



UNHCR CAMEROON MONTHLY UPDATES

KEY HIGHLIGHTS October 2025



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UNHCR Cameroon needs to support refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country. This update provides detailed demographic, socio-economic, and educational data, as well as information on persons with specific needs, underscoring the complex and multifaceted nature of the refugee and IDP crisis in Cameroon. The monthly update highlights the demographic diversity, educational and occupational challenges, and specific needs of the displaced populations. The data emphasizes the importance of targeting interventions and creating support mechanisms to address the varied and pressing needs of these vulnerable groups. The Cameroonian government and international organizations must collaborate to provide necessary aid and ensure the well-being of these populations.

01/10 Population Overview:

Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Cameroon hosts **407,580** refugees and **17,508** asylum seekers.
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): The country has **969,273** IDPs, with an additional **699,545** returnees.
Major Countries of Origin: Refugees primarily come from the Central African Republic **316,866** , Nigeria **127,469** , Chad **4,405** , and Niger **8,919** .

Demographic Distribution:

A significant portion of the refugees are women and children. Specifically, **52%** of the refugee population are women and girls, and **51%** are children.
Age Groups: Refugees are categorized into various age groups, with notable populations in the 0-4, 5-11, 12-17, 18-59, and 60+ age ranges.

Education Levels:

The educational attainment of refugees varies, with **43%** having no education, **28%** having primary education, and smaller percentages having informal, secondary, university, or technical/vocational education.

Occupations:

45% of refugees are engaged in various occupations such as homemakers, traders, drivers, pensioners, maneuvers, and breeders. **18%** are students, **15%** are unemployed, and **9%** are farmers.

Ethnicity and Religion:

Ethnicity: The majority of ethnicities are Peulh **37%** , Kanuri **10%** .
Religion: The religious makeup includes **63%** Muslims, **35%** Christians, and **2%** others.



Persons with Specific Needs:

Categories: There are several categories of persons with specific needs including children at risk, women at risk, single parents, older persons, unaccompanied or separated children, and persons with disabilities.
Top Concerns: The highest numbers are children at risk of not attending school **27,103** , individuals with vision disabilities **5,207** , and older persons with children **3,138** .

Legal and Marital Status:

Legal Status: Refugees and asylum seekers are categorized based on their arrival years, with significant influxes noted in 2014 and subsequent years. Marital Status: The majority of the refugee population is single **68%** , followed by married individuals **22%** .

Regional distribution:

The distribution of refugees and IDPs across various regions in Cameroon shows significant numbers in different regions. The East region hosts the largest refugee population with **159,437** individuals. The Far-North has **122,953** refugees, while Adamaoua has **57,219** . The North region accommodates **36,807** refugees, and the Centre has **26,165** . The Littoral region has **20,606** refugees.

Challenges and Needs:

UNHCR MCO in Cameroon grapples with significant challenges in managing and supporting its large refugee and internally displaced populations. Due to increasing global crises, UNHCR Cameroon faces immense strain, with regions like the East and Extreme-Nord hosting **159,437** and **122,953** refugees respectively, the strain on resources is immense. These populations include a high percentage of children and women, requiring specialized services such as education, healthcare, and protection. The diverse educational levels among refugees, ranging from no education to university, indicate a need for comprehensive educational programs. Additionally, significant numbers of refugees are unemployed or engaged in low-income occupations, highlighting the necessity for vocational training and employment opportunities. The presence of vulnerable groups, such as unaccompanied children, single parents, and individuals with disabilities, further underscores the urgent need for targeted humanitarian aid and robust social support systems to address their specific needs and ensure their well-being.



UNHCR CAMEROON IN A GLANCE

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- Central African
- Nigeria
- IDP Far North
- IDP NWSW
- Other Refugees

Population Type Region Zone Owning Office

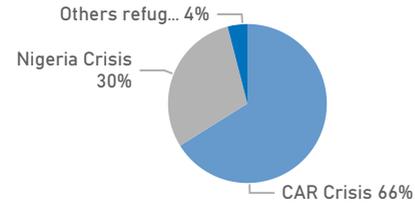
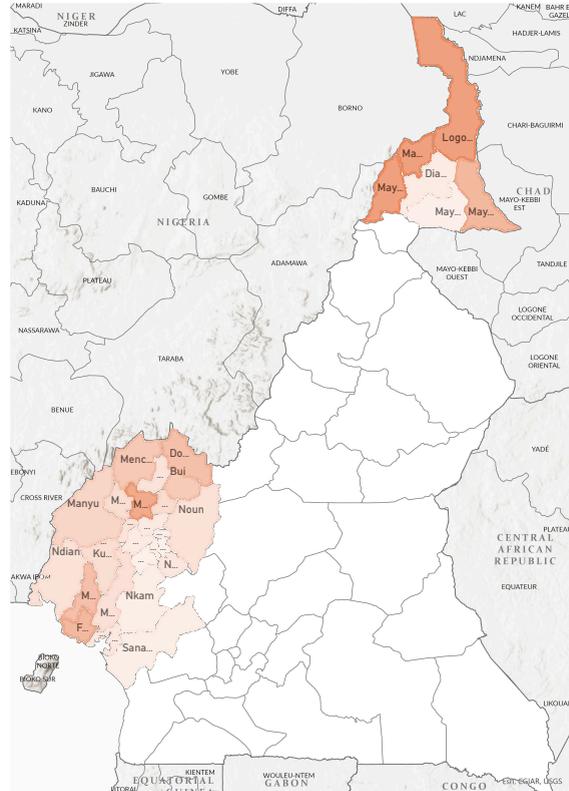
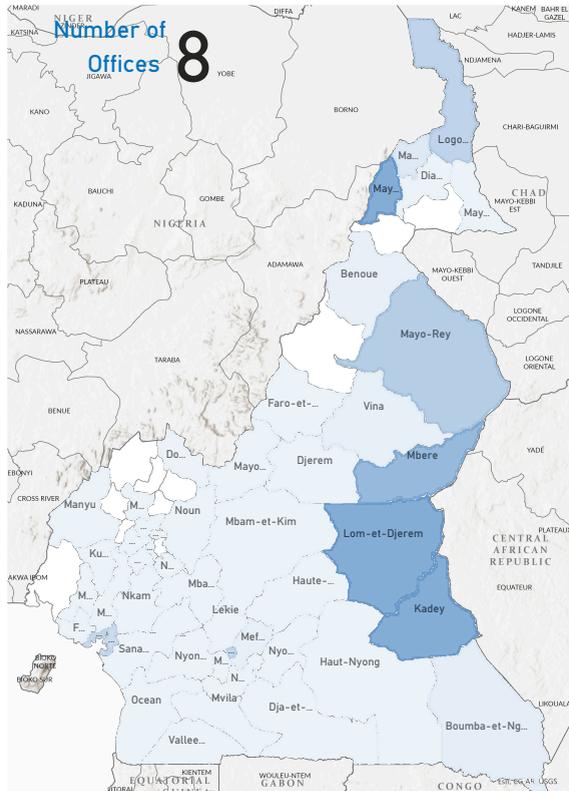
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2,093,906
Total of Persons we serve

407,580 Refugee
17,508 Asylum Seeker
969,273 Internally Displaced
699,545 Returnees IDP

Refugee and Asylum Seeker by Department

IDPs by Department



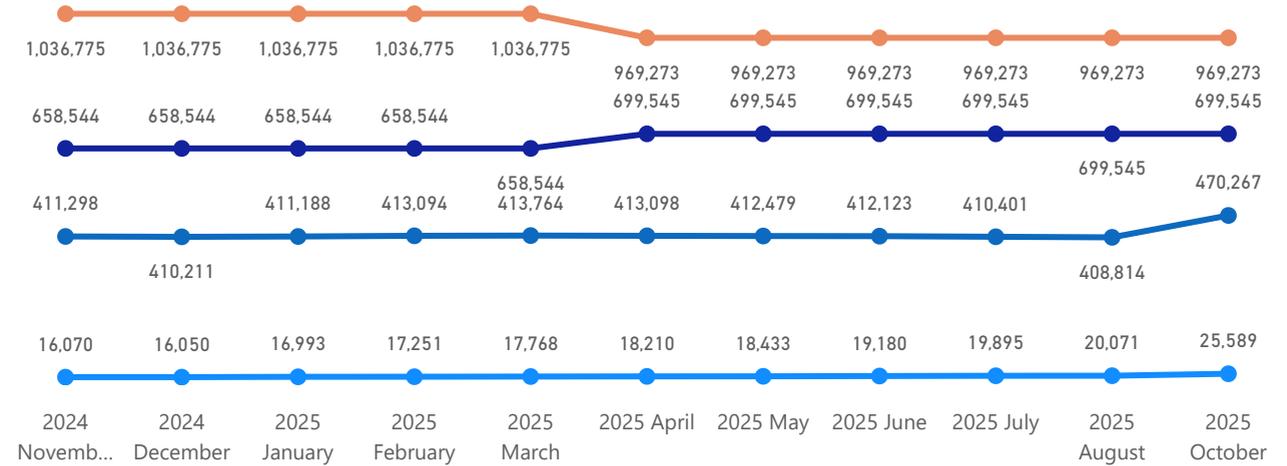
Distribution by crisis

52% Of refugees are women and girls

53% Of refugees are children

59% Of IDPs are children

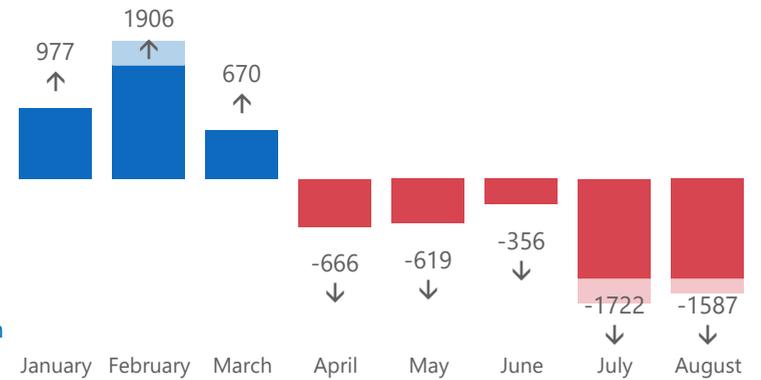
● Asylum Seeker ● IDPs ● Refugee ● Returnee IDPs



Top 5 countries with refugees and asylum seekers

- Central African Republic: 281,261
- Nigeria: 127,462
- Chad: 4,217
- Others Nationalities: 2,305

- Niger: 8,904
- Rwanda: 442
- Mali: 538
- Soudan: 694



Central African
Nigeria
Other Refugees

Legal Status

Asylum Seeker
 Refugee

Site/Camp

In Site/Camp
 Out of Site/Camp



203,119

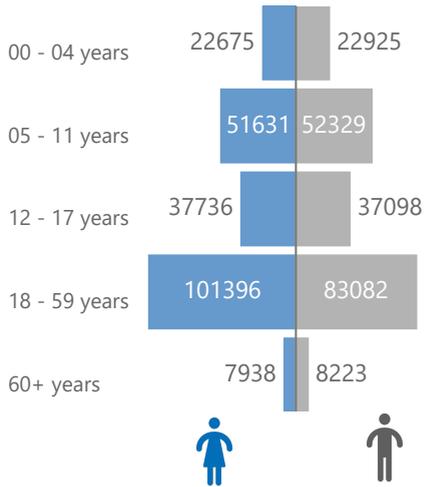
School age children

Region:
 Department:
 Zone:
 Owning Office:

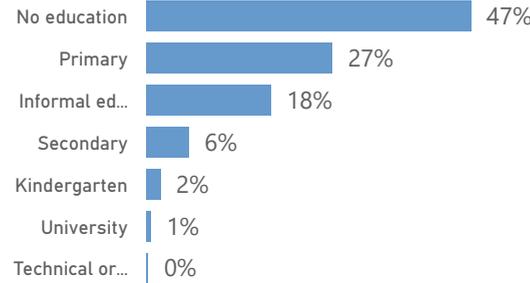
Refugees by age group

Region	00 - 04 years		05 - 11 years		12 - 17 years		18 - 59 years		60+ years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Est	7566	7525	18698	19488	14541	14439	40988	29935	3002	3255	159437
Extreme-Nord	8372	8369	16822	16653	11767	11311	26538	18025	2586	2510	122953
Adamaoua	3193	3314	7060	7205	5576	5578	14132	8743	1228	1190	57219
Nord	1840	1938	5254	5190	3193	3116	9299	5546	759	672	36807
Centre	1166	1142	2372	2321	1561	1459	6151	9505	185	303	26165
Littoral	531	630	1377	1414	1007	1082	3921	10259	136	248	20605
Sud-Ouest	3	2	36	40	80	93	278	833	32	31	1428
Nord-Ouest			8	15	10	18	64	72	10	5	202
Sud	4	2	2	2		2	18	90		8	128
Ouest		3	2	1			4	72		1	83
Total	22675	22925	51631	52329	37735	37098	101393	83080	7938	8223	425027

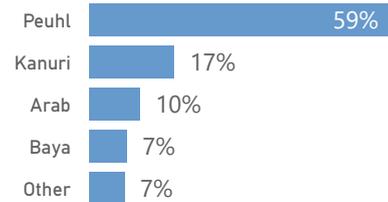
Population distribution (gender and age group)



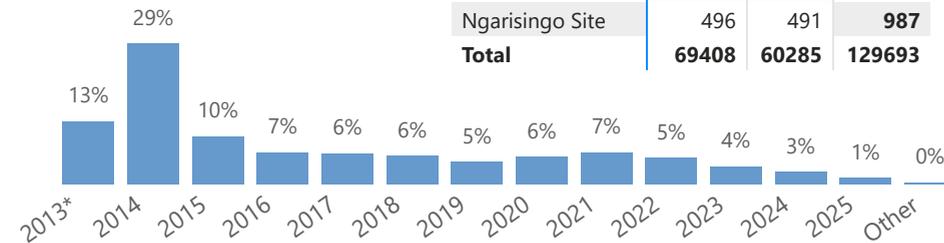
Education Level



Ethnicity



Year of arrival of refugees



Site/Camp	Female	Male	Total
Minawao Camp	44122	37721	81843
Gado Badzere Site	8506	7412	15918
Mbile Site	4929	4502	9431
Lolo Site	4296	4048	8344
Borgop Site	3610	3046	6656
Timangolo Site	1925	1771	3696
Ngam Site	1524	1294	2818
Ngarisingo Site	496	491	987
Total	69408	60285	129693

Education Age

Region	04-05 Years		06-11 Years		12-18 Years		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Adamaoua	2048	2166	6054	6184	6223	6183	28858
Centre	630	642	2053	1976	1781	1675	8757
Est	5512	5609	16011	16745	16506	16424	76807
Extreme-Nord	4915	4876	14320	14155	13087	12596	63949
Littoral	323	384	1189	1208	1138	1358	5600
Nord	1478	1543	4444	4362	3541	3432	18800
Nord-Ouest			8	15	12	22	57
Ouest	1	1	1				3
Sud	1	2	2	2	1	4	12
Sud-Ouest	1	2	35	38	88	112	276
Total	14909	15225	44117	44685	42377	41806	203119

Central African | Nigeria | Other Refugees

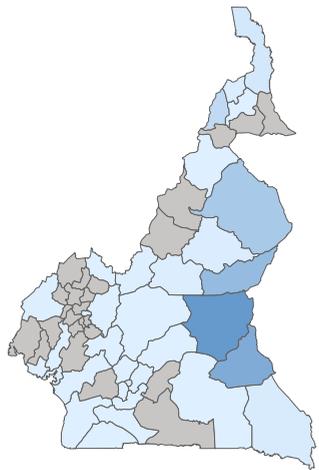
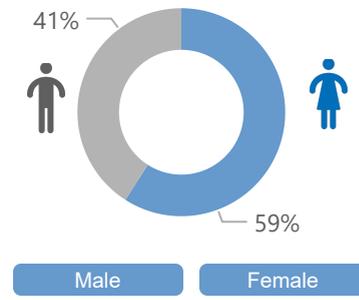
Owning Office: All

Region: All | Department: All | Commu...: All | Zone: All

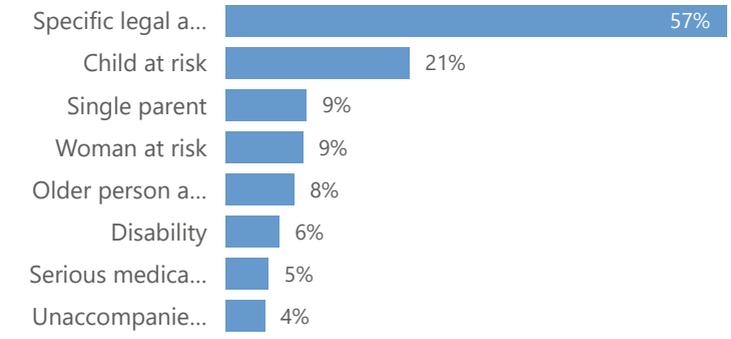
Areas of Responsibility: Child Protection | General Protection | SGBV

133,412 Person with Specific Needs

Gender



Person with Specific Needs



27,914 Child at Risk

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Child at risk of not attending school	27103
Child with special education needs	469
Child spouse	182
Child parent	124
Child carer	37
Child engaged in other forms of child labour	29
Child engaged in worst forms of child labour	20
Teenage pregnancy	16
No legal documentation	10
Child associated with armed forces or groups	5

6,521 Serious Medical Condition

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Other medical condition	4110
Chronic illness	1168
Difficult pregnancy	471
Malnutrition	337
Critical medical	276
Mental illness	89
Woman at risk	18
Addiction	12
Emotions and behavior	3
Vision	3

1,231 SGBV

SGBV	Refugee
Threat of forced marriage	506
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	396
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of asylum	129
Victim/Survivor of SGBV in country of origin	106
Threat of honour killing/violence	52

8,117 Disability

SPN Sub Category	# Refugee
Vision	3138
Hearing	1376
Lower Body Mobility	1251
Emotions and behavior	1012
Communication	596
Upper Body Mobility	315
Self-Care	43
Remembering and concentrating	38
Physical disability - moderate	21
Mental disability - moderate	9

12,274 Single Parent

(Top 10) Single Parent

# Refugee	
Single HR - parent	11156
Single HR - caregiver	602
Single HR - grandparent	442
Woman at risk	15
Single woman at risk	9
No legal documentation	2
Single older person	2
Child parent	1

175 Family Unity

Family Unity Sub-Category	# Refugee
Family reunification required	128
Tracing required	38

10,415 Older at Risk

Older Person at Risk	# Refugee
Older person with children	5207
Older person unable to care for self	3904
Single older person	1635
No legal documentation	2
Woman at risk	2
Other medical condition	1
Single HR - grandparent	1
Single HR - parent	1
Single woman at risk	1

5,948 Unaccompanied or separated child

(Top 6) Unaccompanied or separated child

# Refugee	
Separated child	5655
Unaccompanied child	253
Child headed household	19
Child in foster care	9
Child in institutional care	5
No legal documentation	5

11,730 Woman at Risk

(Top 4) Single Parent Sub-Category

# Refugee	
Woman at risk	7532
Single woman at risk	2359
Single HR - parent	10
Lactating	1556

