UNHCR South Sudan
Population Overview of Refugees and Asylum-seekers
(As of 30 Nov 2025)

Key Figures:

601,491
Total Individuals

160,057
Total Ref. & Asy. HH New

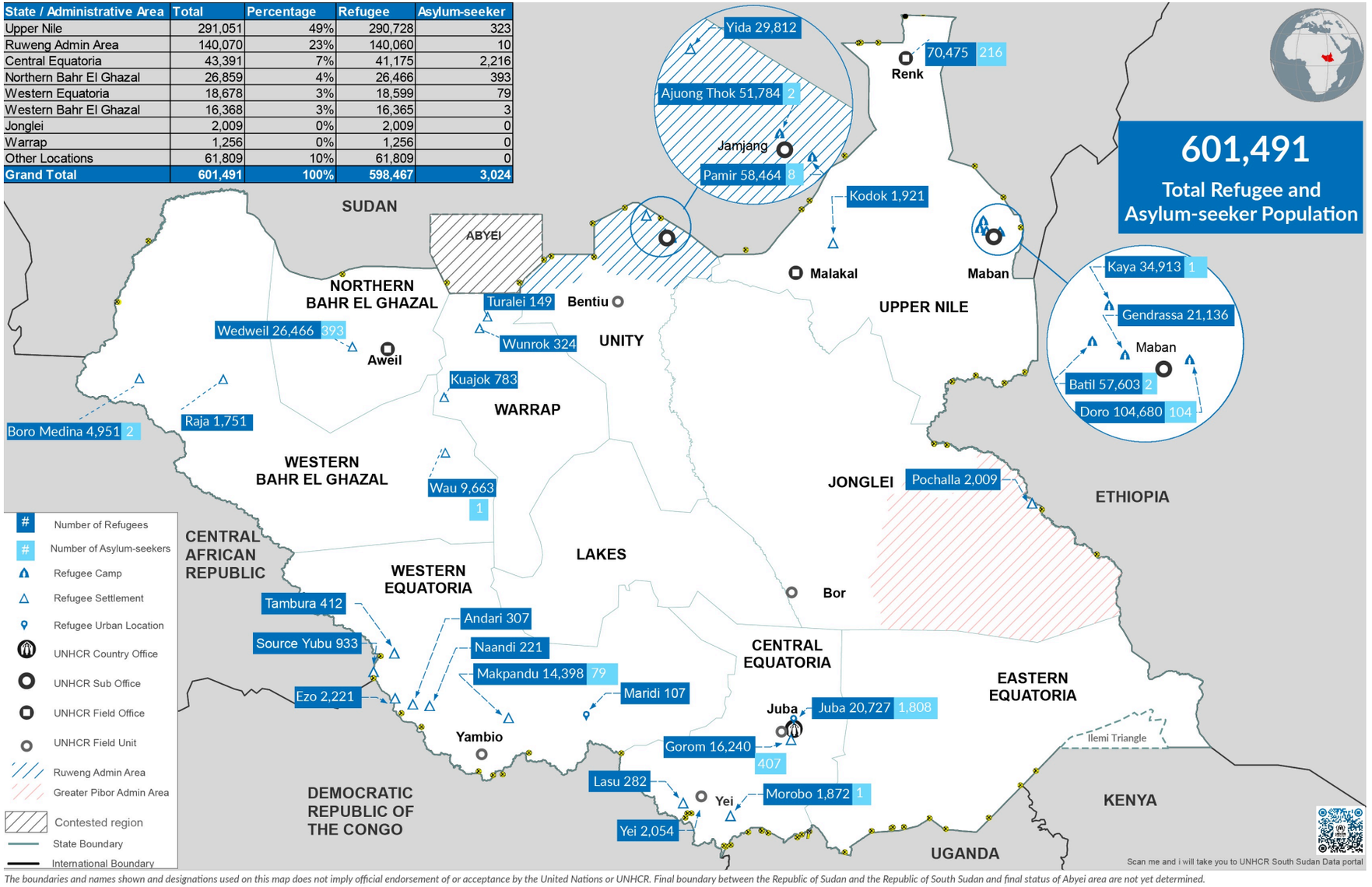
411,932
Total Biometric Enrollment (5 years +)

As of the end of November 2025, South Sudan hosts 601,491 refugees and asylum-seekers across 160,057 households, settled in 29 locations nationwide. This includes 598,467 registered refugees and 3,024 asylum-seekers. The vast majority: 95% (567,801 individuals), are Sudanese refugees, followed by 14,615 (2%) from the Democratic Republic of Congo, 6,566 from Ethiopia, 5,049 from Eritrea, 2,870 from Central African Republic, and 1,566 from other nationalities.

In response to the ongoing conflict in Sudan, the Government of South Sudan continues to grant prima facie refugee status to those fleeing the country. Among the refugees, 50% are female, and 78% are women and children combined. The asylum-seeker population is smaller and has a distinct demographic profile. Eritreans with (34%) while Ethiopians with (38%) form the largest groups, followed by Burundians with (10%), Ugandans and Congolese.

The latest data is available on the South Sudan emergency response portal.

State / Administrative Area	Total	Percentage	Refugee	Asylum-seeker
Upper Nile	291,051	49%	290,728	323
Ruweng Admin Area	140,070	23%	140,060	10
Central Equatoria	43,391	7%	41,175	2,216
Northern Bahr El Ghazal	26,859	4%	26,466	393
Western Equatoria	18,678	3%	18,599	79
Western Bahr El Ghazal	16,368	3%	16,365	3
Jonglei	2,009	0%	2,009	0
Warrap	1,256	0%	1,256	0
Other Locations	61,809	10%	61,809	0
Grand Total	**601,491**	**100%**	**598,467**	**3,024**



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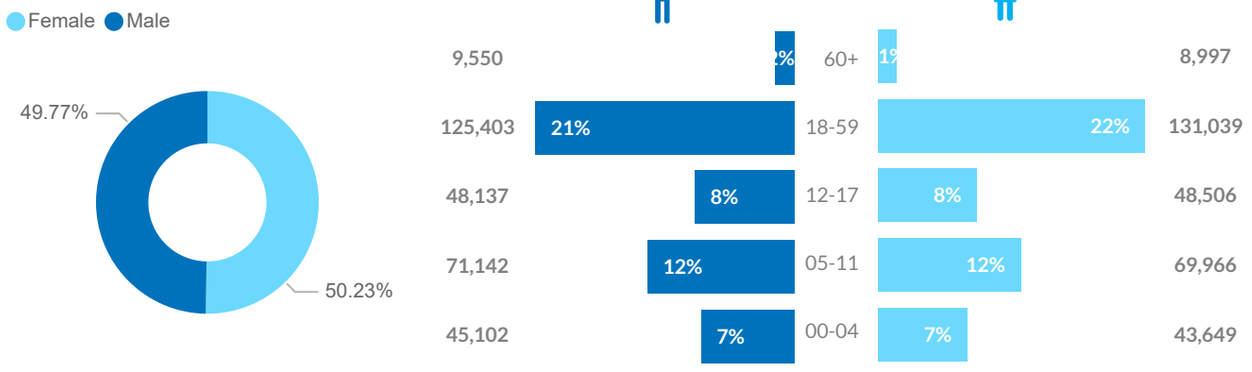
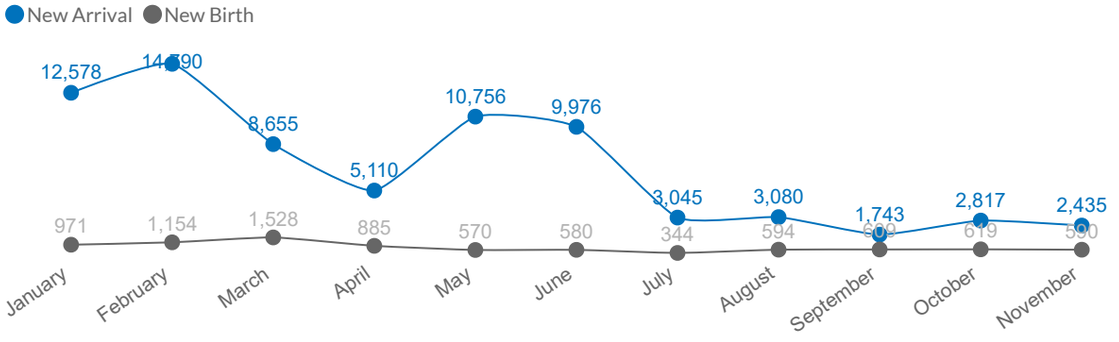
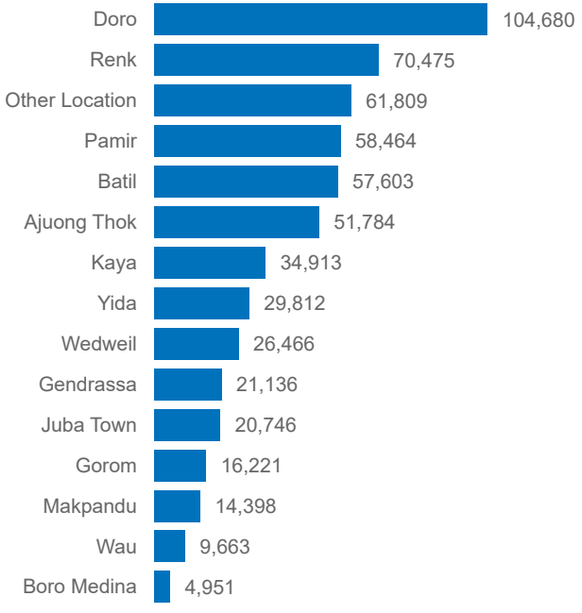
Population Demographics



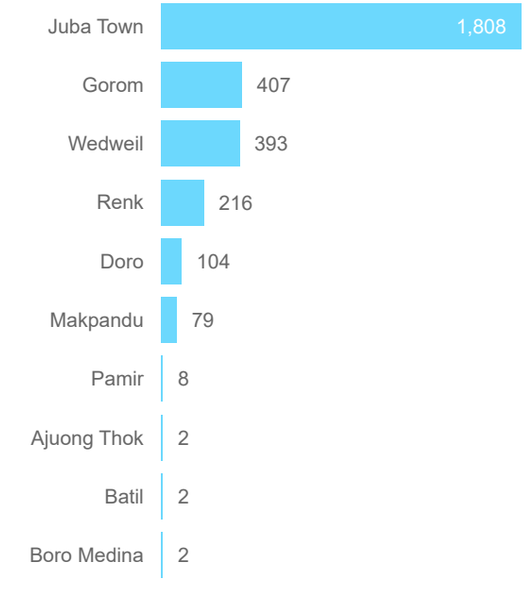
New Registration Trend for the year 2025



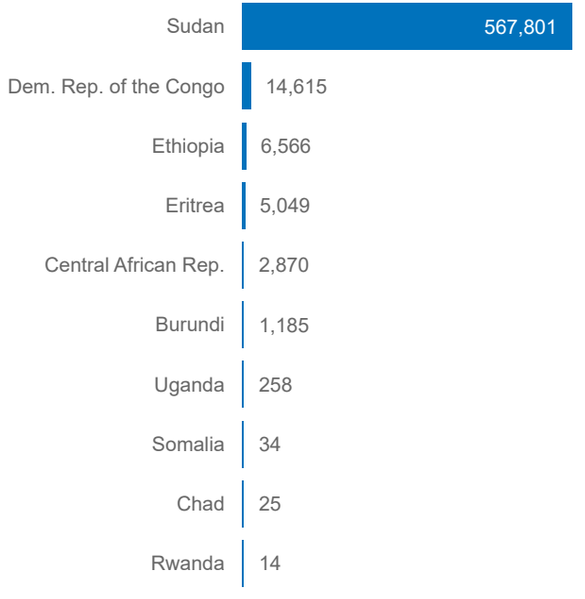
Top (15) Refugees per Location



Top (10) Asylum-seekers per Location



Top (10) Refugees by Country of Origin



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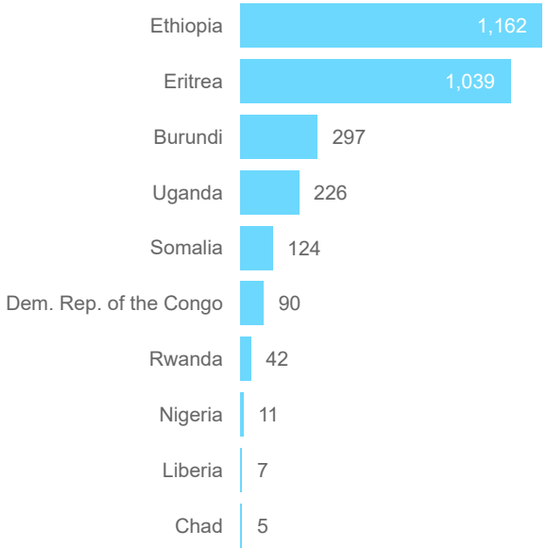

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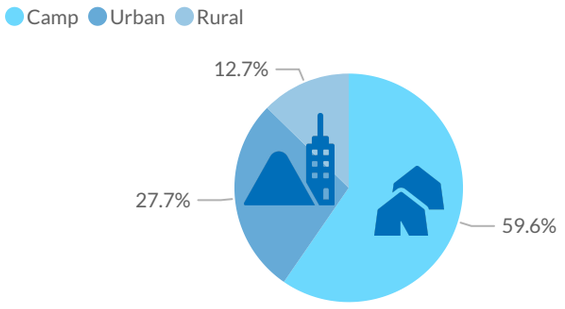
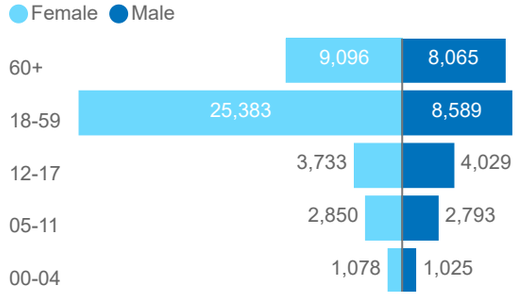
Socio-economic background

Based on the 601,491 refugees and asylum-seekers registered, men outnumber women, 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.

Population per Location Type



Specific Need by Age and Gender Breakdown



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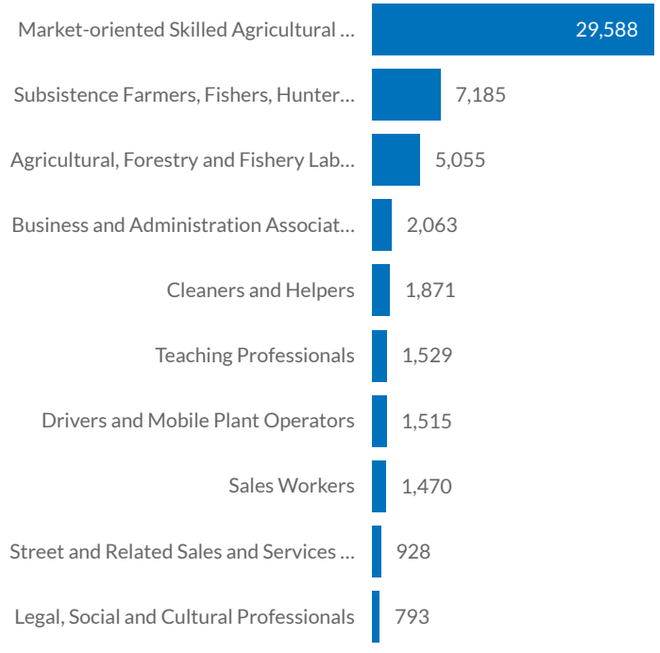

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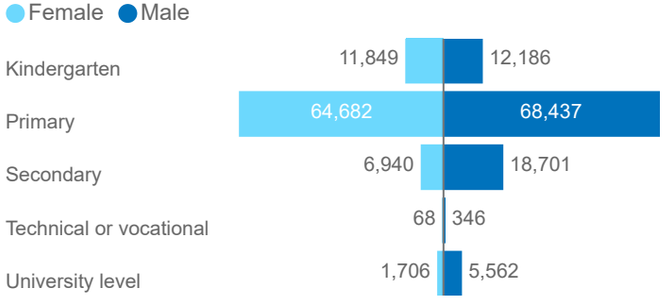
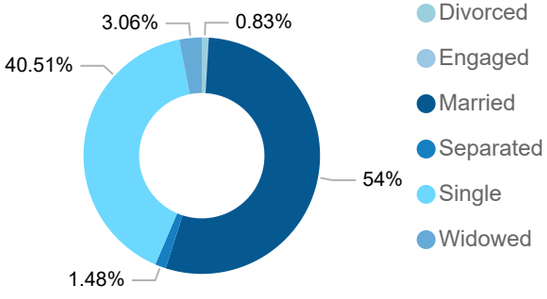
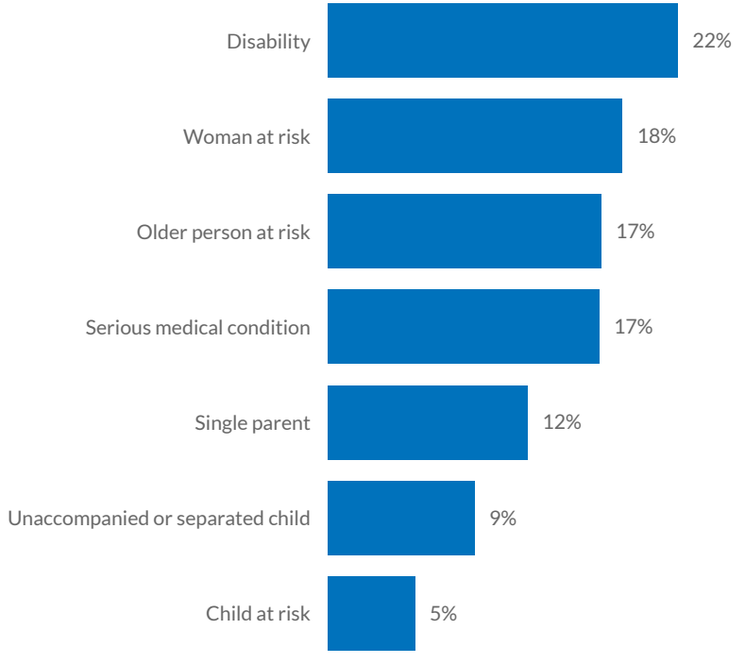


Marital Status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