

Forcibly displaced people today

96% of all refugees worldwide are from European ex-colonies.*

	<i># Of forcibly displaced persons</i>	<i>Formerly colonized by (at least partly)</i>			
Syrian Arab Rep.	13853927	French	Morocco	18017	French, Portuguese, Spanish
Colombia	6962499	German, Spanish	Kenya	17256	British, German, Portuguese
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	6464340	Belgian	Gambia	16773	British, French, Latvian
Afghanistan	6433473	British	Lebanon	14934	French
South Sudan	4385032	Belgian	Cambodia	12965	French
Yemen	4361816	British, Dutch, Portuguese	Algeria	12874	French
Sudan	3937044	British	Tibetan	12593	Spanish
Ethiopia	3934608	Italian	Peru	12567	British
Somalia	3803783	British, Italian	Sierra Leone	12300	
Nigeria	3551681	British, German, Portuguese	Belarus	11431	French, German
Myanmar	1892216	British, Dutch, Portuguese	Togo	10969	Spanish
Iraq	1784909	British, Dutch	Chile	10045	
Burkina Faso	1605770	French	Kazakhstan	9123	
Central African Rep.	1443732	French, German	Rep. of Moldova	9071	
Venezuela	1170308	German, Spanish	Jordan	8776	British
Cameroon	1080766	British, French, German	Liberia	8474	
Ukraine	900988		Uzbekistan	7960	
Mozambique	753759	Dutch	Laos	7252	French
Azerbaijan	699552		Bhutan	7189	
Eritrea	589099	Italian	Mongolia	7181	
Mali	557789	French	Tunisia	6213	French
Honduras	468771	British, Spanish	North Macedonia	5940	
Chad	425916	French, German, Italian	Romania	5869	
Burundi	394982	Belgian, German	Kyrgyzstan	5820	Spanish
Viet Nam	328082	French	Dominican Rep.	5277	
Georgia	316558		Hungary	5261	British, Spanish
China	288698	Austrian, Belgian, British, French, German, Italian	Jamaica	4724	Portuguese
Pakistan	288403	British	Guinea-Bissau	4585	
EL Salvador	276787	Spanish	Tajikistan	4435	British, Dutch
Rwanda	271742	Belgian, German	South Africa	4199	British
Serbia and Kosovo	250266		Saudi Arabia	3708	French
Niger	248603	French, Italian	Djibouti	3601	British
Iran	211934	British, Portuguese	Kuwait	3559	French
Libya	203854	Italian, Maltese (knights)	Comoros	3503	British
Guatemala	187355	Belgian, Spanish	Fiji	3411	
Nicaragua	175060	British, Spanish	Thailand	3411	British, German, Portuguese
Sri Lanka	172088	British, Dutch	Tanzania	2593	British
Haiti	165019	French, Maltese (knights), Spanish	Malawi	2531	Spanish
Congo	161478	Dutch, French, German	Bolivia	2379	British, French, Portuguese
Unknown	153999		Benin	2112	
Türkiye	151346		United States of America	2088	
Mexico	134339	Spanish	Poland	1943	Spanish
Western Sahara	117730	Spanish	Argentina	1898	French
Bosnia and Herzegovina	116125		Slovakia	1597	
Palestine	113226	British	Gabon	1522	
Russian Federation	111506		Montenegro	1432	British, Spanish
Philippines	111260	Spanish	Bahamas	1394	British, German
India	92590	Austrian, British, Danish, French, Norwegian, Portuguese, Swedish	Namibia	1356	British
Bangladesh	88167	British, Dutch	Solomon Islands	1352	
Cuba	83124	Spanish	Turkmenistan	1285	
Cote d'Ivoire	72548	French	Israel	1260	Spanish
Stateless	61725		Paraguay	1227	Spanish
Guinea	60861	French	Costa Rica	1224	Spanish
Egypt	48514	British	Guyana	1141	British, Dutch, Spanish
Mauritania	47984	British, Dutch, French, German	Rep. of Korea	1010	
Albania	42178	Italian	Czechia	919	British
Senegal	32595	Dutch, French, Portuguese	China, Hong Kong SAR	912	British
Ecuador	29111	Spanish	Tonga	844	British
Brazil	28394	Dutch, French, Portuguese	Madagascar	798	French
Papua New Guinea	25143	British, German	Bulgaria	795	
Angola	24095	Dutch, Portuguese	Trinidad and Tobago	793	British, Dutch, French, Latvian, Spanish
Ghana	23428	British, Danish, Dutch, German, Norwegian, Swedish	Zambia	744	British
Malaysia	22037	Austrian, British, Dutch, Portuguese	Italy	700	
Zimbabwe	21628	British	Uruguay	693	Portuguese, Spanish
Armenia	21546		North Korea	636	
Indonesia	19834	Dutch, Portuguese	Panama	630	Scottish, Spanish
Uganda	19711	Belgian, British	Bahrain	553	British, Portuguese
Nepal	18358		Stt Vincent & Grenadines	552	British, French
Croatia	18134				

Mauritius	549	British, Dutch, French
Saint Lucia	548	British, French
Spain	478	
Portugal	465	
Belize	450	British, Spanish
Equatorial Guinea	403	Portuguese
Timor-Leste	379	Portuguese
UK	378	
United Arab Emirates	375	British
Barbados	356	British, Portuguese
Botswana	335	British
Estonia	319	
France	317	
Germany	307	
Cabo Verde	283	Portuguese
Greece	258	
Eswatini	245	British
Latvia	242	
Canada	186	
Dominica	178	British, French
Japan	173	British, Dutch, Portuguese
Vanuatu	172	British, French
Lithuania	168	
Samoa	165	British, German
Antigua and Barbuda	160	British, French
Netherlands	151	
Grenada	149	British, French
Ireland	146	
Suriname	140	British, Dutch, Spanish
Singapore	134	British
Oman	124	British, Portuguese
Belgium	118	
New Zealand	102	
Maldives	101	British, Portuguese
French Guiana	96	British, Dutch, French
Guadeloupe	88	British, French
Qatar	82	British
Saint Kitts and Nevis	79	British, French, Maltese (knights)
Sweden	52	
Lesotho	47	British
Australia	37	
Curacao	35	Dutch, Spanish
China, Macao SAR	34	British, Portuguese
Denmark	33	
Sao Tome and Principe	31	Dutch, Portuguese
Austria	28	
Norway	28	
Slovenia	27	
Nauru	21	British, German
Switzerland	21	
Cyprus	20	
Turks and Caicos Islands	19	British
Seychelles	14	British, French
Holy See	12	
Iceland	12	
Malta	12	
Niue	11	British
Liechtenstein	10	
Marshall Islands	7	German, Spanish
Andorra	5	
Anguilla	5	French
Brunei Darussalam	5	British
Cayman Islands	5	British
Finland	5	
Kiribati	5	British

	<i># Of forcibly displaced persons in 2021 in total</i>	<i>Overall percentage</i>
Countries not formerly (partly) colonized by a now-EU country	2.8 million	4%
Countries formerly (partly) colonized by a now-EU country	74.3 million	96%
Unknown origin or stateless	0.15 million	

*European ex-colonies: states (today) of which at least a part was colonized by any country that today is part of the EU (+ the UK). Countries that are part of the EU themselves (like Cyprus, Greece), colonial territories of EU countries (e.g. Virgin Islands, St. Martin) or their colonial settler states (USA, Australia, New Zealand) and territories colonized by the later are not taken into account.

Forcibly displaced persons from an unknown country of origin are not included in the calculations. Number of forcibly displaced persons (UNHCR) in 2021.

