

# World's displaced hits record high of 60m

Almost 60 million people worldwide – the highest number ever recorded – were forcibly displaced from their homes due to war and persecution at the end of 2014, according to the UN's refugee agency



**1.8m**  
Asylum-seekers

**19.5m**  
Refugees

**59.5m**  
Forcibly  
displaced  
worldwide

**38.2m**  
IDPs

**8.3 million**

Increase in number of forcibly displaced people since 2013 (highest increase in single year)

**126,800**

Refugees returned to their country of origin in 2014 – lowest level of return since 1983

**13.9 million**

Number of individuals newly displaced in 2014. Includes 11 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) – highest figure on record – and 2.9 million refugees

**1.7 million**

Record number of individuals submitted applications for asylum or refugee status in 2014. Russia had most applications (274,700), followed by Germany (173,100)

**42,500** Number of individuals forced to leave their homes per day due to conflict and persecution – four-fold increase since 2010

**105,200** Refugees admitted for resettlement by 26 countries. United States admitted highest number – 73,000

**1.59m** Number of refugees in Turkey – largest number hosted by any country

**51%** Percentage of refugee population in 2014 below 18 years of age – highest figure for more than 10 years

**53%** Percentage of all refugees from just three countries – Syria (3.88m), Afghanistan (2.59m) and Somalia (1.11m)

**6.7m** Displaced people across Europe in 2014, compared to 4.4 million in 2013 (increase of more than 50 percent)