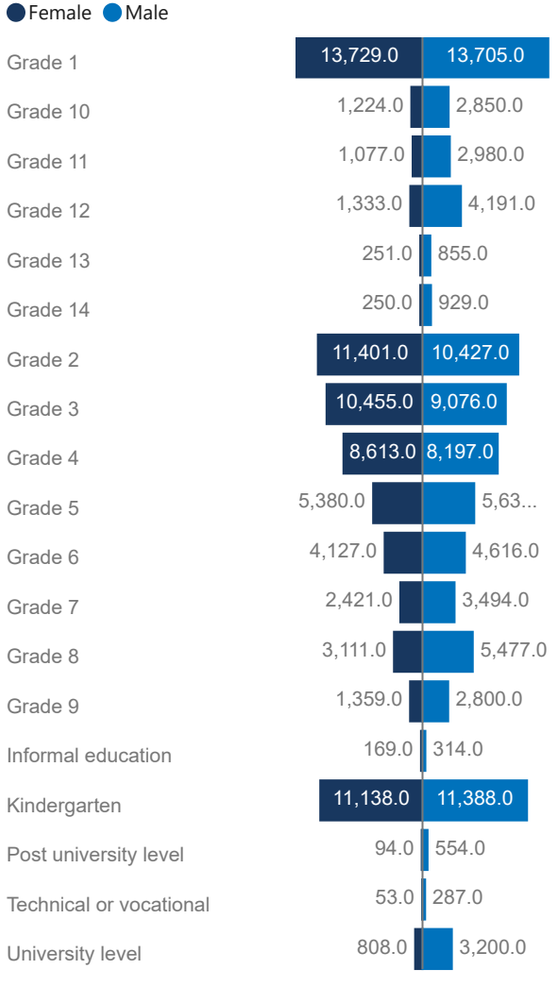
Professional skills (Top 8)



Marital status



Highest Education Level Achieved



Socioeconomic Summary

Based on the 438,162 refugees and asylum-seekers registered, women outnumber men, most holding secondary education yet struggling to find work beyond subsistent farming and field labor. Young adults stand as the majority, grappling with the challenges of unemployment and single parenthood. This glimpse of their socio-economic profile hints at their resilience, with every statistic bearing witness to a life uprooted, yearning for the stability of formal employment and a secure future

** Marital status and work experience is only applicable to registered individuals above 18 years.*

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