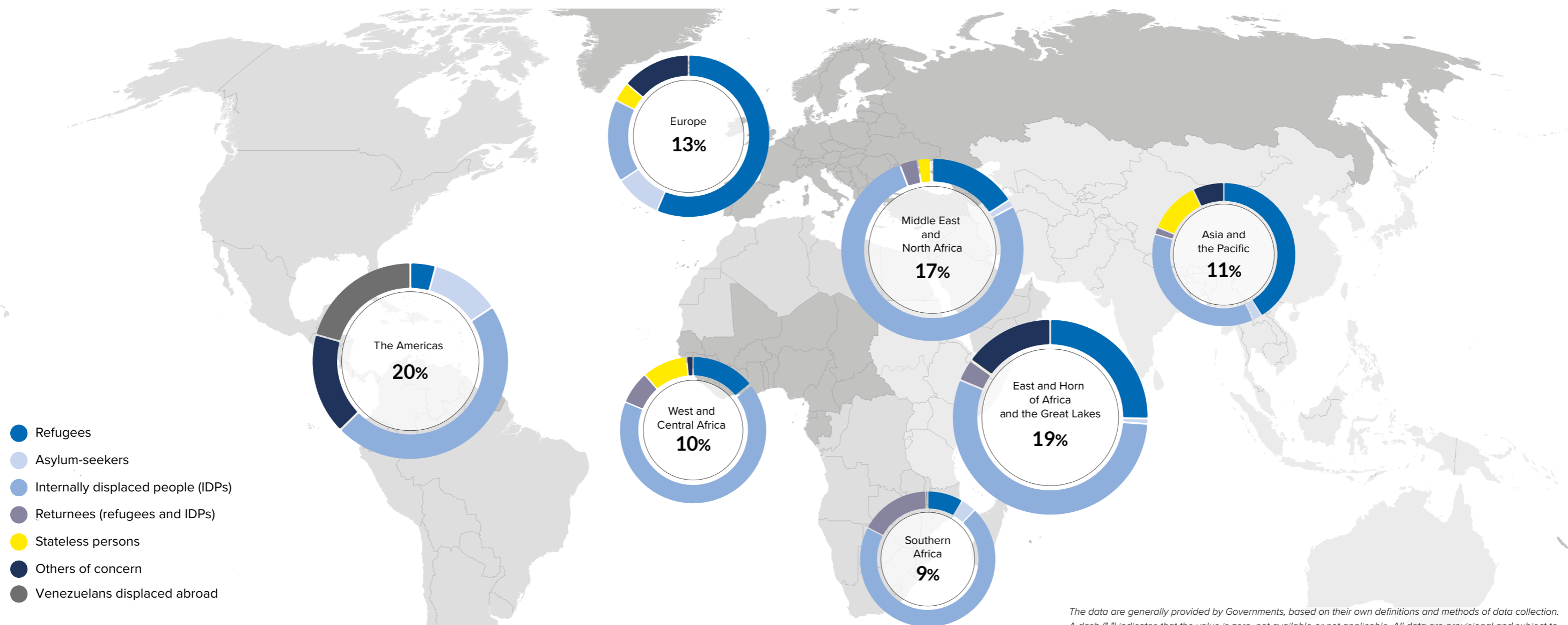


POPULATIONS OF CONCERN TO UNHCR



[END DECEMBER 2020]

	West and Central Africa	East and Horn of Africa and the Great Lakes	Southern Africa	The Americas	Asia and the Pacific	Europe	Middle East and North Africa	TOTAL POPULATION OF CONCERN
Refugees	1,353,611	4,511,575	720,533	650,932	3,968,708	6,673,149	2,483,780	20,362,288
Persons in refugee-like situations ⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	108,759	47,997	105,271	26,000	288,027
Total refugees	1,353,611	4,511,575	720,533	759,691	4,016,705	6,778,420	2,509,780	20,650,315
Asylum-seekers	38,058	157,008	294,788	2,112,469	203,480	1,125,616	207,902	4,139,321
Returned refugees ⁽²⁾	42,160	165,467	675	10	2,547	24	40,068	250,951
IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR ⁽³⁾	6,373,076	9,875,419	6,000,599	8,571,378	3,544,916	1,985,782	12,206,269	48,557,439
Returned IDPs ⁽⁴⁾	655,815	474,822	1,434,272	-	155,113	375	463,721	3,184,118
Stateless persons ⁽⁵⁾	954,646	27,794	-	4,423	2,285,074	534,438	370,527	4,176,902
Others of concern ⁽⁶⁾	138,157	2,690,328	37,408	3,052,456	685,100	1,657,095	49,207	8,309,751
Venezuelans displaced abroad ⁽⁷⁾	-	-	-	3,856,327	-	-	-	3,856,327
TOTAL	9,555,523	17,901,439	8,488,275	18,356,358	9,755,055	12,016,349	15,847,447	91,920,446

The data are generally provided by Governments, based on their own definitions and methods of data collection. A dash ("-") indicates that the value is zero, not available or not applicable. All data are provisional and subject to change. More information on people of concern to UNHCR in 2020, including statistical trends and changes of global displacement during the year, can be found in the [2020 Global Trends](#) report.

⁽¹⁾ Includes groups of persons who are outside their country or territory of origin and who face protection risks similar to those of refugees, but for whom refugee status has, for practical or other reasons, not been ascertained.
⁽²⁾ Includes refugees who have returned to their place of origin during 2020. Source: country of origin and asylum.
⁽³⁾ Includes IDPs who are in IDP-like situations.
⁽⁴⁾ Includes IDPs protected/assisted by UNHCR who have returned to their place of origin during 2020.
⁽⁵⁾ Refers to persons who are not considered as nationals by any State under the operation of its law. This category refers to persons who fall under the agency's statelessness mandate because they are stateless according to this international definition, but data from some countries may also include persons with undetermined nationality. The figures reported include stateless persons who are also counted as refugees, asylum-seekers, IDPs or others of concern to UNHCR. UNHCR's statistical reporting generally follows a methodology that reports only one legal status for each person of concern. However, due to the extraordinary size of the displaced stateless population from Myanmar, UNHCR considers it important to reflect the dual status of this population group as both displaced and stateless. Additional stateless refugees, asylum-seekers, and IDPs will be reported on as UNHCR continues to review and improve its reporting on stateless persons with a dual status.
⁽⁶⁾ People of concern to UNHCR not included in the other categories but to whom UNHCR may extend its protection and/or assistance.
⁽⁷⁾ Venezuelans displaced abroad refers to persons of Venezuelan origin who are likely to be in need of international protection under the criteria contained in the Cartagena Declaration, but who have not applied for asylum in the country in which they are present. Regardless of status, Venezuelans displaced abroad require protection against forced returns, and access to basic services. UNHCR and the International Organization for Migration work together with this population by leading the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform, which is aimed at strengthening the protection dimensions and consistent responses across the region in line with human rights standards.