

TABLE 3

### New asylum claims lodged in top 10 UNHCR offices\* | 2013

Malaysia	53,600
Turkey**	44,800
Kenya	19,200
Egypt***	10,800
Indonesia	8,300
Jordan	6,700
Yemen	6,100
Cameroon	5,800
India	5,600
Libya	5,600

\* Excluding appeal/review claims.

\*\* Includes asylum-seekers registered with UNHCR as well as asylum-seekers who have been pre-registered but who are pending official registration with UNHCR.

\*\*\* Includes appeal claims.

stage. By contrast, some 371,700 claims were rejected on substantive grounds, a number that includes negative decisions both at the first instance and on appeal. Asylum-seekers rejected at both first and appeal instances may be reported twice, depending on methods used by governments for reporting asylum decisions.

#### REFUGEE RECOGNITION RATES (RRR)

At the global level (UNHCR and State asylum procedures combined), the Refugee Recognition Rate (RRR) amounted to an estimated 32 per cent of all decisions taken during 2013 while the Total Recognition Rate (TRR) was 44 per cent.<sup>(39)</sup> Both values are significantly higher than the rates in 2012 – 30 per cent for RRR and 37 per cent for TRR – reflecting a continued increasing demand for international protection throughout the year. At this time, however, global recognition rates are indicative, as some States have not yet reported the relevant data.

In 2013, among the main receiving industrialized countries, where States are responsible for conducting refugee status determination, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway, and Italy had

the highest TRR at the first instance. This figure ranged from 68 per cent (Switzerland and Sweden) to 64 per cent (Italy). Among the countries listed in Table 3, where UNHCR is conducting refugee status determination, TRRs in 2013 were above 70 per cent in eight of the 10 main receiving operations. Cameroon and Yemen were the only exceptions, with TRRs of 22 and 48 per cent, respectively.

In UNHCR and State asylum procedures combined, the TRR for persons from the Syrian Arab Republic, Myanmar, and Eritrea were highest in 2013, with around or over 90 per cent of cases being recognized at the first instance. Recognition rates were also high for asylum-seekers from Somalia (82%), Iraq (79%), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (74%), and Afghanistan (65%). In contrast, among the top 10 countries of origin of asylum-seekers in 2013, the TRR was comparatively low for persons from the Russian Federation (28%), Pakistan (22%), and Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999)) (5%).

By the end of the year, close to 1.2 million individuals awaited decisions on their asylum claims, a figure that includes applicants at any stage of the asylum procedure. This was the highest such number in many years. The significant increase is partly due to the fact that some government agencies were reporting these figures to UNHCR for the first time in many years, including the United States Executive Office for Immigration Review. This comparably higher backlog of asylum-seekers is also due to the larger number of asylum-seekers registered during 2013 in countries where decision-making bodies did not succeed in adjudicating all applications within a reasonable time-frame. It should be noted that despite improved statistical reporting on pending asylum applications, the true number of undecided asylum cases is unknown, as many countries do not report this information. ■

(39) In the absence of an internationally agreed methodology for calculating recognition rates, UNHCR uses two rates to compute the proportion of refugee claims accepted during the year. The **Refugee Recognition Rate** divides the number of asylum-seekers granted Convention refugee status by the total number of substantive decisions (Convention status, complementary protection, and rejected cases). The **Total Recognition Rate** divides the number of asylum-seekers granted Convention refugee status or a complementary form of protection by the total number of substantive decisions (Convention status, complementary protection, and rejected cases). Non-substantive decisions are, to the extent possible, excluded from both calculations. For the purpose of global comparability, UNHCR only uses these two recognition rates and does not report rates calculated by national authorities.

## VII Stateless Persons

*Identifying stateless persons remains key to addressing the difficulties they face, and to enabling UNHCR to fulfil its mandate to prevent and reduce statelessness and protect stateless individuals. Indeed, as UNHCR prepares to launch a campaign to end statelessness within a decade, improving baseline population data has become increasingly important. Yet measuring statelessness remains complicated because stateless persons often live in precarious situations, on the margins of society. Only a minority of countries have procedures in place for their identification, registration, and documentation.*

(40) UNHCR, *Conclusion on Identification, Prevention and Reduction of Statelessness and Protection of Stateless Persons*, 6 October 2006, No. 106 (LVII) - 2006, available at: <http://www.refworld.org/docid/453497302.html>

(41) UNHCR, *Guidelines on Statelessness No. 1: The definition of 'Stateless Person' in Article 1(1) of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons*, 20 February 2012, HCR/GS/12/01, available at: <http://www.refworld.org/docid/4f4371b82.html>

(42) UNHCR (2012), *The State of the World's Refugees: In Search of Solidarity*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 108-109.

(43) United Nations (2008), *Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses, Revision 2*, New York, accessible at [http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesM/seriesm\\_67Rev2e.pdf](http://unstats.un.org/unsd/publication/seriesM/seriesm_67Rev2e.pdf).

(44) See <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/13-WRD-table-7.xls>

UNHCR'S EXECUTIVE Committee has called on UNHCR to undertake research 'to promote an increased understanding of the nature and scope of the problem of statelessness'. It has also encouraged States that are in possession of statistics on stateless persons, or on individuals with undetermined nationality, to share them with UNHCR.<sup>(40)</sup> The agency has issued updated guidance to its field offices on the reporting of statistics for populations under UNHCR's statelessness mandate, reflecting efforts to clarify the definition of a stateless person under Article 1 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.<sup>(41)</sup> UNHCR's statistics on those under its statelessness mandate mainly comprise stateless persons, those not considered as nationals by any State under the operation of its law. However, data from some countries also include persons of undetermined nationality.

Statistics on stateless persons can be gathered using several methods, including analysis of civil registration data, a population census, or a targeted survey.<sup>(42)</sup> The United Nations recommendations on population censuses underscore the importance of including questions related to citizenship, including statelessness.<sup>(43)</sup> Based on census data obtained through the 2010 *World Population and Housing Census Programme*, data for 10 countries are included in this year's statistics – a significant increase, given that just two countries were included in the report only three years ago. With the United Nations and national statistical offices having now started preparations for the 2020 *World Population and Housing Census Programme*,

UNHCR expects further improvements in data quality and coverage in the coming years.

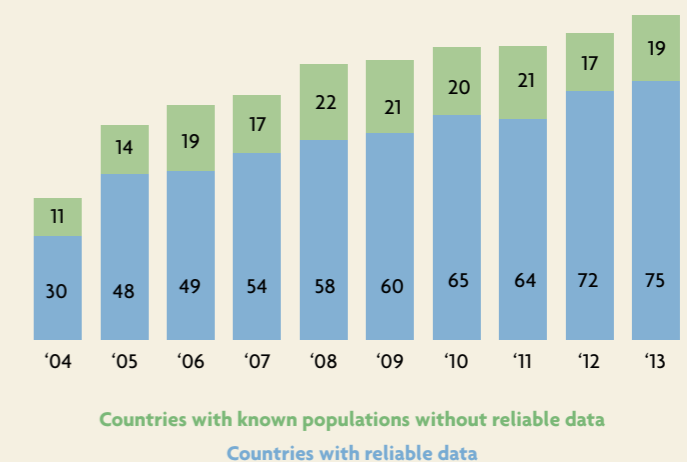
This report only includes data on countries for which reliable official statistics or estimates of stateless populations were available. Despite the increased number of countries engaged in reporting and the enhanced reliability of their figures, UNHCR was unable to provide comprehensive statistics on stateless persons in all countries. A considerable gap remains between the data reported in this report and the estimated global stateless population, which numbers at least 10 million persons. Annex Table 7<sup>(44)</sup> includes some countries (marked with an asterisk) for which UNHCR has information about the existence of significant stateless populations but for which no reliable figures were available.

By the end of 2013, statistics on persons falling under UNHCR's statelessness mandate were available for 75 countries, three more than in 2012 [see **Figure 16**]. This

compared to just 30 countries in 2004, and reflected the efforts of UNHCR's offices to gather better data on statelessness. For 2013, UNHCR's offices reported a figure of almost 3.5 million stateless persons, slightly higher than that reported in 2012 (3.34 million). This increase was due to the clarification of the status of an estimated 210,000 persons in the Dominican Republic, where a Constitutional Court judgment retroactively applied new nationality criteria. In so doing, the court ruled that many individuals of Haitian descent born in the country since 1929 are not Dominican nationals.

Progress continued to be made to reduce the number of stateless persons through the acquisition or confirmation of nationality. According to information available at the time of this report's writing, at least 37,700 stateless persons in 19 countries acquired nationality during 2013. This figure is likely to be revised upwards as final annual statistical data become available. ■

Fig. 16 Number of countries reporting statistics on stateless persons | 2004-2013



**TABLE 1** Refugees, asylum-seekers, internally displaced persons (IDPs), returnees (refugees and IDPs), stateless persons, and others of concern to UNHCR by country/territory of asylum | end-2013

Country or territory of asylum/residence <sup>1</sup>	REFUGEES					Returned refugees <sup>5</sup>	IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR, incl. people in IDP-like situations <sup>6</sup>	Returned IDPs <sup>7</sup>	Persons under UNHCR's statelessness mandate <sup>8</sup>	Various <sup>9</sup>	Total population of concern
	Refugees <sup>2</sup>	People in refugee-like situations <sup>3</sup>	Total refugees and people in refugee-like situations	Of whom assisted by UNHCR	Asylum-seekers (pending cases) <sup>4</sup>						
Afghanistan	72	16,791	16,863	16,863	66	39,666	631,286	21,830	-	275,486	985,197
Albania	93	-	93	93	228	-	-	-	7,443	-	7,764
Algeria <sup>10</sup>	94,150	-	94,150	90,145	1,815	1	-	-	-	-	95,966
Angola	23,783	-	23,783	5,072	20,039	1,666	-	-	-	-	45,488
Argentina	3,362	-	3,362	119	916	-	-	-	-	-	4,278
Armenia	3,132	10,600	13,732	6,052	77	-	-	-	180	-	13,989
Aruba	1	-	1	1	5	-	-	-	1	-	7
Antigua and Barbuda	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Australia	34,503	-	34,503	-	13,559	-	-	-	-	-	48,062
Austria	55,598	-	55,598	-	22,745	-	-	-	604	-	78,947
Azerbaijan	1,380	-	1,380	1,380	278	-	609,029	-	3,585	-	614,272
Bahamas	15	-	15	14	12	-	-	-	-	-	27
Bahrain	294	-	294	294	52	-	-	-	-	-	346
Bangladesh <sup>11</sup>	31,145	200,000	231,145	35,645	9	-	-	-	-	-	231,154
Barbados	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Belarus	604	-	604	272	86	-	-	-	6,712	-	7,402
Belgium	25,633	-	25,633	-	11,483	-	-	-	2,466	-	39,582
Belize	21	-	21	6	63	-	-	-	-	-	84
Benin	194	-	194	194	108	-	-	-	-	-	302
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	748	-	748	161	6	-	-	-	-	-	754
Bonaire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina	6,926	-	6,926	290	42	130	84,500	18,949	792	52,437	163,776
Botswana	2,773	-	2,773	2,773	173	-	-	-	-	49	2,995
Brazil	5,196	-	5,196	891	4,634	-	-	-	2	12,318	22,150
British Virgin Islands	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Brunei Darussalam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,524	-	20,524
Bulgaria	4,320	-	4,320	2,462	4,560	-	-	-	-	-	8,880
Burkina Faso	29,234	-	29,234	28,915	791	-	-	-	-	-	30,025
Burundi	45,490	-	45,490	45,490	6,045	2,126	78,948	-	1,302	463	134,374
Cabo Verde	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	68	-	68	68	12	-	-	-	-	-	80
Cameroon	107,346	7,407	114,753	114,753	8,337	-	-	-	-	-	123,090
Canada	160,349	-	160,349	-	22,148	-	-	-	-	-	182,497
Cayman Islands	6	-	6	6	5	-	-	-	-	-	11
Central African Rep.	14,322	-	14,322	14,322	2,636	1	894,421	-	-	-	911,380
Chad	434,479	-	434,479	410,979	310	387	19,791	-	-	-	454,967
Chile	1,743	-	1,743	185	421	-	-	-	-	-	2,164
China <sup>12</sup>	301,047	-	301,047	144	380	-	-	-	-	-	301,427
- Hong Kong SAR, China	126	-	126	126	1,871	-	-	-	1	-	1,998
- Macao SAR, China	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6
Colombia	224	-	224	42	71	17	5,368,138	-	12	-	5,368,462
Comoros	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Congo	51,037	-	51,037	51,037	2,651	29	-	-	-	1,055	54,772
Costa Rica	12,749	7,820	20,569	16,501	616	-	-	-	-	-	21,185
Côte d'Ivoire	2,980	-	2,980	2,980	607	20,028	24,000	21,000	700,000	132	768,747
Croatia	656	28	684	684	210	503	-	-	2,886	16,046	20,329
Cuba	384	-	384	257	1	-	-	-	-	-	385
Curaçao	15	-	15	15	46	-	-	-	-	-	61
Cyprus <sup>13</sup>	3,883	-	3,883	-	2,651	-	-	-	-	-	6,534
Czech Rep.	3,184	-	3,184	-	314	-	-	-	1,502	-	5,000
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	113,362	-	113,362	50,204	1,461	68,428	2,963,799	595,200	-	71,257	3,813,507
Denmark	13,170	-	13,170	-	1,639	-	-	-	4,263	-	19,072
Djibouti	20,015	-	20,015	20,015	3,795	-	-	-	-	-	23,810

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Dominica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dominican Rep. <sup>14</sup>	721	-	721	721	824	-	-	-	210,000	-	211,545
Ecuador <sup>15</sup>	54,789	68,344	123,133	54,789	12,454	1	-	-	-	-	135,588
Egypt	230,086	-	230,086	160,086	23,159	-	-	-	23	-	253,268
El Salvador	44	-	44	31	5	-	-	-	-	-	49
Equatorial Guinea	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eritrea	3,166	-	3,166	3,166	3	-	-	-	-	64	3,233
Estonia	70	-	70	-	25	-	-	-	91,281	-	91,376
Ethiopia	433,936	-	433,936	433,936	934	29	-	-	-	1,004	435,903
Fiji	5	-	5	5	9	-	-	-	-	-	14
Finland	11,252	-	11,252	-	1,532	-	-	-	2,122	-	14,906
France	232,487	-	232,487	-	51,732	-	-	-	1,247	-	285,466
Gabon	1,594	-	1,594	1,594	2,436	-	-	-	-	-	4,030
Gambia	9,563	-	9,563	9,560	-	-	-	-	-	212	9,775
Georgia	356	491	847	847	340	1	257,611	-	776	-	259,575
Germany <sup>16</sup>	187,567	-	187,567	-	135,581	-	-	-	11,709	-	334,857
Ghana	18,681	-	18,681	18,664	1,836	3	-	-	-	-	20,520
Greece	3,485	-	3,485	-	49,830	-	-	-	178	19,534	73,027
Grenada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guatemala	160	-	160	19	15	-	-	-	-	-	175
Guinea	8,560	-	8,560	8,560	315	3	-	-	-	-	8,878
Guinea-Bissau	8,535	-	8,535	8,535	109	-	-	-	-	-	8,644
Guyana	11	-	11	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Haiti	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	13
Honduras	16	-	16	4	22	-	-	-	1	-	39
Hungary	2,440	-	2,440	-	1,886	-	-	-	113	-	4,439
Iceland	79	-	79	-	279	-	-	-	119	-	477
India	188,395	-	188,395	22,721	3,675	-	-	-	-	-	192,070
Indonesia	3,206	-	3,206	3,206	7,110	-	-	-	-	-	10,316
Iran, Islamic Rep. of	857,354	-	857,354	857,354	47	1	-	-	-	-	857,402
Iraq	246,298	-	246,298	246,298	5,991	60,881	954,128	63,270	120,000	-	1,450,568
Ireland	6,001	-	6,001	-	5,507	-	-	-	73	-	11,581
Israel <sup>17</sup>	103	48,222	48,325	4,656	7,889	-	-	-	14	-	56,228
Italy	78,061	-	78,061	-	13,653	-	-	-	350	-	92,064
Jamaica	21	-	21	21	1	-	-	-	-	-	22
Japan <sup>18</sup>	2,584	-	2,584	555	6,742	-	-	-	852	-	10,178
Jordan <sup>19</sup>	641,915	-	641,915	606,692	4,397	-	-	-	-	-	646,312
Kazakhstan	584	-	584	584	77	-	-	-	6,942	3,675	11,278
Kenya	534,938	-	534,938	534,938	52,285	-	-	-	20,000	-	607,223
Kuwait	635	-	635	635	1,030	-	-	-	93,000	-	94,665
Kyrgyzstan	466	-	466	466	378	-	-	-	11,425	-	12,269
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Latvia	160	-	160	-	194	-	-	-	267,789	-	268,143
Lebanon	856,546	-	856,546	856,546	2,274	-	-	-	-	3,706	862,526
Lesotho	30	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Liberia	53,245	8	53,253	53,253	54	84	-	-	1	1,540	54,932
Libya	25,561	-	25,561	25,561	6,608	-	53,579	5,350	-	-	91,098
Liechtenstein	97	-	97	-	17	-	-	-	2	-	116
Lithuania	916	-	916	-	74	-	-	-	3,892	-	4,882
Luxembourg	2,873	-	2,873	-	1,019	-	-	-	177	-	4,069
Madagascar	12	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	1	13
Malawi	5,796	-	5,796	5,796	11,139	-	-	-	-	-	16,935
Malaysia	96,868	645	97,513	97,507	43,039	-	-	-	40,000	80,000	260,552
Mali	14,316	-	14,316	13,832	293	14,281	254,822	42,253	-	-	325,965

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Malta	9,906	-	9,906	-	902	-	-	-	-	-	10,808
Mauritania	66,767	26,000	92,767	66,767	845	-	-	-	-	-	93,612
Mauritius	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mexico	1,831	-	1,831	286	1,352	-	-	-	13	-	3,196
Micronesia (Federated States of)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monaco	34	-	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34
Mongolia	9	-	9	9	4	-	-	-	16	-	29
Montenegro	8,476	-	8,476	8,476	195	-	-	-	3,341	8,093	20,105
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morocco	1,470	-	1,470	1,470	3,503	-	-	-	-	-	4,973
Mozambique	4,445	-	4,445	2,344	10,674	-	-	-	-	-	15,119
Myanmar <sup>20</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	3,009	372,000	27,383	810,000	-	1,212,392
Namibia	2,332	-	2,332	2,332	1,162	28	-	-	-	1,660	5,182
Nauru <sup>17</sup>	-	-	-	-	534	-	-	-	-	-	534
Nepal <sup>21</sup>	46,305	-	46,305	31,305	236	-	-	-	-	425	46,966
Netherlands <sup>22</sup>	74,707	-	74,707	-	10,420	-	-	-	1,951	-	87,078
New Zealand	1,403	-	1,403	-	308	-	-	-	-	-	1,711
Nicaragua	189	-	189	88	17	-	-	-	1	-	207
Niger	57,661	-	57,661	57,661	84	-	-	-	-	35,166	92,911
Nigeria	1,694	-	1,694	1,694	815	17	-	-	-	-	2,526
Norway	46,106	-	46,106	-	6,344	-	-	-	1,975	-	54,425
Oman	138	-	138	138	79	-	-	-	-	-	217
Pakistan	1,616,507	-	1,616,507	1,616,507	5,386	4	747,498	90,637	-	-	2,460,032
Palau	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Panama	2,665	15,000	17,665	231	630	-	-	-	2	-	18,297
Papua New Guinea <sup>15</sup>	4,797	4,581	9,378	-	404	-	-	-	-	-	9,782
Paraguay	136	-	136	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	137
Peru	1,162	-	1,162	78	507	-	-	-	-	-	1,669
Philippines	182	-	182	35	79	-	117,369	211,607	6,015	68	335,320
Poland	16,438	-	16,438	-	2,151	-	-	-	10,825	-	29,414
Portugal	598	-	598	-	206	-	-	-	553	-	1,357
Qatar	130	-	130	130	11	-	-	-	1,200	-	1,341
Rep. of Korea	547	-	547	139	2,397	-	-	-	194	-	3,138
Rep. of Moldova	250	-	250	250	87	-	-	-	2,029	-	2,366
Romania	1,770	-	1,770	161	150	-	-	-	297	-	2,217
Russian Federation	3,458	-	3,458	3,458	1,240	-	-	-	178,000	7,259	189,957
Rwanda	73,349	-	73,349	73,349	214	7,803	-	-	-	124	81,490
Saint Kitts and Nevis	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Saint Lucia	5	-	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saudi Arabia	532	27	559	559	99	-	-	-	70,000	-	70,658
Senegal	14,247	-	14,247	14,247	2,481	-	-	-	-	-	16,728
Serbia (and Kosovo: S/RES/1244 (1999))	57,083	-	57,083	7,816	400	168	227,495	780	4,195	777	290,898
Sierra Leone	2,817	-	2,817	1,583	38	-	-	-	-	-	2,855
Singapore	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Sint Maarten	3	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	4
Slovakia	701	-	701	-	200	-	-	-	1,523	138	2,562
Slovenia	213	-	213	-	21	-	-	-	4	-	238
Solomon Islands	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
Somalia	2,425	-	2,425	2,425	9,876	36,100	1,133,000	104,706	-	69	1,286,176
South Africa <sup>23</sup>	65,881	-	65,881	13,147	232,211	-	-	-	-	-	298,092

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South Sudan <sup>24</sup>	229,587	-	229,587	229,587	39	394	331,097	-	-	-	561,117
Spain	4,637	-	4,637	-	4,344	-	-	-	270	-	9,251
Sri Lanka <sup>25</sup>	145	-	145	145	1,607	920	42,191	40,691	-	-	85,554
State of Palestine	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Sudan <sup>26</sup>	124,328	35,529	159,857	99,663	10,808	16,954	1,873,300	19,471	-	3,259	2,083,649
Suriname	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swaziland	507	-	507	163	535	-	-	-	-	3	1,045
Sweden	114,175	-	114,175	-	27,724	-	-	-	20,450	-	162,349
Switzerland	52,464	-	52,464	-	22,130	-	-	-	79	-	74,673
Syrian Arab Rep. <sup>27</sup>	149,292	-	149,292	31,390	2,495	140,761	6,520,800	-	160,000	-	6,973,348
Tajikistan	2,048	-	2,048	1,947	2,271	-	-	-	1,364	-	5,683
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	687	295	982	982	1,092	-	-	-	819	-	2,893
Thailand <sup>28</sup>	78,970	57,529	136,499	78,970	4,712	-	-	-	506,197	216	647,624
Timor-Leste	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Togo	20,613	-	20,613	12,150	429	112	-	-	-	-	21,154
Tonga	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Trinidad and Tobago	20	-	20	4	42	-	-	-	-	-	62
Tunisia	730	-	730	730	364	3	-	-	-	-	1,097
Turcs and Caicos Islands	4	-	4	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	10
Turkey <sup>29</sup>	609,938	-	609,938	609,938	52,467	-	-	-	780	306	663,491
Turkmenistan	45	-	45	45	-	-	-	-	8,320	-	8,365
Uganda	220,555	-	220,555	220,555	24,221	4	-	-	-	50,000	294,780
Ukraine	2,968	-	2,968	516	5,478	-	-	-	33,271	-	41,717
United Arab Emirates	603	-	603	603	77	-	-	-	-	-	680
United Kingdom	126,055	-	126,055	-	23,070	-	-	-	205	-	149,330
United Rep. of Tanzania	102,099	-	102,099	79,872	407	-	-	-	-	162,256	264,762
United States <sup>30</sup>	263,662	-	263,662	-	84,343	-	-	-	-	-	348,005
Uruguay	203	-	203	99	42	-	-	-	-	-	245
Uzbekistan	141	-	141	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	141
Vanuatu	2	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	4,340	200,000	204,340	23,269	1,073	-	-	-	-	-	205,413
Viet Nam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000	-	11,000
Yemen	241,288	-	241,288	241,288	8,197	4	306,614	93,055	-	-	649,158
Zambia	23,594	-	23,594	23,594	2,220	-	-	-	-	27,205	53,019
Zimbabwe	6,389	-	6,389	6,389	480	2	60,139	-	-	97	67,107
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,003,862</b>	<b>699,317</b>	<b>11,703,179</b>	<b>8,519,364</b>	<b>1,171,762</b>	<b>414,554</b>	<b>23,925,555</b>	<b>1,356,182</b>	<b>3,469,250</b>	<b>836,100</b>	<b>42,876,582</b>

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- Central Africa-Great Lakes	508,599	7,407	516,006	430,621	24,187	78,387	3,937,168	595,200	1,302	235,155	5,387,405
- East and Horn of Africa	2,003,429	35,529	2,038,958	1,955,264	102,271	53,868	3,357,188	124,177	20,000	54,396	5,750,858
- Southern Africa	135,542	-	135,542	61,622	278,633	1,696	60,139	-	-	29,015	505,025
- Western Africa	242,340	8	242,348	231,828	7,960	34,528	278,822	63,253	700,001	37,050	1,363,962
<b>Total Africa</b>	<b>2,889,910</b>	<b>42,944</b>	<b>2,932,854</b>	<b>2,679,335</b>	<b>413,051</b>	<b>168,479</b>	<b>7,633,317</b>	<b>782,630</b>	<b>721,303</b>	<b>355,616</b>	<b>13,007,250</b>
Asia and Pacific	3,267,531	279,546	3,547,077	2,764,496	94,924	43,600	1,910,344	392,148	1,422,850	359,870	7,770,813
Middle East and North Africa	2,556,538	74,249	2,630,787	2,333,988	68,885	201,655	7,835,121	161,675	444,237	3,706	11,346,066
Europe	1,775,087	11,414	1,786,501	643,677	464,603	802	1,178,635	19,729	670,828	104,590	4,225,688
Americas	514,796	291,164	805,960	97,868	130,299	18	5,368,138	-	210,032	12,318	6,526,765
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,003,862</b>	<b>699,317</b>	<b>11,703,179</b>	<b>8,519,364</b>	<b>1,171,762</b>	<b>414,554</b>	<b>23,925,555</b>	<b>1,356,182</b>	<b>3,469,250</b>	<b>836,100</b>	<b>42,876,582</b>

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<b>UN MAJOR REGIONS</b>											
Africa	3,308,674	68,944	3,377,618	3,024,094	449,345	168,483	7,686,896	787,980	721,326	355,616	13,547,264
Asia	5,983,280	334,305	6,317,585	5,371,931	168,510	245,252	10,558,526	548,473	1,872,385	363,882	20,074,613
Europe	1,156,398	323	1,156,721	25,460	408,790	801	311,995	19,729	665,507	104,284	2,667,827
Latin America and the Caribbean	90,785	291,164	381,949	97,868	23,808	18	5,368,138	-	210,032	12,318	5,996,263
Northern America	424,011	-	424,011	-	106,491	-	-	-	-	-	530,502
Oceania	40,714	4,581	45,295	77	14,818	-	-	-	-	-	60,113
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,003,862</b>	<b>699,317</b>	<b>11,703,179</b>	<b>8,519,364</b>	<b>1,171,762</b>	<b>414,554</b>	<b>23,925,555</b>	<b>1,356,182</b>	<b>3,469,250</b>	<b>836,100</b>	<b>42,876,582</b>

**Notes**

The data are generally provided by Governments, based on their own definitions and methods of data collection.

A dash ("-") indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable.

**1** Country or territory of asylum or residence.

**2** Persons recognized as refugees under the 1951 UN Convention/1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Convention, in accordance with the UNHCR Statute, persons granted a complementary form of protection and those granted temporary protection. In the absence of Government figures, UNHCR has estimated the refugee population in many industrialized countries based on 10 years of individual refugee recognition.

**3** This category is descriptive in nature and includes groups of persons who are outside their country or territory of origin and who face protection risks similar to those of refugees, but for whom refugee status has, for practical or other reasons, not been ascertained.

**4** Persons whose application for asylum or refugee status is pending at any stage in the asylum procedure.

**5** Refugees who have returned to their place of origin during the calendar year. Source: country of origin and asylum.

**6** Persons who are displaced within their country and to whom UNHCR extends protection and/or assistance. It also includes people in IDP-like situations. This category is descriptive in nature and includes groups of persons who are inside their country of nationality or habitual residence and who face protection risks similar to those of IDPs but who, for practical or other reasons, could not be reported as such.

**7** IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin during the calendar year.

**8** Refers to persons who are not considered as nationals by any State under the operation of its law. This category refers to persons who fall under the agency's statelessness mandate because they are stateless according to this international definition, but data from some countries may also include persons with undetermined nationality.

**9** Refers to individuals who do not necessarily fall directly into any of the other groups but to whom UNHCR may extend its protection and/or assistance services. These activities might be based on humanitarian or other special grounds.

**10** According to the Government of Algeria, there are an estimated 165,000 Sahrawi refugees in the Tindouf camps.

**11** The total figure includes 200,000 persons originating from Myanmar in a refugee-like situation. The Government of Bangladesh estimates the population to be between 300,000 and 500,000.

**12** The 300,000 Vietnamese refugees are well integrated and in practice receive protection from the Government of China.

**13** UNHCR's assistance activities for IDPs in Cyprus ended in 1999. Visit the website of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) for further information.

**14** The figure for stateless persons is based on an official survey released in May 2013 by the National Bureau for Statistics and refers to the estimated number of individuals resident in the country who belong to the first generation born on Dominican territory to Haitian migrant parents. No population data is currently available on subsequent generations born in the Dominican Republic.

**15** Figure for asylum-seekers refers to mid-2013 in the absence of updated information available.

**16** Refugee figures in Germany were reduced due to an alignment of the definitions used to count refugees. As a result, only those with a particular protection status are now included in the statistics reported by UNHCR. Persons potentially of concern to UNHCR but who cannot be identified as such based on the nature of their recorded status are no longer taken into account for statistical purposes. This figure is consistent with the one used by the Government of Germany when responding to Parliament regarding queries over the number of refugees and persons benefiting from protection status in Germany.

**17** All figures refer to mid-2013 in the absence of updated information available.

**18** Figures are UNHCR estimates.

**19** Refugee figure for Iraqis in Jordan is a Government estimate. UNHCR has registered and is assisting 20,300 Iraqis at the end of 2013.

**20** IDP figure in Myanmar includes 35,000 people who are in an IDP-like situation.

**21** Various studies estimate that a large number of individuals lack citizenship certificates in Nepal. While these individuals are not all necessarily stateless, UNHCR has been working closely with the Government of Nepal and partners to address this situation.

**22** Data for asylum-seekers refers to the end of 2011 (no updated information available).

**23** Asylum-seekers (pending cases) refers to an estimated 86,600 undecided cases at first instance at the end of 2013 and 145,400 undecided cases on appeal at the end of 2012.

**24** IDP figure in South Sudan includes 155,200 people who are in an IDP-like situation.

**25** The statistics of the remaining IDPs at the end of 2013, while provided by the Government authorities at the district level, are being reviewed by the central authorities. Once this review has been concluded, the statistics will be changed accordingly.

**26** IDP figure in Sudan includes 77,300 people who are in an IDP-like situation.

**27** Refugee figure for Iraqis in the Syrian Arab Republic is a Government estimate. UNHCR has registered and is assisting 28,300 Iraqis at the end of 2013.

**28** The reported figure for persons in a refugee-like situation refers to 57,500 unregistered persons originating from Myanmar living in the refugee camps.

**29** Refugee figure for Syrians in Turkey is a Government estimate.

**30** The refugee figure for the United States of America is currently under review, which may lead to an adjustment in future reports.

**Source:** UNHCR/Governments.