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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many forcibly displaced people (FDP) are in the world?

117.8 million people have been forced to flee their homes because of persecution, war and/or violations of human rights. This means that 1 in 70 people in the world is forcibly displaced.

2. Did the number of forcibly displaced people increase or decrease in 2025?

The number of forcibly displaced people worldwide decreased by 5.4 million - an decrease of 4%.

3. How many refugees are in the world?

41.6 million. This includes 6 million Palestinian refugees. Refugees are people who need international protection because they were forced to flee their country of origin due to persecution, war and/or violations of human rights.

4. What countries are producing the most refugees?

More than 7 in 10 refugees originate from 6 countries.

- 6.4 million from Venezuela
- 5.2 million from Ukraine
- 4.9 million from Syria
- 3.7 million from Afghanistan
- 2.8 million from Sudan
- 2.4 million from South Sudan

5. What can you tell me about the average refugee in the world?

- 50% of the world's refugees are women and girls.
- 39% of the world's refugees are under 18 years old.
- 305,000 children are born as refugees every year.



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6. Who hosts the most refugees?

- 65% of the world's refugees are in neighboring countries.
- 26% are hosted by least developed countries.
- 68% are hosted by low- and middle-income countries.

7. What countries host the largest number of refugees?

Colombia (2.8m), Germany (2.7m), Turkiye (2.4m), Uganda (1.9m), Iran (1.7m), Chad (1.5m), Pakistan (1.3m), Bangladesh (1,2m), Peru (1.1m), Ethiopia (1m).

8. What countries received the most resettled refugees in 2025?

81,800 refugees were resettled in 2025. That is 3% of the 2.9m refugees identified by the UN as in need of resettlement.

Leading places of resettlement included Canada (38,800), Australia (18,800), and the U.S.A. (11,500).

9. What countries received the most claims for asylum in 2024?

There were 9 million asylum seekers worldwide in 2025. The USA (3.7m), Egypt (878,300), Peru (556,800), Canada (314,500), Germany (297,600), Spain (249,000), Italy (234,000), Kenya (219,000), and Costa Rica (178,000) have the most pending claims for asylum.

10. How many of the world's FDP are internally displaced within their country of origin?

68.7 million people have been forced to flee their homes, but not their country.



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