

Refugees 2020: know the facts 1*

There are worldwide:

- ◆ 79.5 million forcibly *displaced people* who have fled their homes. 8.7 million more than a year ago. 45.7m remain within their countries borders.
- ◆ 26 million *refugees* (people who have fled their own country and are seeking refuge elsewhere). 0.5 million more than a year ago. 80% of refugees flee to an adjacent country, living mostly in refugee camps.
- ◆ Only 5% of those forcibly displaced move beyond their own or contiguous countries' borders.
- ◆ 4.2 million *registered asylum seekers* (up 0.7m) (refugees who have sought asylum from another country). Venezuela generated the greatest number of asylum seekers in 2019 — 3.6m.
- ◆ 4.2 million *stateless people* (people without nationality)

This means:

- ◆ 37,000 people (one every two seconds) are forced to leave their homes every day (down from 44,000) through conflict or war.
- ◆ Half of all refugees are under 18 .

57% of the worlds refugees come from:

- ◇ Syrian Arab Republic - 6.6 million
- ◇ Venezuela - 3..7 million
- ◇ Afghanistan—2.7 million
- ◇ South Sudan -2.3 million

2019/20 refugee hosts:

Turkey—3.6 million
Columbia - 1.8 million
Pakistan -1.4 million
Uganda - 1.24million
Germany - 1.1 million

UK: - 20,339

85% of refugees are hosted in developing countries.

Number of refugees per 1000 head of local population.

Aruba 1 in 6 (from Venezuela)
Lebanon (1 in 7)
Curacao 1 in 10
Jordan (1 in 15)
Turkey (1 in 23)

UK: 0.53

In addition, Lebanon hosted 476,000 and Jordan 2.3 million Palestine refugees under UNRWA's mandate.

Lebanon has taken in nearly 294 times the number (per head of population) than the UK.

1% of refugees are resettled in a new country; most remain in refugee camps. Some live as *stateless people* (without legal protection from any country). India, gives asylum only to those who belong to non-Muslim religions, leaving thousands as 'illegal' refugees or settlers .

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Europe

- ◆ In 2019 714,200 refugees applied for asylum in Europe. 295,800 were given asylum.
- ◆ **30% were children**, of which 7% were unaccompanied minors.
- ◆ 120,000 reached Europe by sea and about 248 drowned in the attempt.
- ◆ 735,835 were prevented from entering Europe at land borders.
- ◆ Of the 714,200 applications
 - 165,615 (were made in) Germany
 - 151,070 France
 - 117,795 Spain
 - 77,275 Greece*
 - 44,835 UK (6% of EU applicants)**
 - 43,770 Italy *
- * many refugees try to make their way north from Italy and Greece before registering.
- ◆ Eastern European country levels are low (mostly in double figures).
- ◆ The UK ranks 17 in order of European countries accepting refugees as a percentage of population.

Rich and Poor

The **poorest nations** of the world shoulder most of the relief work (85% of refugees are in developing nations).

(Overall) the **poorest countries** in Europe (Greece, Spain and Italy) have taken most of the refugees arriving here.

UK

- ◆ 20,339 people were given refugee protection in the UK (2019/20), (of which only 12,663 were granted refugee status)

i.e. 0.08% of the world's refugees and 0.03% of displaced people.

- ◆ The total number of refugees (and those seeking asylum) in the UK is about 170,000.

i.e. 0.26% of the UK's population

- ◆ The UK refuses 62% of initial asylum applications. 40% of those appealing win their cases

The **poorest towns and local authority areas** have accepted most of the refugees in the UK. No 1 is Glasgow, 2 is Stockton on Tees and 3 is Middlesbrough.

Scotland (10% of UK population) has welcomed over 1/3 of Syrian refugees

90 of 392 (mainly Conservative) local authorities have not resettled any refugees.

Craven

Craven welcomed 29 Syrian refugees (***i.e. 0.05% of Craven population***) under the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Scheme but have not housed any asylum seekers (compared to 800 housed by Bradford). Craven is one of the richest areas of the country (top 1/3).