

Facts and figures about refugees: eye-openers

This teaching sheet contains a set of remarkable facts and figures for the year 2023 from UNHCR's most recent Global Trends report.

Use the eye-openers in your in lesson planning and use them as you see fit to do learning 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).

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, protects people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. We save lives, protect rights and help build better futures.

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A GLOBAL CRISIS OF FORCED DISPLACEMENT

120 MILLION
FORCIBLY DISPLACED
PEOPLE IN 2023

120 million people in the world are fleeing war, violence or persecution. If they were a country, they would have a population almost as large as Japan or the Philippines.

x2 THE NUMBER
OF DISPLACED
PEOPLE SINCE 2011

Times 2 in 10 years. The number of displaced people in the world has doubled in the past decade. In 2013, there were around 51 million, in 2024 there were over 120 million.

68.3 MILLION
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED

68.3 million people in the world are internally displaced. This means that well over half of the people fleeing violence, war or persecution have never left their own country.

1 in 69
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD
ARE DISPLACED

Over 120 million people in the world have been forced to flee their homes. That means 1 in every 69 persons on earth has been forcibly displaced by conflict, war or persecution.

