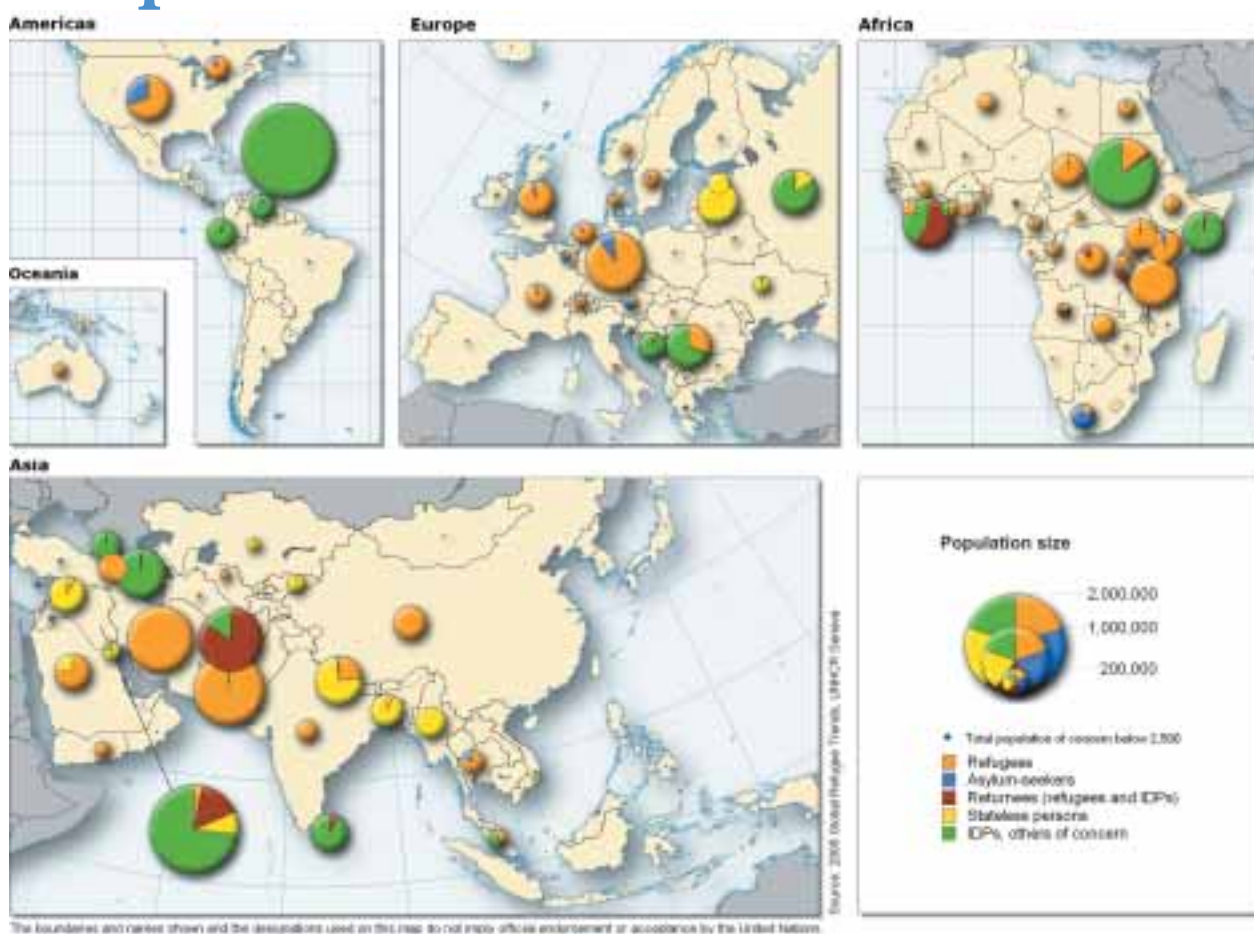


Populations of concern



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Populations of concern (beginning of 2006)

Subregion	Refugees	<i>Of whom assisted by UNHCR</i>	Asylum-seekers	Returnees (refugees)	IDPs protected / assisted by UNHCR	Returnees (IDPs)	Stateless persons	Various ¹	Total population of concern
Central Africa and the Great Lakes	1,193,653	758,585	35,003	119,019	11,500	-	-	-	1,359,175
East and Horn of Africa	771,967	647,554	24,611	30,649	1,241,946	-	-	36,141	2,105,314
West Africa	377,167	292,070	27,316	77,908	278,861	266,744	-	3,034	1,031,030
Southern Africa	228,637	98,922	151,966	53,824	-	-	-	-	434,427
North Africa ²	107,205	94,400	2,467	1	-	-	4	29,500	139,177
The Middle East	492,182	155,319	35,149	56,183	1,200,000	196,000	580,105	21,019	2,580,638
South-West Asia ³	2,059,028	2,059,028	3,580	752,159	142,505	17,044	-	-	2,974,316
Central Asia	66,794	18,288	1,174	40	-	-	150,576	-	218,584
South Asia	286,923	138,703	1,754	2,700	324,699	27,185	650,000	10,928	1,304,189
East Asia and the Pacific	538,676	164,011	47,637	406	-	-	252,076	62,730	901,525
Eastern Europe	229,729	18,272	2,307	205	983,338	2,075	156,334	243,226	1,617,214
South-Eastern Europe	163,089	155,858	1,014	12,362	433,942	10,382	2,220	85,123	708,132
Central Europe and the Baltic States	25,189	5,053	25,207	21	-	-	564,315	1,400	616,132
Western Europe	1,557,495	149	212,269	-	-	-	26,150	3,000	1,798,914
North America and the Caribbean	527,217	559	190,327	1	-	-	-	-	717,545
Latin America	37,043	16,832	10,811	52	2,000,000	-	106	464,265	2,512,277
Total	8,661,994	4,623,603	772,592	1,105,530	6,616,791	519,430	2,381,886	960,366	21,018,589

¹ Persons of concern to UNHCR not included in the other columns, including forced migrants (Russian Federation), local residents-at-risk (Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo), Saharawis (Mauritania), Afghan asylum-seekers (Russian Federation), rejected Eritreans following cessation (Sudan), Muslims from the Philippines (Malaysia), Colombians (Venezuela and Ecuador).

² According to the Government of Algeria, there are an estimated 165,000 Saharawi refugees in Tindouf camps.

³ UNHCR figures for Pakistan only include Afghans living in camps who are assisted by UNHCR. According to a 2005 government census of Afghans in Pakistan and subsequent voluntary repatriation during the year, there are an additional 1.5 million Afghans living outside camps, some of whom may be refugees. Those Afghans living outside camps receive no UNHCR assistance except access to UNHCR-facilitated voluntary repatriation.

Data are provisional and subject to change. Data are generally provided by governments, based on their definitions and methods of data collection. In the absence of government figures, UNHCR has estimated the refugee population in most industrialized countries, based on recent refugee arrivals and recognition of asylum-seekers. For Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand estimates are based on arrivals or recognition rates during the past five years, whereas for most European countries a ten-year period has been applied. These periods reflect the different naturalization rates for refugees in these regions. A dash (-) indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable.

Source: UNHCR and governments. Compiled by UNHCR, FICSS.