

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)

MACEDONIA

Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID 2018)

Conflict displacement
Figures analysis



MACEDONIA - Contextual update

Stock:	140
New displacements:	0
Returns:	0
Provisional solutions:	60

Macedonia declared independence on 8 September 1991, and it was the only ex-Yugoslav republic that managed to secede non-violently from the federation.

The ethnic Macedonian majority and the largest minority, the ethnic Albanians, have co-existed uneasily both before and after the country declared independence in 1991, but their relations have generally been peaceful, and all problems were resolved through political dialogue.

The main cause for violent incidents in 2001 was the repression by the Macedonian government on the use of the Albanian language and the ban of the use of the Albanian flag. The 2001 insurgency began when the ethnic Albanian National Liberation Army (NLA) group attacked the security forces of Macedonia at the beginning of February, and ended with the Ohrid Agreement. The conflict lasted throughout most of the year.

Since 2001, Macedonia has not witnessed large-scale violence.

MACEDONIA - Map of the displacement situation as of 2017



Sources: Displacement data (IDMC); map (OCHA, Reliefweb) created in Sep 2013.
The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations and IDMC.

MACEDONIA - Stock: 140 IDPs

This corresponds to the total number of individuals in a situation of internal displacement at the end of 2017



Sources and methodologies

We use the estimates shared by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy in Macedonia. The Ministry maintains an IDP registry.

Main caveats and specific monitoring challenges

We have not received a comprehensive account of the IDP registration procedure.

IDMC figure, methodology and rationale

We use the total IDP figure as registered in the IDP registry as of 31 December 2017. The registry is our only source.

Significant changes from last year: methodological and contextual changes

The figure decreased by ten people compared the past year. These people reportedly de-registered from the IDP registry.

MACEDONIA - New displacements: 0

This corresponds to the estimated number of internal displacement movements to have taken place during the year



We did not record any new displacements in Macedonia in 2017.

MACEDONIA - Returns: 0

This corresponds to the number of individuals for which sufficient evidence exists to indicate a return to the habitual place of residence



We have not been able to conclude with any certainty that returns leading to durable solutions for the IDPs took place in 2017. IDPs who de-registered from the IDP registry in 2017 are recorded under the "provisional solutions" category.

MACEDONIA - Provisional solutions: 60

This corresponds to cases of individuals who IDMC considers to not have achieved a durable solution



Challenges in accounting for returns

We received information on sixty people who de-registered from the IDP registry in 2016 and 2017, however, due to the lack of understanding what this action implies, these people are included in the 'provisional solutions' category.