

## Origins and destinations of refugees: maps

These maps contain the latest data available in UNHCR's Global Trends report on countries of origin and host countries of refugees for the year 2023.

Use the maps and the country rankings in your in lesson planning and use the teaching suggestions to do a couple of activities with your students (suitable for ages 12-18).

For more background and data, visit [UNHCR's Global Trends home page](https://www.unhcr.org/global-trends).

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# 73%

## ORIGINATED FROM JUST FIVE COUNTRIES

Nearly three-quarters of all refugees under UNHCR's mandate and other people in need of international protection come from just five countries.

### Teaching suggestion (ages 12-18)

Ask your students to guess the top five countries of origin of refugees. Then give them the names of the countries and the numbers of refugees originating from each country (see table and countries marked in red).

You can then ask pupils to find the countries on a map.

**Where there any surprises?**

**Where do your students think most refugees come from?**

**Afghanistan**  
6.4 million

**Syrian Arab Republic**  
6.4 million

**Venezuela**  
6.1 million

**Ukraine**  
6.0 million

**South Sudan**  
2.3 million

# 39% HOSTED IN FIVE COUNTRIES

Colombia, Germany, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, and Türkiye hosted nearly 2 in 5 of the world's refugees and other people in need of international protection.

## Teaching suggestion (ages 12-18)

Ask your pupils to guess the top five refugee hosting countries in the world. Then give them the names of the countries and the numbers of refugees hosted in these countries (see table and countries marked in green).

**Where there any surprises?**

**Where do your students think most refugees go?**

**Islamic Republic of Iran**

3.8 million

**Türkiye**

3.3 million

**Colombia**

2.9 million

**Germany**

2.6 million

**Pakistan**

2.0 million