



Refugee Council of Australia

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SLOW PACE OF RESETTLEMENT LEAVES WORLD'S REFUGEES WITHOUT ANSWERS

Australia and the world's wealthiest nations have failed to deliver on promises to increase resettlement for the world's neediest refugees, new figures from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have highlighted.

With the total number of refugees reaching 21.3 million and forced displacement exceeding 65 million, just 107,000 refugees were given the chance to resettle in 2015 – equivalent to just 0.5% of the global refugee population.

Refugee Council of Australia CEO Paul Power said, "Despite the Australian Government's pledge in September to add 12,000 additional places to the number of Syrian and Iraqi refugees resettled, UNHCR's figures show that Australia, in fact, helped fewer refugees in 2015 than the previous year,"

"The 9,399 refugees Australia resettled last year represented a decrease of 2,171 places on the previous year.

"Even within the very limited pool of resettlement places available, Australia has fallen behind on a per capita resettlement basis. In 2015, our nation's efforts were surpassed by Canada, Norway and even Liechtenstein.

"For the 99.5% of refugees who were not given the chance to resettle in 2015, Turkey, Pakistan and Lebanon remained the most generous hosts of refugees. Each of these nations are hosting more than one million refugees each, with Turkey alone hosting 2.54 million.

"In 2015, the global refugee population increased by 2.34 million, with the civil war in Syria alone being responsible for half of this increase. Large numbers of refugees also fled Burundi, South Sudan, Ukraine and Central African Republic."

Mr Power said he hoped the dire nature of the new UNHCR figures might provide a wake-up call to Australia's political leaders.

"For too long, our nation has focused on promoting detention and deterrence, wasting billions of dollars on keeping a small number of people in cruel conditions to discourage other persecuted people from seeking our help," he said.

"Tragically, the global situation has become much worse. Now, more than ever, we need leaders prepared to work together for better answers for displaced people, addressing critical issues such as refugees' lack of access to legal protection or the right to work, the constant fear of arrest and detention and exclusion from education and essential health services.

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“There is no better time than Refugee Week to reflect on how Australia can make a strategic difference, through increased resettlement, constructive diplomacy, improved conditions in countries of asylum and working to build peace in countries from which refugees have fled.”

Key points from UNHCR 2015 Global Trends statistics:

- Granting of refugee status: Of the 2.34 million people given refugee status in 2015, only 0.1% (2,377 people) were given refugee status in Australia.
- Refugee resettlement: Australia fell from first to fourth per capita for the resettlement of refugees from their country of asylum, being passed by Canada, Norway and Liechtenstein. Only 9,399 refugees were resettled by Australia in 2015, 2,171 fewer than the previous year. Globally, 107,051 refugees were resettled in 2015, just 0.5% of the world’s refugees. The largest number was resettled to the United States (66,517 people, 62% of the global total).
- Recognition of refugee status and resettlement: Of the 2.45 million refugees who had their status recognised or were resettled in 2015, just 0.48% were assisted by Australia (11,776 people). By this measure, the truest indicator a nation’s performance during the year, Australia was ranked 25th overall, 32nd per capita and 47th relative to total national Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- Refugees recognised or resettled over the past decade: Looking at the same indicator over the past decade (2006 to 2015), Australia assisted 0.99% of the 14.1 million people given refugee status or resettlement. By this measure, Australia was ranked 26th overall, 31st per capita and 46th relative to total national GDP.
- Applications for asylum: In 2015, 4.91 million applied for asylum around the world, with 16,117 (0.33%) in Australia. Of these global applications, 3.1 million were individual applications with the remaining 1.8 million people applying under the temporary protection and group recognition processes which apply in mass influxes of refugees. As the year ended, 3.22 million asylum applications remained pending, 20,677 (0.64%) of them in Australia.
- Global refugee population: At the end of 2015, there were 16.1 million refugees under UNHCR’s mandate and another 5.2 million Palestinian refugees under the mandate of the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) – bringing the global total of refugees to 21.3 million. The total number of forcibly displaced people totalled 65.3 million, including 40.8 million internally displaced within the borders of their own country and 3.2 million still seeking asylum.
- Most generous host countries: The countries with the largest refugee populations (under UNHCR’s mandate) at the end of 2015 were Turkey (2.54 million), Pakistan (1.56 million), Lebanon (1.07 million), Iran (979,437) and Ethiopia (736,086). The 506 refugees in Nauru (total population 10,000) make it third per capita for hosting refugees, behind Lebanon and Jordan and just ahead of Turkey and Chad. The biggest increase in refugee population was in Turkey, where 961,955 people were given refugee status.
- Refugees hosted by Australia: UNHCR’s statistics record Australia as hosting 36,917 refugees (0.23% of the global total). However, this figure is less reliable as a guide to Australia’s contribution, as it does not include refugees resettled by Australia.
- Main source countries for refugees: The five main source countries for refugees under UNHCR’s mandate as at 31 December 2015 were Syria (4.87 million), Afghanistan (2.67 million), Somalia (1.12 million), South Sudan (778,697) and Sudan (628,770). The source countries which were responsible for the largest increases in refugee populations in 2015 were Syria, Burundi, South Sudan, Ukraine and Central African Republic.

UNHCR Global Trends 2015 – How Australia compares with the world

	Global total	Australian total	Australia's share	Overall rank	Per capita	To total GDP
Asylum seekers recognised as refugees, 2015	2,340,518	2,377	0.10%	43	51	71
Refugees resettled from other countries, 2015	107,051	9,399	8.78%	3	4	2
Refugees recognised, registered or resettled, 2015	2,447,569	11,776	0.48%	25	32	47

Refugees recognised, registered or resettled, 2006-15	14,129,593	139,398	0.99%	26	31	46
Asylum applications received in 2015	4,908,117	16,117	0.33%	35	45	61
Asylum applications pending, 31 December 2015	3,219,941	20,677	0.64%	25	34	55
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	16,121,427	36,917	0.23%	46	63	81

People recognised as refugees, 2015

Country of asylum	Group recognition	Granted temporary protection	Individual recognition	Total recognised as refugees	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	-	946,790	15,165	961,955	1	12.230	1	605.536	10
Russian Federation	-	149,550	112	149,662	2	1.042	20	40.226	27
Germany	-	-	143,548	143,548	3	1.780	15	37.390	29
Tanzania	123,387	-	195	123,582	4	2.310	9	892.289	7
Uganda	53,947	-	31,982	85,929	5	2.202	11	1,075.861	4
Sudan	79,183	-	4,570	83,753	6	2.083	12	501.876	11
Ethiopia	74,566	-	127	74,693	7	0.752	26	462.438	12
Rwanda	72,844	-	51	72,895	8	6.280	5	3,569.785	1
Cameroon	65,472	-	6,005	71,477	9	3.062	8	983.719	6
Dem. Rep. of Congo	62,362	-	337	62,699	10	0.812	24	997.280	5
Lebanon	407	45,291	11,020	56,718	11	9.694	2	682.774	8
Jordan	23	39,402	13,322	52,747	12	6.946	4	637.657	9
Niger	6,886	38,321	18	45,225	13	2.274	10	2,375.263	2
Sweden	-	-	33,207	33,207	14	3.395	7	70.089	22
Italy	-	-	29,614	29,614	15	0.494	28	13.606	39
France	-	-	26,828	26,828	16	0.416	31	10.125	45
United States	-	-	23,361	23,361	17	0.073	57	1.304	80
Kenya	15,807	-	5,817	21,624	18	0.470	30	152.432	17
United Kingdom	-	-	17,168	17,168	19	0.265	37	6.397	54
Austria	-	-	16,891	16,891	20	1.976	13	41.875	25
Netherlands	-	-	16,000	16,000	21	0.880	22	16.700	38
Switzerland	-	-	12,934	12,934	22	1.559	18	26.787	32
Egypt	-	5,897	6,895	12,792	23	0.140	43	12.198	41
Belgium	-	-	11,062	11,062	24	0.980	21	22.490	34
South Sudan	10,530	-	37	10,567	25	0.856	23	445.865	13
Denmark	-	-	10,203	10,203	26	1.800	14	39.519	28
Canada	-	-	9,171	9,171	27	0.255	38	5.613	55
Malaysia	-	-	8,505	8,505	28	0.280	35	10.407	44
Congo, Republic of	8,032	-	75	8,107	29	1.755	16	275.936	15
Djibouti	-	-	6,482	6,482	30	7.300	3	2,097.735	3
Norway	-	-	6,390	6,390	31	1.226	19	18.009	37
Greece	-	-	5,872	5,872	32	0.183	42	2.354	66
Bulgaria	-	-	5,597	5,597	33	0.784	25	40.735	26
Somalia	5,153	-	174	5,327	34	0.494	29		
Chad	2,999	-	1,090	4,089	35	0.291	33	134.242	18
Malawi	-	-	3,357	3,357	36	0.194	41	163.756	16
Morocco	-	2,989	304	3,293	37	0.093	52	11.621	43
Burundi	-	-	3,226	3,226	38	0.288	34	417.876	14
India	-	-	2,663	2,663	39	0.002	126	0.327	110
South Africa	-	-	2,617	2,617	40	0.037	70	2.200	68
Pakistan	-	-	2,496	2,496	41	0.013	88	2.680	64
Indonesia	-	-	2,416	2,416	42	0.008	107	0.735	90
Australia	-	-	2,377	2,377	43	0.099	51	2.095	71
Burkina Faso	2,147	-	127	2,274	44	0.126	45	73.712	21
Zambia	-	-	2,047	2,047	45	0.126	46	32.627	31
Cyprus	-	-	1,941	1,941	46	1.665	17	68.321	23
Malta	-	-	1,563	1,563	47	3.730	6	100.192	19
Syria	257	-	1,247	1,504	48	0.081	55		
Finland	-	-	1,502	1,502	49	0.273	36	6.666	53
Mauritania	752	-	491	1,243	50	0.306	32	76.351	20
Other countries (102)	613	234	18,478	19,325					
Total	585,367	1,228,474	526,677	2,340,518					

Refugees resettled 2015, ranked per capita

Country of resettlement	Resettlement arrivals	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Canada	20,010	2	0.557	1	12.25	1
Norway	2,383	4	0.457	2	6.72	3
Liechtenstein	18	19	0.409	3		
Australia	9,399	3	0.392	4	8.28	2
United States	66,517	1	0.207	5	3.71	7
Sweden	1,902	5	0.194	6	4.01	6
Finland	1,007	7	0.183	7	4.47	5
New Zealand	808	8	0.181	8	5.42	4
Denmark	592	11	0.104	9	2.29	8
Austria	758	9	0.089	10	1.88	9
Luxembourg	46	16	0.081	11	0.61	13
Switzerland	641	10	0.077	12	1.33	10
Iceland	14	20	0.042	13		
Ireland	176	14	0.038	14	0.68	12
United Kingdom	1,864	6	0.029	15	0.69	11
Belgium	276	13	0.024	16	0.56	14
Germany	481	12	0.006	17	0.13	15
Italy	96	15	0.002	18	0.04	17
Belarus	14	20	0.001	20	0.08	16
South Korea	22	17	0.001	19	0.01	18
Japan	19	18	-	21	0.00	19
Cambodia	5	22				
Philippines	3	23				
Total	107,051					

Refugees recognised or resettled, 2015

Country of asylum or resettlement	Refugees recognised, 2015	Rank	Refugees resettled, 2015	Rank	Refugee recognition and resettlement	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	961,955	1			961,955	1	12.230	1	605.54	10
Russian Federation	149,662	2			149,662	2	1.042	20	40.23	28
Germany	143,548	3	481	12	144,029	3	1.786	15	37.52	29
Tanzania	123,582	4			123,582	4	2.310	9	892.29	7
United States	23,361	17	66,517	1	89,878	5	0.280	40	5.02	60
Uganda	85,929	5			85,929	6	2.202	11	1,075.86	4
Sudan	83,753	6			83,753	7	2.083	12	501.88	11
Ethiopia	74,693	7			74,693	8	0.752	27	462.44	12
Rwanda	72,895	8			72,895	9	6.280	5	3,569.78	1
Cameroon	71,477	9			71,477	10	3.062	8	983.72	6
Dem. Rep. of Congo	62,699	10			62,699	11	0.812	24	997.28	5
Lebanon	56,718	11			56,718	12	9.694	2	682.77	8
Jordan	52,747	12			52,747	13	6.946	4	637.66	9
Niger	45,225	13			45,225	14	2.274	10	2,375.26	2
Sweden	33,207	14	1,902	5	35,109	15	3.589	7	74.10	21
Italy	29,614	15	96	15	29,710	16	0.496	30	13.65	40
Canada	9,171	27	20,010	2	29,181	17	0.812	25	17.86	38
France	26,828	16			26,828	18	0.416	35	10.13	48
Kenya	21,624	18			21,624	19	0.470	33	152.43	17
United Kingdom	17,168	19	1,864	6	19,032	20	0.294	37	7.09	54
Austria	16,891	20	758	9	17,649	21	2.065	13	43.75	25
Netherlands	16,000	21			16,000	22	0.880	22	16.70	39
Switzerland	12,934	22	641	10	13,575	23	1.636	19	28.11	32
Egypt	12,792	23			12,792	24	0.140	48	12.20	42
Australia	2,377	43	9,399	3	11,776	25	0.491	32	10.38	47
Belgium	11,062	24	276	13	11,338	26	1.005	21	23.05	35
Denmark	10,203	26	592	11	10,795	27	1.904	14	41.81	26
South Sudan	10,567	25			10,567	28	0.856	23	445.86	13
Norway	6,390	31	2,383	4	8,773	29	1.684	17	24.72	34
Malaysia	8,505	28			8,505	30	0.280	41	10.41	46
Congo, Republic of	8,107	29			8,107	31	1.755	16	275.94	15
Djibouti	6,482	30			6,482	32	7.300	3	2,097.73	3
Greece	5,872	32			5,872	33	0.183	46	2.35	70
Bulgaria	5,597	33			5,597	34	0.784	26	40.74	27
Somalia	5,327	34			5,327	35	0.494	31		
Chad	4,089	35			4,089	36	0.291	38	134.24	18
Malawi	3,357	36			3,357	37	0.194	45	163.76	16
Morocco	3,293	37			3,293	38	0.093	55	11.62	44
Burundi	3,226	38			3,226	39	0.288	39	417.88	14
India	2,663	39			2,663	40	0.002	126	0.33	110
South Africa	2,617	40			2,617	41	0.037	71	2.20	72
Finland	1,502	49	1,007	7	2,509	42	0.456	34	11.13	45
Pakistan	2,496	41			2,496	43	0.013	88	2.68	68
Indonesia	2,416	42			2,416	44	0.008	107	0.74	90
Burkina Faso	2,274	44			2,274	45	0.126	49	73.71	22
Zambia	2,047	45			2,047	46	0.126	50	32.63	31
Cyprus	1,941	46			1,941	47	1.665	18	68.32	23
Malta	1,563	47			1,563	48	3.730	6	100.19	19
Syria	1,504	48			1,504	49	0.081	57		
Mauritania	1,243	50			1,243	50	0.306	36	76.35	20
Other countries (102)	19,325		1,125		20,450					
Total	2,340,518		107,051		2,447,569					

Refugees recognised or resettled over the past decade (2006 to 2015)

Country of asylum or resettlement	Recognised and resettled, 2006-15	Rank	Per 1000 popn	Rank	Per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	2,839,082	1	36.095	5	1,787.16	23
Lebanon	1,313,665	2	224.520	1	15,813.95	2
Jordan	1,024,606	3	134.923	2	12,386.44	3
United States	842,214	4	2.620	47	47.00	66
Ethiopia	720,857	5	7.257	26	4,462.96	16
Kenya	574,800	6	12.484	16	4,051.88	17
Uganda	465,415	7	11.928	17	5,827.16	10
Russian Federation	408,531	8	2.845	46	109.81	49
Sudan	367,794	9	9.146	23	2,203.94	21
Cameroon	332,297	10	14.233	12	4,573.31	15
Afghanistan	297,916	11	9.161	22	4,781.19	14
Iraq	294,276	12	8.075	24	540.55	28
Germany	272,811	13	3.383	43	71.06	56
Syria	262,881	14	14.194	13		
Liberia	230,228	15	51.150	3	61,558.29	1
South Sudan	229,221	16	18.572	11	9,671.77	4
Canada	220,536	17	6.135	29	134.99	43
Yemen	200,635	18	7.479	25	2,657.07	19
Egypt	193,767	19	2.115	52	184.77	39
Sweden	188,863	20	19.307	10	398.63	29
Chad	179,597	21	12.796	15	5,896.16	9
Tunisia	155,083	22	13.993	14	1,262.58	25
Malaysia	152,599	23	5.024	35	186.72	36
Congo	145,060	24	31.398	6	4,937.37	13
Dem. Rep. of Congo	142,956	25	1.851	56	2,273.83	20
Australia	139,398	26	5.815	31	122.86	46
France	128,497	27	1.995	53	48.50	65
Tanzania	127,595	28	2.385	49	921.26	26
Niger	125,439	29	6.306	28	6,588.18	7
United Kingdom	117,637	30	1.816	57	43.83	67
Italy	116,939	31	1.952	54	53.73	62
Rwanda	109,340	32	9.420	20	5,354.55	12
Netherlands	93,164	33	5.125	34	97.24	52
Mauritania	89,308	34	21.959	9	5,485.75	11
Switzerland	89,296	35	10.764	19	184.94	38
India	73,728	36	0.055	119	9.04	88
South Africa	62,857	37	0.899	59	52.85	63
Austria	62,011	38	7.256	27	153.73	41
Norway	61,508	39	11.803	18	173.34	40
Burkina Faso	57,912	40	3.201	44	1,877.21	22
Belgium	52,366	41	4.642	37	106.46	51
Burundi	50,572	42	4.521	39	6,550.78	8
Ecuador	48,260	43	2.990	45	263.26	32
Israel	37,134	44	4.601	38	131.45	44
Thailand	33,543	45	0.493	67	30.22	74
Denmark	30,971	46	5.463	33	119.96	48
Central African Rep.	28,439	47	5.819	30	9,448.17	5
Djibouti	27,334	48	30.782	7	8,845.95	6
Libya	25,388	49	4.038	41	273.40	31
Finland	19,985	50	3.634	42	88.69	55
Other countries (125)	265,282					
Total	14,129,593					

Refugees and asylum seeker populations by country of asylum, 31 December 2015

Country of asylum	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total	Rank	Total per 1000 popn	Rank	Total per \$b GDP	Rank	Asylum seekers	Rank
Turkey	2,541,352	-	2,541,352	1	32.3	4	1,599.7	24	212,408	4
Pakistan	1,561,162	-	1,561,162	2	8.3	21	1,676.1	23	6,442	44
Lebanon	1,070,854	-	1,070,854	3	183.0	1	12,891.0	1	12,139	31
Iran	979,437	-	979,437	4	12.4	13	714.3	29	42	133
Ethiopia	736,086	-	736,086	5	7.4	27	4,557.2	14	2,131	63
Jordan	664,118	-	664,118	6	87.5	2	8,028.5	5	24,935	22
Kenya	553,912	-	553,912	7	12.0	15	3,904.6	16	39,969	11
Uganda	477,187	-	477,187	8	12.2	14	5,974.5	11	35,779	15
Dem. Rep. of Congo	383,095	-	383,095	9	5.0	32	6,093.4	10	983	72
Chad	369,540	-	369,540	10	26.3	5	12,132.0	2	2,898	56
Cameroon	327,121	15,852	342,973	11	14.7	11	4,720.2	13	5,373	46
Germany	316,115	-	316,115	12	3.9	43	82.3	70	420,625	2
Russian Federation	314,506	-	314,506	13	2.2	55	84.5	66	2,088	64
Sudan	309,639	-	309,639	14	7.7	24	1,855.5	22	12,581	30
China	301,052	-	301,052	15	0.2	98	15.6	92	677	80
Iraq	277,701	-	277,701	16	7.6	25	510.1	32	7,420	39
United States	273,202	-	273,202	17	0.9	75	15.2	93	286,168	3
France	273,126	-	273,126	18	4.2	39	103.1	61	63,057	7
Yemen	267,173	-	267,173	19	10.0	16	3,538.2	17	9,866	35
South Sudan	263,016	-	263,016	20	21.3	7	11,097.7	3	839	74
Afghanistan	237,069	20,485	257,554	21	7.9	23	4,133.4	15	82	127
Bangladesh	31,958	200,000	231,958	22	1.4	66	402.1	39	-	-
Egypt	212,500	-	212,500	23	2.3	52	202.6	47	38,171	12
Tanzania	211,845	-	211,845	24	4.0	41	1,529.6	26	2,150	62
India	201,381	-	201,381	25	0.2	104	24.7	84	6,480	43
Venezuela	6,694	167,060	173,754	26	5.6	31	337.2	43	235	100
Sweden	169,520	-	169,520	27	17.3	9	357.8	42	157,046	5
Rwanda	144,737	-	144,737	28	12.5	12	7,088.0	6	414	90
Canada	135,888	-	135,888	29	3.8	44	83.2	69	19,642	26
Niger	124,721	-	124,721	30	6.3	29	6,550.5	8	106	121
United Kingdom	123,067	-	123,067	31	1.9	57	45.9	80	45,870	10
South Africa	121,645	-	121,645	32	1.7	60	102.3	62	1,096,063	1
Ecuador	53,191	68,344	121,535	33	7.5	26	663.0	30	11,583	32
Italy	118,047	-	118,047	34	2.0	56	54.2	78	60,156	9
Thailand	55,145	53,116	108,261	35	1.6	62	97.5	64	8,271	37
Algeria	94,182	-	94,182	36	2.4	50	162.6	53	6,593	40
Malaysia	94,030	136	94,166	37	3.1	47	115.2	59	60,415	8
Netherlands	88,536	-	88,536	38	4.9	33	92.4	65	28,051	18
Mauritania	51,394	26,000	77,394	39	19.0	8	4,753.9	12	497	86
Switzerland	73,336	-	73,336	40	8.8	19	151.9	55	32,701	16
Austria	72,216	-	72,216	41	8.5	20	179.0	49	80,075	6
Burundi	53,363	-	53,363	42	4.8	35	6,912.3	7	2,931	55
Norway	50,389	-	50,389	43	9.7	18	142.0	56	25,316	21
Congo, Republic of	44,955	-	44,955	44	9.7	17	1,530.1	25	4,342	49
Israel	361	38,139	38,500	45	4.8	36	136.3	57	6,591	41
Australia	36,917	-	36,917	46	1.5	63	32.5	81	20,677	25
Liberia	36,505	-	36,505	47	8.1	22	9,760.7	4	15	145
Serbia and Kosovo	35,332	-	35,332	48	4.0	40	361.4	41	116	117
Belgium	35,314	-	35,314	49	3.1	46	71.8	72	36,009	14
Burkina Faso	34,017	-	34,017	50	1.9	58	1,102.7	27	143	111
Other countries (126)	476,244	48,402	524,646						322,780	
Total	15,483,893	637,534	16,121,427						3,219,941	

Asylum applications by country of asylum, 2015

Country of asylum	Individual asylum applications	Group recognition	Temporary protection applications	Total asylum applications	Rank	Total applications per 1000 popn	Rank	Total applications per \$b GDP	Rank
Turkey	134,826	-	946,790	1,081,616	1	13.75	4	680.86	12
Serbia and Kosovo	578,065	-	-	578,065	2	65.28	1	5,912.50	1
Germany	476,649	-	-	476,649	3	5.91	11	124.15	28
Hungary	351,565	-	-	351,565	4	36.01	2	1,393.66	5
Russian Federation	152,489	-	149,550	302,039	5	2.10	29	81.18	36
Sweden	173,845	-	-	173,845	6	17.77	3	366.93	18
United States	135,964	-	-	135,964	7	0.42	52	7.59	76
Tanzania	1,706	123,387	-	125,093	8	2.34	25	903.20	9
South Africa	120,531	-	-	120,531	9	1.72	32	101.34	31
France	118,469	-	-	118,469	10	1.84	30	44.71	42
Austria	89,900	-	-	89,900	11	10.52	6	222.87	20
Uganda	35,922	53,947	-	89,869	12	2.30	26	1,125.19	6
Sudan	7,116	79,183	-	86,299	13	2.15	28	517.13	13
Italy	83,243	-	-	83,243	14	1.39	33	38.25	45
Ethiopia	943	74,566	-	75,509	15	0.76	42	467.49	16
Rwanda	240	72,844	-	73,084	16	6.30	10	3,579.04	2
Cameroon	6,023	65,472	-	71,495	17	3.06	19	983.97	8
Lebanon	18,209	407	45,291	63,907	18	10.92	5	769.32	10
Dem. Rep. of Congo	209	62,362	-	62,571	19	0.81	41	995.24	7
Jordan	19,627	23	39,402	59,052	20	7.78	7	713.88	11
United Kingdom	53,345	-	-	53,345	21	0.82	40	19.88	56
Belgium	49,250	-	-	49,250	22	4.37	16	100.13	32
Niger	33	6,886	38,321	45,240	23	2.27	27	2,376.05	3
Netherlands	45,101	-	-	45,101	24	2.48	22	47.07	41
Switzerland	39,523	-	-	39,523	25	4.76	14	81.85	35
Norway	36,657	-	-	36,657	26	7.03	9	103.31	30
Kenya	15,984	15,807	-	31,791	27	0.69	44	224.10	19
Finland	29,452	-	-	29,452	28	5.36	13	130.71	25
Egypt	23,128	-	5,897	29,025	29	0.32	58	27.68	50
Denmark	22,713	-	-	22,713	30	4.01	17	87.97	34
Malaysia	22,656	-	-	22,656	31	0.75	43	27.72	49
Bulgaria	20,392	-	-	20,392	32	2.86	20	148.41	24
Canada	19,511	-	-	19,511	33	0.54	49	11.94	65
Greece	17,211	-	-	17,211	34	0.54	50	6.90	79
Australia	16,117	-	-	16,117	35	0.67	45	14.21	61
Spain	14,881	-	-	14,881	36	0.33	57	9.78	71
Brazil	14,770	-	-	14,770	37	0.07	86	4.44	85
Poland	12,242	-	-	12,242	38	0.31	59	12.03	64
South Sudan	797	10,530	-	11,327	39	0.92	38	477.93	15
Congo, Republic of	3,150	8,032	-	11,182	40	2.42	23	380.60	17
Japan	10,706	-	-	10,706	41	0.09	82	2.10	101
Pakistan	8,860	-	-	8,860	42	0.05	96	9.51	73
India	7,215	-	-	7,215	43	0.01	118	0.88	118
Djibouti	6,560	-	-	6,560	44	7.39	8	2,122.98	4
Somalia	1,270	5,153	-	6,423	45	0.60	46	-	-
South Korea	5,711	-	-	5,711	46	0.23	61	3.20	90
Chad	2,617	2,999	-	5,616	47	0.40	54	184.37	22
Syria	5,162	257	-	5,419	48	0.29	60	-	-
Ireland	4,874	-	-	4,874	49	1.04	37	18.72	58
Indonesia	4,703	-	-	4,703	50	0.02	109	1.43	106
Other countries (115)	74,144	3,512	3,223	80,879					
Total	3,094,276	585,367	1,228,474	4,908,117					

Refugees by country of origin, 31 December 2015

Country or territory of origin	Refugees	People in refugee-like situations	Total	Rank	Asylum seekers	Rank
Syria	4,850,792	21,793	4,872,585	1	245,844	2
Afghanistan	2,662,954	3,300	2,666,254	2	258,892	1
Somalia	1,123,022	30	1,123,052	3	56,772	12
South Sudan	778,629	68	778,697	4	4,237	58
Sudan	622,463	6,307	628,770	5	45,102	16
Dem. Rep. of Congo	541,291	208	541,499	6	76,418	5
Central African Rep.	471,104	-	471,104	7	10,668	37
Myanmar	198,685	253,122	451,807	8	60,659	8
Eritrea	379,766	31,576	411,342	9	63,446	7
Colombia	90,836	249,404	340,240	10	6,905	49
Ukraine	321,014	286	321,300	11	22,574	24
Vietnam	313,155	1	313,156	12	4,372	56
Pakistan	277,344	20,491	297,835	13	64,085	6
Burundi	292,764	-	292,764	14	26,893	22
Rwanda	286,366	-	286,366	15	10,957	36
Iraq	261,107	3,000	264,107	16	237,166	3
China	212,911	-	212,911	17	57,705	9
Nigeria	152,136	15,852	167,988	18	51,863	14
Mali	154,211	-	154,211	19	9,906	40
Sri Lanka	121,435	-	121,435	20	14,869	28
Western Sahara	90,541	26,000	116,541	21	1,446	87
Palestinians	97,973	-	97,973	22	4,338	57
Ethiopia	85,834	-	85,834	23	77,924	4
Iran	84,949	-	84,949	24	57,084	11
Côte d'Ivoire	71,105	-	71,105	25	13,788	31
Russian Federation	67,050	-	67,050	26	27,514	20
Turkey	59,559	-	59,559	27	12,104	34
Serbia and Kosovo	38,273	364	38,637	28	53,309	13
Haiti	34,774	-	34,774	29	9,272	42
Mauritania	34,664	-	34,664	30	7,485	46
Croatia	33,451	-	33,451	31	90	133
Ghana	22,978	-	22,978	32	10,965	35
Zimbabwe	21,344	-	21,344	33	57,431	10
Senegal	21,280	-	21,280	34	14,318	30
Bosnia and Herzegovina	18,748	21	18,769	35	7,023	48
Egypt	17,930	-	17,930	36	12,168	33
Bhutan	17,720	-	17,720	37	227	114
Guinea	17,005	-	17,005	38	17,886	26
Yemen	15,896	-	15,896	39	10,075	39
Tibetan	15,071	-	15,071	40	8	178
Chad	14,940	-	14,940	41	3,293	64
Congo, Republic of	14,781	-	14,781	42	4,121	59
El Salvador	14,778	-	14,778	43	31,454	18
Indonesia	9,261	4,695	13,956	44	2,652	70
Cambodia	12,799	4	12,803	45	376	105
Bangladesh	12,172	1	12,173	46	30,798	19
Angola	11,869	-	11,869	47	3,270	65
Mexico	11,333	-	11,333	48	46,253	15
Armenia	11,218	-	11,218	49	8,502	44
Cameroon	10,581	-	10,581	50	7,409	47
Other countries (159)	224,450	1,011	225,461		304,247	
Stateless	37,426	-	37,426		18,609	
Various/unknown	120,155	-	120,155		1,035,169	
Total	15,483,893	637,534	16,121,427		3,219,941	

Increases in refugee populations, 2015, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Population, 1 Jan 2015	Group recognition	Temporary protection	Individual recognition	Total recognised	Rank	Population, 31 Dec 2015
Syria	3,886,529	183	1,040,844	188,124	1,229,151	1	4,872,585
Burundi	72,462	221,577	-	9,479	231,056	2	292,764
South Sudan	616,213	162,093	-	1,398	163,491	3	778,697
Ukraine	237,671	-	148,379	4,678	153,057	4	321,300
Central African Rep.	412,072	85,021	-	8,999	94,020	5	471,104
Eritrea	363,185	35,451	-	41,222	76,673	6	411,342
Nigeria	90,950	29,848	38,325	5,359	73,532	7	167,988
Iraq	368,199	685	5	43,064	43,754	8	264,107
Dem. Rep. of Congo	516,564	8,948	-	29,796	38,744	9	541,499
Somalia	1,106,263	13,671	1	17,723	31,395	10	1,123,052
Afghanistan	2,593,692	-	220	22,839	23,059	11	2,666,254
Sudan	665,911	10,934	2	10,505	21,441	12	628,770
Yemen	2,634	6,089	492	7,086	13,667	13	15,896
Mali	139,273	9,785	-	3,311	13,096	14	154,211
Iran	82,318	1	-	11,239	11,240	15	84,949
Myanmar	479,002	-	-	10,705	10,705	16	451,807
Pakistan	335,952	329	1	8,336	8,666	17	297,835
China	210,970	-	1	8,012	8,013	18	212,911
Ethiopia	86,872	95	2	5,645	5,742	19	85,834
Sri Lanka	122,014	-	-	3,885	3,885	20	121,435
Russian Federation	70,982	-	-	3,799	3,799	21	67,050
Gambia	5,122	-	-	3,446	3,446	22	8,491
El Salvador	10,955	-	-	3,406	3,406	23	14,778
Guinea	15,444	-	-	2,762	2,762	24	17,005
Bangladesh	10,890	-	2	2,571	2,573	25	12,173
Libya	4,290	-	3	2,534	2,537	26	6,085
Côte d'Ivoire	71,916	-	-	2,481	2,481	27	71,105
Guatemala	7,480	-	-	2,438	2,438	28	10,284
Colombia	360,305	-	-	2,420	2,420	29	340,240
Egypt	15,916	1	-	2,348	2,349	30	17,930
Honduras	4,159	-	-	2,251	2,251	31	6,844
Senegal	23,114	209	-	1,964	2,173	32	21,280
Palestinian	97,163	10	8	1,660	1,678	33	97,973
Albania	10,161	-	-	1,654	1,654	34	10,421
Serbia and Kosovo	45,083	-	-	1,622	1,622	35	38,637
Turkey	64,006	-	2	1,448	1,450	36	59,559
Cameroon	10,768	-	-	970	970	37	10,581
Ghana	22,148	-	-	969	969	38	22,978
Mexico	10,664	-	-	928	928	39	11,333
Rwanda	79,450	-	-	794	794	40	286,366
Nepal	8,561	-	-	733	733	41	8,866
Uganda	7,193	-	-	713	713	42	6,316
India	10,448	-	1	687	688	43	9,881
Venezuela	8,007	-	-	621	621	44	7,456
Haiti	37,165	-	-	573	573	45	34,774
Congo, Republic of	14,506	-	-	572	572	46	14,781
Georgia	6,696	-	68	485	553	47	6,498
Armenia	11,814	-	1	523	524	48	11,218
Azerbaijan	10,535	-	8	507	515	49	9,712
Hungary	1,310	-	-	499	499	50	1,443
Other countries (153)	809,497	437	106	9,790	10,333		757,448
Stateless	27,884	-	3	10,688	10,691		37,426
Various	106,362	-	-	16,416	16,416		120,155
Total	14,388,740	585,367	1,228,474	526,677	2,340,518		16,121,427

Decreases in refugee populations, 2015, by country of origin

Country or territory of origin	Population, 1 Jan 2015	Voluntary repatriation	Resettlement departures	Cessation	Naturalisation	Total decreases	Rank	Population, 31 Dec 2015
Afghanistan	2,593,692	61,379	3,364	97	2,234	67,074	1	2,666,254
Sudan	665,911	39,494	2,104	-	450	42,048	2	628,770
Somalia	1,106,263	32,344	8,454	3	1,154	41,955	3	1,123,052
Central African Rep.	412,072	21,632	538	1,177	20	23,367	4	471,104
Myanmar	479,002	2	19,276	-	535	19,813	5	451,807
Dem. Rep. of Congo	516,564	8,536	9,723	1	1,242	19,502	6	541,499
Iraq	368,199	5,921	7,615	14	4,044	17,594	7	264,107
Syria	3,886,529	189	13,673	19	229	14,110	8	4,872,585
Côte d'Ivoire	71,916	12,222	185	-	181	12,588	9	71,105
Bhutan	23,642	-	6,332	-	712	7,044	10	17,720
Rwanda	79,450	5,054	257	374	629	6,314	11	286,366
Colombia	360,305	1,792	848	1	2,471	5,112	12	340,240
Angola	12,549	4,639	-	1	100	4,740	13	11,869
Liberia	13,572	58	60	4,289	107	4,514	14	9,994
Mali	139,273	4,088	9	-	55	4,152	15	154,211
Eritrea	363,185	1	2,498	-	861	3,360	16	411,342
Iran	82,318	12	1,832	8	908	2,760	17	84,949
Burundi	72,462	14	1,702	1	513	2,230	18	292,764
Sri Lanka	122,014	852	155	1	1,180	2,188	19	121,435
Ethiopia	86,872	5	1,048	-	1,100	2,153	20	85,834
Haiti	37,165	-	-	-	1,833	1,833	21	34,774
Uganda	7,193	1,192	82	-	86	1,360	22	6,316
Kenya	8,549	1,231	5	-	119	1,355	23	7,906
Pakistan	335,952	3	510	-	724	1,237	24	297,835
China	210,970	1	48	-	931	980	25	212,911
Nigeria	90,950	-	5	-	750	755	26	167,988
Russian Federation	70,982	4	-	23	621	648	27	67,050
Mexico	10,664	-	-	-	578	578	28	11,333
Serbia and Kosovo	45,083	328	-	-	214	542	29	38,637
Zimbabwe	22,486	31	10	-	398	439	30	21,344
Turkey	64,006	-	3	4	378	385	31	59,559
South Sudan	616,213	159	194	-	-	353	32	778,697
India	10,448	-	3	-	339	342	33	9,881
Guinea	15,444	-	3	1	332	336	34	17,005
Palestinian	97,163	12	219	-	97	328	35	97,973
Cuba	7,503	-	19	-	208	227	36	6,862
Cameroon	10,768	-	6	1	219	226	37	10,581
Albania	10,161	-	-	-	215	215	38	10,421
Bangladesh	10,890	-	4	4	194	202	39	12,173
Armenia	11,814	-	-	1	199	200	40	11,218
Azerbaijan	10,535	-	-	7	190	197	41	9,712
Congo, Republic of	14,506	1	21	-	147	169	42	14,781
El Salvador	10,955	-	-	-	155	155	43	14,778
Chad	48,260	41	25	-	87	153	44	14,940
Mauritania	34,120	-	12	-	135	147	45	34,664
Ukraine	237,671	1	1	7	133	142	46	321,300
Croatia	40,123	113	-	-	20	133	47	33,451
Bosnia and Herzegovina	21,897	22	-	-	103	125	48	18,769
Sierra Leone	4,986	-	61	-	63	124	49	4,895
Peru	4,343	-	-	-	124	124	49	3,599
Other countries (103)	675,113	42	242	11	2,792	3,087		703,789
Stateless	27,884	-	15	3	512	530		37,426
Various	106,362	-	10	1	424	435		120,155
Total	14,386,949	201,415	81,171	6,049	32,045	320,680		16,119,730

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