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14 Refugees and asylum seekers by country/territory of origin (1995 to 2001)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
a	5,191,200	3,623,200	2,897,000	2,880,950	3,072,800	3,254,300	2,923,000
a	-	-	-	3,000	5,000	-	10,000
a	313,000	220,000	223,000	303,300	339,300	400,000	400,000
di	290,000	285,000	248,000	281,000	311,000	421,000	370,000
roon	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000
al African ublic	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000
	16,000	15,500	12,000	15,000	13,000	53,000	35,000
o, DR of*	58,600	116,800	132,000	136,000	229,000	342,000	350,000
o, PR of	-	-	40,000	20,000	25,000	22,000	30,000
iti	10,000	10,000	5,000	3,000	1,000	1,000	-
	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-
a	342,500	343,100	323,000	323,100	323,100	356,400	300,000
ia	110,700	58,000	48,000	39,600	53,300	36,200	15,000
a	-	10,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
a	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
a-Bissau	-	-	-	11,150	5,300	1,500	-
i	-	-	-	8,000	5,000	-	-
a	725,000	755,000	475,000	310,000	249,000	196,000	215,000
	90,000	80,000	16,000	3,000	2,000	-	3,000
tania	80,000	65,000	55,000	30,000	45,000	45,000	50,000
mbique	97,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
bia	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	2,000
	20,000	15,000	10,000	-	-	-	-
ia	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
da	1,545,000	257,000	43,000	12,000	27,000	52,000	40,000
gal	17,000	17,000	17,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
r Leone	363,000	350,000	297,000	480,000	454,000	419,000	180,000
lia	480,300	467,100	486,000	414,600	415,600	370,000	270,000
n	448,100	433,700	353,000	352,200	423,200	392,200	470,000
	95,000	30,000	6,000	3,000	3,000	2,000	1,000
da	10,000	15,000	10,000	12,000	15,000	20,000	15,000
ern Sahara	80,000	80,000	86,000	100,000	105,000	105,000	110,000
Asia Pacific	640,950	648,200	723,000	763,200	864,100	1,056,000	1,078,500
odia	26,300	34,400	77,000	51,000	15,100	16,400	16,000
i (Tibet)	141,000	128,000	128,000	128,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Timor	-	-	-	-	120,000	120,000	80,000
esia	9,500	10,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	6,150	5,500
a, DPR of	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
	8,900	3,500	14,000	12,100	13,900	400	-
imar	160,400	184,300	215,000	238,100	240,100	380,250	438,000
pines	-	-	-	45,000	45,000	57,000	57,000
lam	294,850	288,000	281,000	281,000	292,000	295,800	302,000

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
South and central Asia	2,809,400	3,184,100	2,966,000	2,928,700	2,906,750	3,832,700	4,961,500
Afghanistan	2,328,400	2,628,550	2,622,000	2,628,600	2,561,050	3,520,350	4,600,000
Bangladesh	48,000	53,000	40,000	-	-	-	7,500
Bhutan	118,600	121,800	113,000	115,000	125,000	124,000	126,000
India	-	13,000	13,000	15,000	15,000	17,000	17,000
Kazakhstan	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Pakistan	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
Sri Lanka	96,000	100,150	100,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	144,000
Tajikistan	170,400	215,600	32,000	15,100	62,500	59,750	56,000
Uzbekistan	48,000	52,000	46,000	45,000	33,200	1,500	-
Middle East	3,958,500	4,373,100	4,304,000	4,397,700	3,987,050	5,426,500	4,428,000
Iran	49,500	46,100	35,000	30,800	31,200	30,600	40,000
Iraq	622,900	608,500	526,000	555,800	534,450	409,300	265,000
Lebanon	-	-	-	-	-	4,400	-
Palestinians	3,286,100	3,718,500	3,743,000	3,811,100	3,931,400	4,982,100	4,123,000
Syria	-	-	-	-	-	100	-
Europe	1,805,600	1,875,150	1,343,100	1,241,300	1,238,100	755,900	674,000
Albania	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,200
Armenia	185,000	197,000	188,000	180,000	188,400	-	8,600
Azerbaijan	390,000	238,000	218,000	218,000	230,000	-	3,500
Belarus	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,800
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,006,450	577,000	342,600	80,350	250,000	234,600	188,000
Croatia	200,000	300,000	335,000	329,000	336,000	314,700	272,000
Georgia	105,000	105,000	11,000	23,000	2,800	22,400	21,100
Macedonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,600
Russian Federation	-	-	-	500	12,350	22,700	30,200
Slovenia	-	-	-	-	-	4,400	-
Turkey	15,000	15,000	11,000	11,300	11,800	12,600	40,000
Yugoslavia	5,100	13,700	3,100	136,900	376,400	148,900	60,000
Americas and Caribbean	65,700	61,900	521,300	442,550	393,800	366,750	428,000
Colombia	200	0	300	600	-	2,300	30,000
Cuba	4,000	850	600	300	850	1,200	3,000
El Salvador	12,400	12,000	12,000	250,150	253,000	235,500	217,000
Guatemala	34,150	34,650	30,000	251,300	146,000	102,600	129,000
Haiti	1,500	-	-	600	23,000	20,600	25,000
Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
Nicaragua	16,150	18,200	19,000	18,000	18,000	3,800	13,000
Peru	-	-	-	350	1,700	750	-
Total	14,479,850	13,769,450	12,295,000	12,733,150	12,511,350	14,692,150	14,493,000

Notes: - indicates zero or near zero; * formerly Zaire.

Source: US Committee for Refugees

More than half of the world's refugees and asylum seekers in 2001 were either Palestinians or Afghans. The number of refugees in need of protection from Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Macedonia, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and other countries increased during the year, while the number of refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, East Timor, Kosovo (Yugoslavia), Sierra Leone, Somalia and elsewhere declined. However, in part because asylum states do not always report country-of-origin data, this table understates the number of refugees and asylum seekers from many countries.

Table 15 Refugees and asylum seekers by host country/territory (1995 to 2001)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Africa	5,222,300	3,682,700	2,944,000	2,924,000	3,147,000	3,346,000	3,052,000
Algeria	120,000	114,000	104,000	84,000	84,000	85,000	85,000
Burkina Faso	10,900	9,300	9,000	10,000	15,000	12,000	12,000
Chad	25,000	11,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	4,000	5,000
Cote d'Ivoire	—	—	—	—	1,000	3,000	4,000
Ethiopia	21,000	26,000	2,000	—	—	—	1,000
Ghana	140,000	12,000	12,000	5,000	2,000	6,000	30,000
Guinea	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	10,000	45,000	30,000
Libya	34,000	36,400	38,000	47,000	55,000	54,000	50,000
Mali	—	—	—	10,000	20,000	20,000	15,000
Morocco	1,332,000	455,000	255,000	220,000	235,000	276,000	270,000
Niger	15,000	16,000	21,000	20,000	40,000	126,000	100,000
Senegal	290,000	320,000	202,000	128,000	135,000	94,000	100,000
Sudan	25,000	22,000	22,000	23,000	23,000	22,000	22,000
Tanzania	10,400	46,000	46,000	46,000	47,000	57,000	73,000
Togo	—	—	3,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	2,000
Tunisia	308,000	328,000	313,000	251,000	246,000	194,000	115,000
Zambia	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	15,000	15,000	20,000
Zimbabwe	5,000	5,000	8,000	13,000	25,000	15,000	15,000
Angola	85,000	35,000	20,000	15,000	12,000	13,000	10,000
Guinea-Bissau	640,000	650,000	430,000	514,000	453,000	390,000	190,000
Sierra Leone	15,000	15,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	7,000
Liberia	225,000	186,000	196,000	192,000	254,000	233,000	215,000
Yemen	120,000	100,000	100,000	120,000	90,000	70,000	60,000
Zambia	28,100	27,200	27,000	28,000	11,000	11,000	30,000
Uganda	2,000	—	—	—	—	—	5,000
Kenya	15,000	15,000	17,000	5,000	7,000	7,000	10,000
Malawi	35,000	15,000	5,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Mozambique	—	—	—	—	1,000	2,000	5,000
Nigeria	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	8,000	20,000	30,000
Senegal	17,000	27,000	7,000	3,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Sierra Leone	8,000	8,000	9,000	5,000	7,000	10,000	7,000
Sudan	—	20,000	28,000	36,000	36,000	29,000	35,000
Tanzania	68,000	51,000	41,000	30,000	42,000	41,000	45,000
Sierra Leone	15,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	7,000	3,000	15,000
South Africa	90,000	22,500	28,000	29,000	40,000	30,000	22,000
Tanzania	450,000	395,000	365,000	360,000	363,000	385,000	370,000
Zimbabwe	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000
Zambia	703,000	335,000	295,000	329,000	413,000	543,000	500,000
Yemen	10,000	10,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	11,000	10,000
Zimbabwe	500	300	—	—	—	—	—

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Uganda	230,000	225,000	185,000	185,000	197,000	230,000	230,000
Zambia	125,400	126,000	118,000	157,000	205,000	255,000	270,000
Zimbabwe	–	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	10,000
East Asia and Pacific	452,850	449,600	535,100	559,200	657,300	791,700	815,800
Australia	7,500	7,400	18,000	15,000	17,000	16,700	21,800
Cambodia	–	–	–	200	100	50	1,000
China ²	294,100	294,100	281,800	281,800	292,800	350,000	345,000
Hong Kong ²	1,900	1,300	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Indonesia	–	–	100	100	120,000	120,800	81,300
Japan	9,900	300	300	500	400	3,800	6,400
Korea, Rep. of	–	–	–	–	–	350	–
Malaysia ³	5,300	5,200	5,200	50,600	45,400	57,400	57,000
Nauru	–	–	–	–	–	–	1,100
New Zealand	–	–	–	–	–	3,100	3,100
Papua New Guinea	9,500	10,000	8,200	8,000	8,000	6,000	5,400
Philippines	450	50	100	300	200	200	200
Solomon Islands	1,000	1,000	800	–	–	–	–
Thailand	98,200	95,850	205,600	187,700	158,400	217,300	277,000
Viet Nam	25,000	34,400	15,000	15,000	15,000	16,000	16,000
South and central Asia	1,386,300	1,794,800	1,743,000	1,708,700	1,689,000	2,655,600	2,880,100
Afghanistan	18,400	18,900	–	–	–	–	–
Bangladesh	55,000	40,000	40,100	53,100	53,100	121,600	122,000
India	319,200	352,200	323,500	292,100	292,000	290,000	330,000
Kazakhstan	6,500	14,000	14,000	4,100	14,800	20,000	20,000
Kyrgyzstan	7,600	17,000	15,500	15,000	10,900	11,000	9,700
Nepal	106,600	109,800	116,000	118,000	130,000	129,000	131,000
Pakistan	867,500	1,215,700	215,650	1,217,400	1,127,000	2,019,000	2,200,000
Tajikistan	2,500	2,200	3,800	5,500	4,700	12,400	15,400
Turkmenistan	–	22,000	13,000	500	18,500	14,200	14,000
Uzbekistan	3,000	3,000	1,250	3,000	38,000	38,400	38,000
Middle East	5,499,100	5,840,550	5,708,000	5,814,100	5,849,000	6,035,300	6,832,900
Gaza Strip	683,600	716,900	746,000	773,000	798,400	824,600	852,600
Iran	2,075,500	2,020,000	1,900,000	1,931,000	1,835,000	1,895,000	2,558,300
Iraq	115,200	114,400	110,000	104,000	129,400	127,700	128,100
Israel	–	–	–	–	400	4,700	4,700
Jordan	1,294,800	1,362,500	1,413,800	1,463,800	1,518,000	1,580,000	1,643,900
Kuwait	55,000	42,000	90,000	52,000	52,000	52,000	50,000
Lebanon	348,300	355,100	362,300	368,300	378,100	383,200	389,600
Saudi Arabia	13,200	257,850	116,750	128,300	128,600	128,500	128,500
Syria	342,300	384,400	361,000	369,800	379,200	389,000	397,600
United Arab Emirates	400	400	500	200	–	–	–

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
West Bank	517,400	532,400	543,000	555,000	569,700	583,000	607,800
Yemen	53,400	54,600	64,900	68,700	60,000	67,600	71,800
Europe	2,520,700	2,479,100	2,020,300	1,728,400	1,909,100	1,153,300	960,500
Albania	-	-	-	25,000	5,000	500	400
Armenia	304,000	150,000	219,150	229,000	240,000	-	11,000
Austria	55,900	80,000	11,400	16,500	16,600	6,100	10,600
Azerbaijan	238,000	249,150	244,100	235,300	222,000	3,600	5,500
Belarus	7,000	10,800	33,500	16,500	2,900	3,200	3,100
Belgium	16,400	18,200	14,100	25,800	42,000	46,400	40,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	-	40,000	40,000	60,000	38,200	36,000
Bulgaria	500	550	2,400	2,800	2,800	3,000	1,500
Croatia	189,500	167,000	50,000	27,300	24,000	22,500	21,900
Cyprus	-	-	-	200	300	300	1,600
Czech Republic	2,400	2,900	700	2,400	1,800	4,800	10,500
Denmark	9,600	24,600	13,000	6,100	8,500	10,300	10,000
Estonia	750	1,700	1,600	2,300	3,800	2,600	2,000
France	30,000	29,200	16,000	17,400	30,000	26,200	13,000
Georgia	-	-	100	300	5,200	7,600	7,900
Germany	442,700	436,400	277,000	198,000	285,000	180,000	116,200
Greece	1,300	5,600	2,100	2,800	7,500	800	2,500
Hungary	9,100	5,400	3,400	3,200	6,000	4,200	2,900
Iceland	-	-	-	-	100	50	-
Ireland	-	1,800	4,300	6,900	8,500	7,700	9,500
Italy	60,700	10,600	20,000	6,800	24,900	13,700	14,000
Latvia	150	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lithuania	400	-	100	100	100	150	300
Macedonia, FYR of	7,000	5,100	3,500	7,300	17,400	9,000	3,500
Netherlands	39,300	46,200	64,200	47,000	40,000	29,600	31,000
Norway	11,200	12,700	3,100	2,500	9,500	8,600	10,000
Poland	800	3,200	1,200	1,300	1,300	2,300	100
Portugal	350	200	150	1,400	1,700	1,600	1,300
Romania	1,300	600	2,000	900	900	2,100	200
Russian Federation	500,000	484,000	324,000	161,900	104,300	36,200	28,300
Slovak Republic	1,600	2,000	100	300	400	400	3,100
Slovenia	24,000	10,300	5,300	7,300	5,000	12,000	2,700
Spain	4,300	7,200	3,300	2,500	4,500	1,100	1,000
Sweden	12,300	60,500	8,400	16,700	20,200	18,500	18,000
Switzerland	29,000	41,700	34,100	40,000	104,000	62,600	57,600
Turkey	21,150	13,000	5,000	12,000	9,100	9,900	10,100
Ukraine	6,000	8,000	4,900	8,600	5,800	5,500	5,500
United Kingdom	44,000	40,500	58,100	74,000	112,000	87,800	67,700
Yugoslavia	450,000	550,000	550,000	480,000	476,000	484,200	400,000

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Americas and the Caribbean	256,400	232,800	616,000	739,950	737,000	562,100	596,700
Argentina	–	400	10,700	1,100	3,300	1,000	3,100
Bahamas	200	–	50	100	100	100	100
Belize	8,650	8,700	4,000	3,500	3,000	1,700	–
Bolivia	600	550	300	350	400	–	400
Brazil	2,000	2,200	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,700	4,000
Canada	24,900	26,100	48,800	46,000	53,000	54,400	70,000
Chile	300	200	300	100	300	300	500
Colombia	400	200	200	200	250	250	200
Costa Rica	20,500	23,150	23,100	23,100	22,900	7,300	10,700
Cuba	1,800	1,650	1,500	1,100	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dominican Republic	900	600	600	600	650	500	500
Ecuador	100	200	200	250	350	1,600	4,300
El Salvador	150	150	100	100	–	–	–
Guatemala	2,500	1,200	1,300	800	750	700	700
Honduras	50	–	–	100	–	–	–
Jamaica	–	–	–	50	50	50	–
Mexico	38,500	34,450	30,000	7,500	8,500	6,500	6,200
Nicaragua	450	900	700	150	500	300	–
Panama	800	650	300	1,300	600	1,300	1,300
Peru	700	300	–	–	700	750	700
United States	152,200	129,600	491,000	651,000	638,000	481,500	492,500
Uruguay	–	–	–	–	150	50	100
Venezuela	700	1,600	300	150	200	100	400
Total	16,266,800	15,337,650	14,479,550	13,566,400	13,988,000	14,543,700	15,138,000

Notes: – indicates zero or near zero, n a not available, or reported estimates unreliable; ¹ formerly Zaire; ² as of 1997, figures for Hong Kong are included in total for China; ³ USCR reclassified as refugees 45,00 Filipino Muslims from the island of Mindanao previously regarded as “refugee-like”. Malaysia regards them as refugees and permits them to reside legally, but temporarily, in Sabah. Another 450,000 are living in refugee-like conditions in Malaysia.

Source: US Committee for Refugees

The total number of refugees and asylum seekers increased by about 600,000 in 2001, reversing a decade-long downward trend for a third year, according to USCR. That downward trend was due to many factors, including refugee repatriations to several countries and to the unwillingness of many states, especially those in the developed world, to accept new refugees and asylum seekers. The number of refugees and asylum seekers increased in the Middle East, south and central Asia, east Asia and the Americas during the year, largely because of ongoing or renewed conflicts. More than half of the world's refugees and asylum seekers were found in just four countries or territories: Iran, Jordan, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, and Pakistan.

Table 16 Significant populations of internally displaced people (1992 to 2001)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Africa	10,185,000	8,805,000	7,590,000	8,958,000	10,355,000	10,527,000	10,835,000
Algeria	–	10,000	n.a.	200,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Angola	1,500,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Burundi	300,000	400,000	500,000	500,000	800,000	600,000	600,000
Central African Republic	–	–	–	–	–	–	5,000
Congo, DR ¹	225,000	400,000	100,000	300,000	800,000	1,500,000	50,000
Congo, PR	–	–	–	250,000	500,000	30,000	2,000,000
Côte d'Ivoire	–	–	–	–	–	2,000	5,000
Djibouti	–	25,000	5,000	–	–	–	–
Eritrea	–	–	–	100,000	250,000	310,000	90,000
Ethiopia	–	–	–	150,000	300,000	250,000	100,000
Ghana	150,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	–	–	–
Guinea	–	–	–	–	–	60,000	100,000
Guinea-Bissau	–	–	–	200,000	50,000	–	–
Kenya	210,000	100,000	150,000	200,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
Liberia	1,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	75,000	50,000	20,000	80,000
Mozambique	500,000	–	–	–	–	–	–
Nigeria	–	30,000	50,000	3,000	5,000	–	50,000
Rwanda	500,000	–	50,000	500,000	600,000	150,000	–
Senegal	–	–	10,000	10,000	–	5,000	5,000
Sierra Leone	1,000,000	800,000	500,000	300,000	500,000	700,000	600,000
Somalia	300,000	250,000	200,000	250,000	350,000	300,000	400,000
South Africa	500,000	500,000	5,000	–	–	–	–
Jordan	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000
Uganda	–	70,000	300,000	400,000	450,000	400,000	400,000
Zimbabwe	–	–	–	–	–	–	50,000
East Asia and Pacific	555,000	1,070,000	800,000	1,150,000	1,577,000	1,670,000	2,266,000
Cambodia	55,000	32,000	30,000	22,000	–	–	–
East Timor	–	–	–	–	300,000	–	–
Indonesia	–	–	–	–	440,000	800,000	1,400,000
Korea, DPR of	–	–	–	–	–	100,000	100,000
Myanmar	500,000	1,000,000	750,000	1,000,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Papua New Guinea	–	70,000	20,000	6,000	5,000	–	1,000
Philippines	–	–	–	122,000	200,000	140,000	135,000
Solomon Islands	–	–	–	–	32,000	30,000	30,000
South and Central Asia	1,600,000	2,400,000	2,253,500	2,130,000	1,617,000	1,542,000	2,469,000
Afghanistan	500,000	1,200,000	1,250,000	1,000,000	500,000	375,000	1,000,000
Bangladesh	–	–	–	50,000	50,000	60,000	160,000

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
India	250,000	250,000	200,000	520,000	507,000	507,000	507,000
Pakistan	–	–	–	–	–	–	2,000
Sri Lanka	850,000	900,000	800,000	560,000	560,000	600,000	800,000
Tajikistan	–	50,000	3,500	–	–	–	–
Middle East	1,700,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	1,575,000	1,917,000	1,700,000	1,720,000
Gaza Strip and West Bank	–	–	–	–	17,000	–	20,000
Iraq	1,000,000	900,000	900,000	1,000,000	900,000	700,000	700,000
Israel	–	–	–	–	200,000	200,000	200,000
Lebanon	400,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	350,000	350,000	300,000
Syria ²	–	125,000	125,000	125,000	450,000	450,000	500,000
Yemen	300,000	–	–	–	–	–	–
Europe	5,080,000	4,735,000	3,695,000	3,685,000	3,993,000	3,539,000	3,130,000
Armenia	75,000	50,000	70,000	60,000	–	–	50
Azerbaijan	670,000	550,000	550,000	576,000	568,000	575,000	600,000
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,300,000	1,000,000	800,000	836,000	830,000	518,000	556,000
Croatia	240,000	185,000	110,000	61,000	50,000	34,000	23,000
Cyprus	265,000	265,000	265,000	265,000	265,000	265,000	265,000
Georgia	260,000	280,000	285,000	275,000	280,000	272,000	264,000
Macedonia	–	–	–	–	–	–	21,000
Russian Federation	250,000	400,000	375,000	350,000	800,000	800,000	474,000
Turkey	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,250,000	1,000,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Yugoslavia	–	–	–	257,000	600,000	475,000	277,000
Americas and Caribbean	1,280,000	1,220,000	1,624,000	1,755,000	1,886,000	2,176,000	2,455,000
Colombia	600,000	600,000	1,000,000	1,400,000	1,800,000	2,100,000	2,440,000
Guatemala	200,000	200,000	250,000	–	–	–	–
Mexico	–	–	14,000	15,000	16,000	16,000	15,000
Peru	480,000	420,000	360,000	340,000	70,000	60,000	–
Total	20,400,000	19,705,000	17,437,500	19,253,000	21,345,000	21,154,000	22,875,000

Notes: – indicates zero or near zero; n.a. not available, or reported estimates unreliable; ¹ formerly Zaire; ² includes about 125,000 IDPs originally displaced from the Golan Heights in 1967 and their progeny.

Source: US Committee for Refugees

More than 1.7 million more people were internally displaced at the end of 2001 than at the end of 2000, a year in which the number of internally displaced people also increased. Large internally displaced populations remained in Angola, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, India, Iraq, Myanmar, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Syria, Turkey and elsewhere in 2001. Significant new displacement occurred in Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, Nigeria and Sri Lanka, while some internally displaced people were able to return home in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Uganda and Yugoslavia. About half of the world's internally displaced people were in Africa. It is important to note that estimates of the size of internally displaced populations are frequently subject to great margins of error and are often imprecise.

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