

Forcibly Displaced People Worldwide 2025

As of the end of 2025, one in every 70 people on Earth remains forcibly displaced, highlighting the ongoing global humanitarian crisis now of 117.8 million forcibly displaced people worldwide!

Globally, **41.6 million people were refugees**, including 28.5 million under UNHCR's mandate, 1.5 million in refugee-like situations, 7.2 million needing international protection, and 6 million Palestine refugees under UNRWA's mandate. **9 million people were asylum-seekers**, and **68.7 million were internally displaced** due to conflict or violence within their own countries. Additionally, about **4.5 million people were stateless**, lacking nationality and access to basic rights such as education and healthcare (UNHCR, 2026) [UNHCR - The](#)

[UN Refugee Agency+2.](#) 

Geographic Distribution

- **Major countries of origin:** Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Colombia.
- **Host countries:** Low- and middle-income countries host about 68% of refugees, with 26% in Least Developed Countries. Around 65% of refugees live in countries neighboring their countries of origin (UNHCR, 2026) [UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency+1.](#)
- **Children:** Approximately 45 million displaced people, or 38%, are under 18 years of age. On average, 305,000 children are born as refugees each year (UNHCR, 2026) [UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency](#)

Key Insights

Forced displacement is increasingly **protracted**, with refugees often displaced for over 20 years and IDPs for more than 10 years. The majority of displacement is driven by **conflict, persecution, violence, and human rights violations**, and the international community continues to face challenges in providing protection, basic services, and durable solutions

for displaced populations (European Civil Protection, 2026)  [Die Europäische Kommission.](#)

This data underscores the **scale and complexity of global displacement**, emphasizing the need for sustained humanitarian support and international cooperation