UNHCR Representation in South Sudan

Population Overview of Refugee and Asylum-seeker

Registration Summary

As of 28th February 2025, South Sudan hosts a total of 548,036 refugees (Ref.) and asylum-seekers (Asy.) across 138,766 households, including 544,437 registered refugees in 136,120 households and 3,599 asylum-seekers in 2,646 households. These populations are spread across 29 locations throughout the country.

The majority of refugees are Sudanese, constituting 95% (516,959 individuals) of the total refugee population. Other notable refugee groups include those from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (3%), Ethiopia (0.1%), the Central African Republic (0.1%), Eritrea (0.1%), and other nationalities.

Women and children account for a significant proportion of the refugee population, with 51% female and 77% women and children combined. Notably, 55% of refugees are children aged 0–17 years, while 42% fall within the 18–59 age group.

Geographically, Upper Nile and Unity States host the majority of refugees, accommodating 85% of the total refugee population.

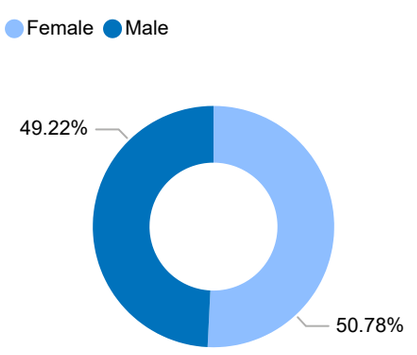
Key Figures: Total Refugee + Asylum-Seekers individuals and Total Refugee + Asylum-Seekers Household

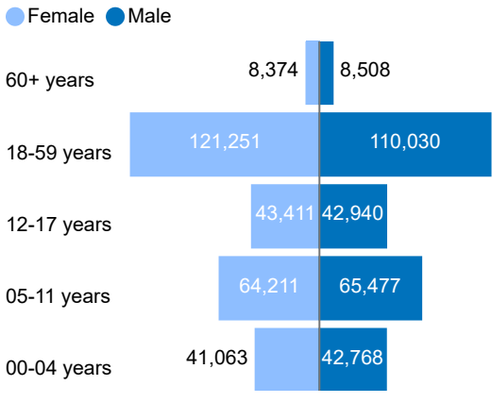
548,036
Total Ref. & Asy. Indv

138,766
Total Ref. & Asy. HH

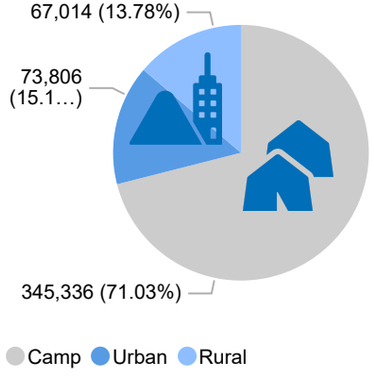
358,643
Total Enrollment (5 yrs Above)

Demographic Profile by Sex and Gender breakdown

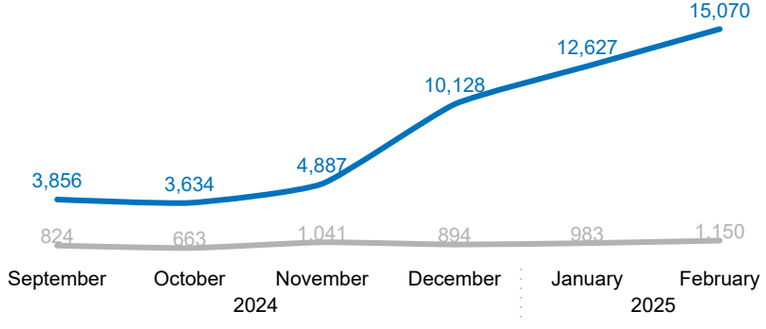




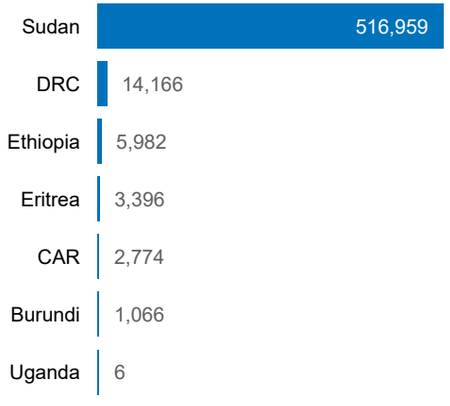
Population per Camp/Settlement

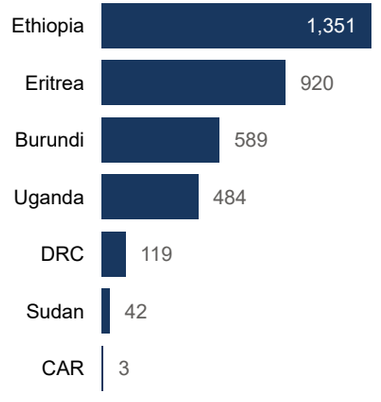


New Registration Trend in the Last Six month



Top (7) Refugee and Asylum-seeker Countries of Origin





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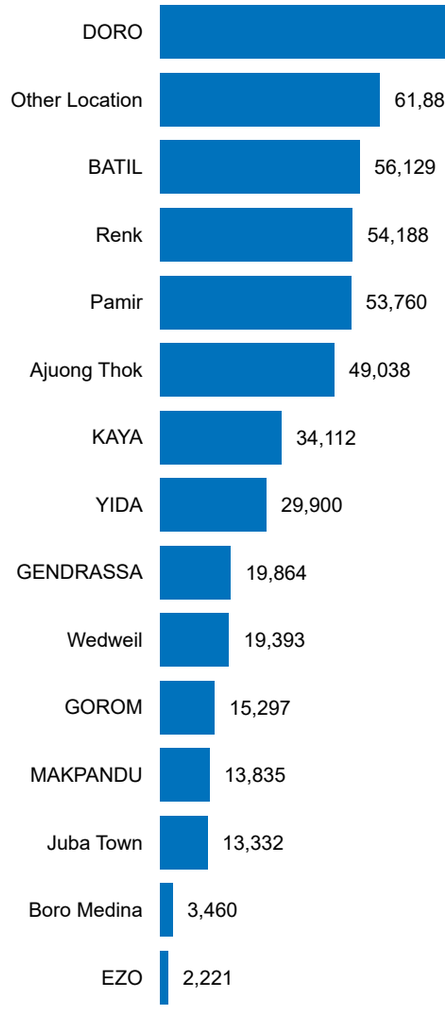
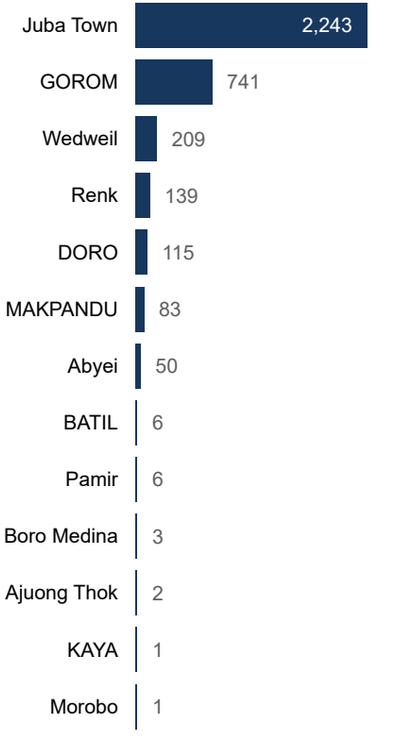
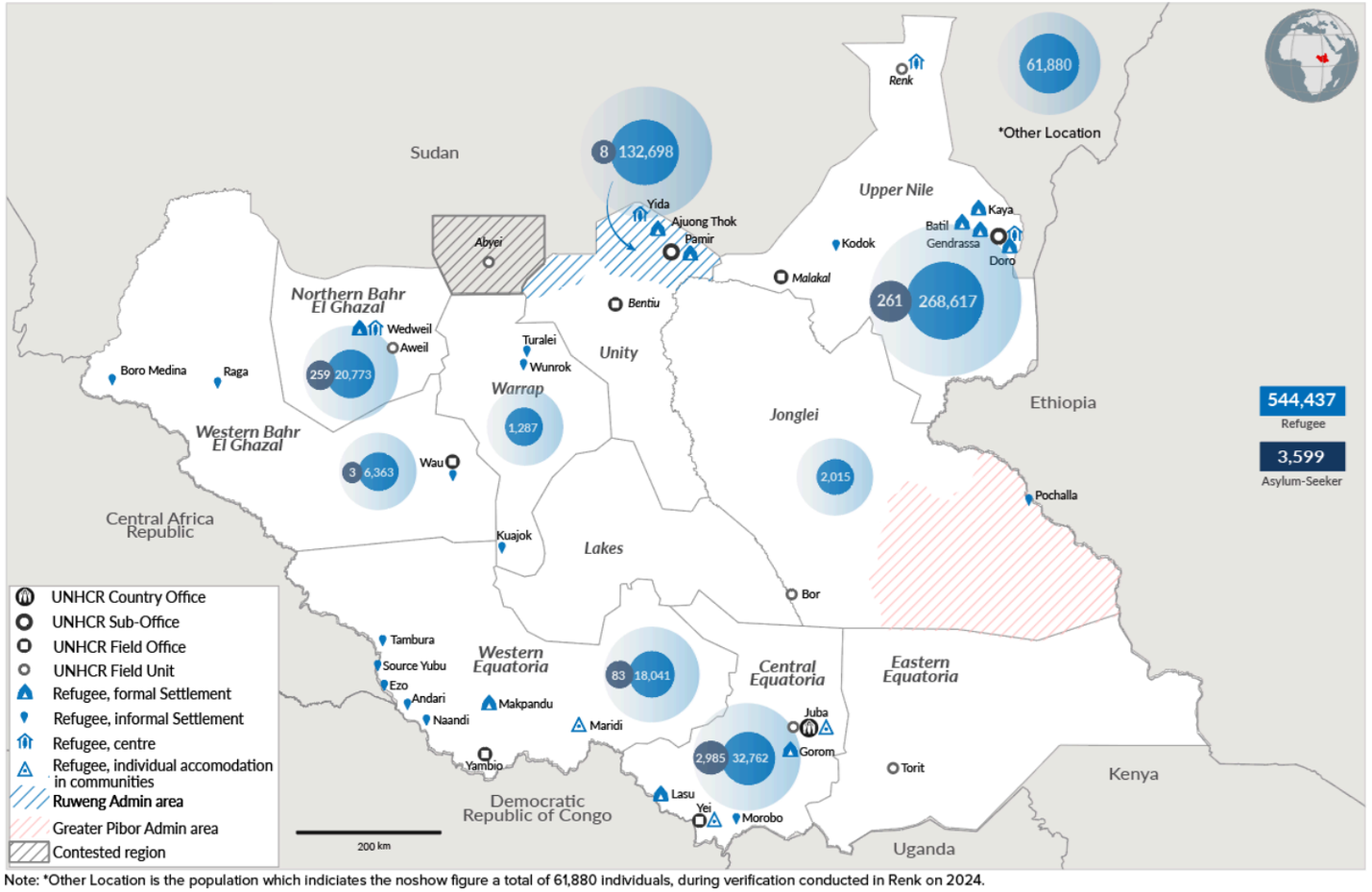
Top (15) Refugee per Location



Asylum-seeker per Location



Map of South Sudan Showing Population of Refugee and Asylum-seeker



Note: *Other Location is the population which indiciates the noshow figure a total of 61,880 individuals, during verification conducted in Renk on 2024.

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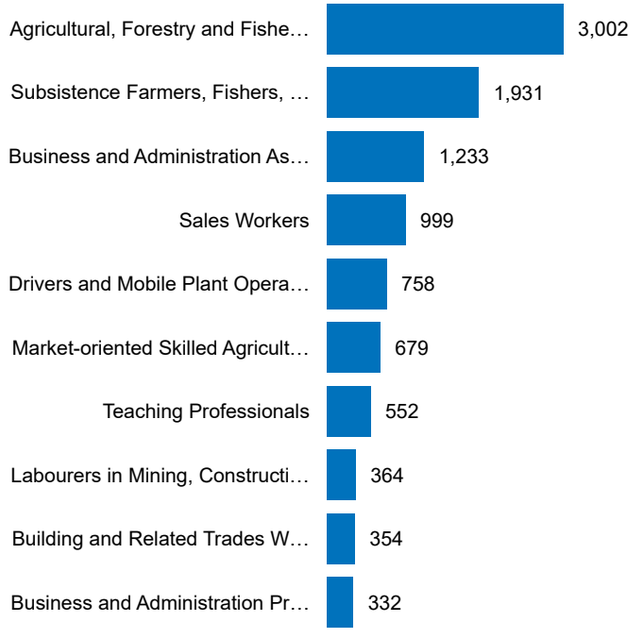
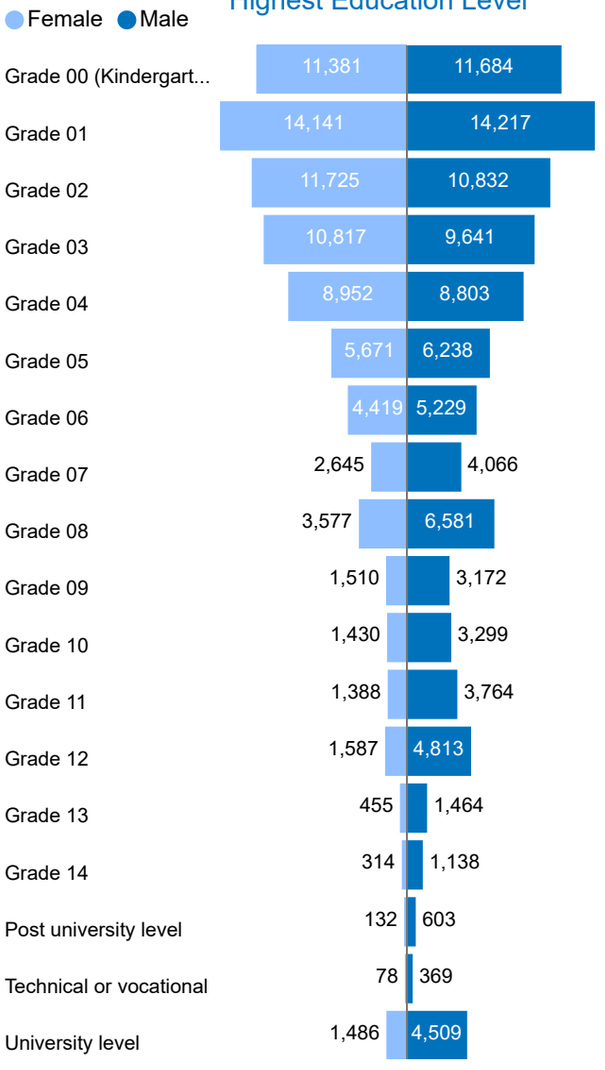
Socioeconomic Summary

Based on the 548,036 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

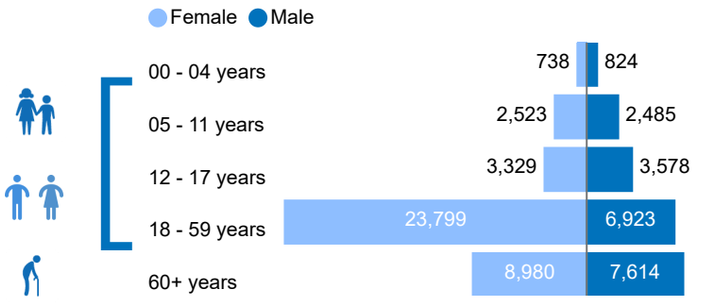
Top (10) Professional Skills



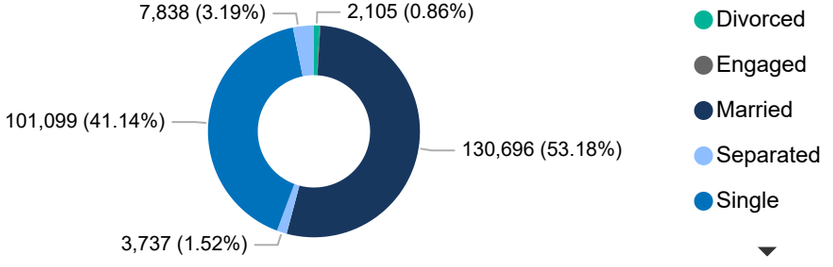
Highest Education Level



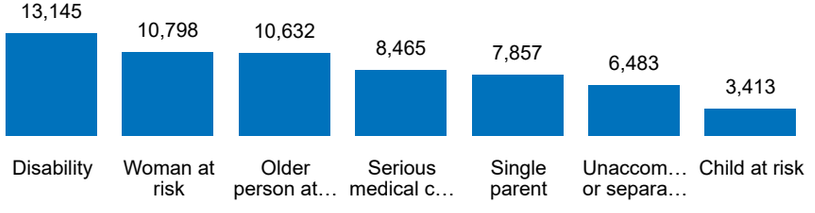
PSN by Age and Gender breakdown



Marital Status



Top (7) Breakdown of Specific Needs



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