

# Refugees and Asylum Seekers Worldwide (as of December 31, 2008)



## AFRICA

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| <b>ANGOLA</b> .....                       | <b>15,900</b>  |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....                      | 12,700         |
| Other .....                               | 3,200          |
| <b>BENIN</b> .....                        | <b>8,400</b>   |
| Togo .....                                | 6,400          |
| Other .....                               | 2,000          |
| <b>BOTSWANA</b> .....                     | <b>23,100</b>  |
| Zimbabwe .....                            | 20,000         |
| Other .....                               | 3,100          |
| <b>BURUNDI</b> .....                      | <b>26,300</b>  |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....                      | 26,000         |
| Other .....                               | 300            |
| <b>CAMEROON</b> .....                     | <b>91,900</b>  |
| Central African Republic .....            | 65,200         |
| Chad .....                                | 20,000         |
| Nigeria .....                             | 3,000          |
| Other .....                               | 3,700          |
| <b>CENTRAL AFRICAN<br/>REPUBLIC</b> ..... | <b>9,100</b>   |
| Sudan .....                               | 4,800          |
| Other .....                               | 4,300          |
| <b>CHAD</b> .....                         | <b>330,500</b> |
| Sudan .....                               | 268,000        |
| Central African Republic .....            | 57,300         |
| Other .....                               | 5,200          |
| <b>CONGO-<br/>BRAZZAVILLE</b> .....       | <b>40,000</b>  |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....                      | 28,000         |
| Rwanda .....                              | 8,000          |
| Angola .....                              | 3,000          |
| Other .....                               | 1,000          |
| <b>CONGO-KINSHASA</b> ...                 | <b>192,700</b> |
| Angola .....                              | 112,700        |
| Rwanda .....                              | 50,000         |
| Burundi .....                             | 17,600         |
| Uganda .....                              | 9,000          |
| Sudan .....                               | 2,500          |
| Other .....                               | 900            |
| <b>CÔTE D'IVOIRE</b> .....                | <b>26,300</b>  |
| Liberia .....                             | 23,800         |
| Other .....                               | 2,500          |

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| <b>DJIBOUTI</b> .....      | <b>8,800</b>   |
| Somalia .....              | 8,000          |
| Other .....                | 800            |
| <b>ERITREA</b> .....       | <b>5,000</b>   |
| Somalia .....              | 4,800          |
| Other .....                | 200            |
| <b>ETHIOPIA</b> .....      | <b>135,200</b> |
| Somalia .....              | 64,300         |
| Eritrea .....              | 41,700         |
| Sudan .....                | 25,900         |
| Other .....                | 3,300          |
| <b>GABON</b> .....         | <b>13,100</b>  |
| Congo-Brazzaville .....    | 9,600          |
| Other .....                | 3,500          |
| <b>GAMBIA</b> .....        | <b>14,900</b>  |
| Senegal .....              | 7,500          |
| Sierra Leone .....         | 6,500          |
| Other .....                | 900            |
| <b>GHANA</b> .....         | <b>18,700</b>  |
| Liberia .....              | 15,800         |
| Other .....                | 2,900          |
| <b>GUINEA</b> .....        | <b>28,100</b>  |
| Liberia .....              | 14,500         |
| Sierra Leone .....         | 8,300          |
| Côte d'Ivoire .....        | 5,200          |
| Other .....                | 100            |
| <b>GUINEA-BISSAU</b> ..... | <b>8,300</b>   |
| Senegal .....              | 7,800          |
| Other .....                | 500            |
| <b>KENYA</b> .....         | <b>377,400</b> |
| Somalia .....              | 262,900        |
| Ethiopia .....             | 39,500         |
| Sudan .....                | 29,400         |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....       | 4,800          |
| Rwanda .....               | 4,700          |
| Uganda .....               | 4,000          |
| Eritrea .....              | 3,500          |
| Burundi .....              | 2,900          |
| Other .....                | 25,700         |
| <b>LIBERIA</b> .....       | <b>18,800</b>  |
| Côte d'Ivoire .....        | 15,000         |
| Sierra Leone .....         | 3,600          |
| Other .....                | 200            |

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| <b>MALAWI</b> .....       | <b>11,600</b>  |
| Rwanda .....              | 4,400          |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....      | 3,400          |
| Burundi .....             | 2,800          |
| Other .....               | 1,000          |
| <b>MALI</b> .....         | <b>11,100</b>  |
| Mauritania .....          | 6,200          |
| Côte d'Ivoire .....       | 3,300          |
| Other .....               | 1,600          |
| <b>MAURITANIA</b> .....   | <b>30,600</b>  |
| Western Sahara .....      | 26,000         |
| Mali .....                | 3,500          |
| Other .....               | 1,100          |
| <b>MOZAMBIQUE</b> .....   | <b>12,900</b>  |
| Zimbabwe .....            | 6,000          |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....      | 4,400          |
| Other .....               | 2,500          |
| <b>NAMIBIA</b> .....      | <b>11,700</b>  |
| Angola .....              | 5,700          |
| Zimbabwe .....            | 4,000          |
| Other .....               | 2,000          |
| <b>NIGER</b> .....        | <b>15,700</b>  |
| Chad .....                | 15,500         |
| Other .....               | 200            |
| <b>NIGERIA</b> .....      | <b>9,200</b>   |
| Liberia .....             | 5,500          |
| Other .....               | 3,700          |
| <b>RWANDA</b> .....       | <b>59,000</b>  |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....      | 56,200         |
| Burundi .....             | 2,800          |
| <b>SENEGAL</b> .....      | <b>35,900</b>  |
| Mauritania .....          | 32,400         |
| Other .....               | 3,500          |
| <b>SIERRA LEONE</b> ..... | <b>17,200</b>  |
| Liberia .....             | 17,000         |
| Other .....               | 200            |
| <b>SOMALIA</b> .....      | <b>15,300</b>  |
| Ethiopia .....            | 14,500         |
| Other .....               | 800            |
| <b>SOUTH AFRICA</b> ..... | <b>256,200</b> |
| Zimbabwe .....            | 115,800        |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....      | 33,000         |
| Somalia .....             | 27,000         |

## TOTAL 2,692,100

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Malawi .....                 | 16,400         |
| Ethiopia .....               | 11,000         |
| Congo-Brazzaville .....      | 9,400          |
| Bangladesh .....             | 6,900          |
| Pakistan .....               | 5,000          |
| Tanzania .....               | 4,200          |
| Mozambique .....             | 3,800          |
| Uganda .....                 | 4,600          |
| Nigeria .....                | 3,600          |
| Burundi .....                | 3,500          |
| India .....                  | 3,100          |
| Uganda .....                 | 2,500          |
| Other .....                  | 11,000         |
| <b>SUDAN</b> .....           | <b>233,900</b> |
| Eritrea .....                | 165,800        |
| Chad .....                   | 41,200         |
| Ethiopia .....               | 10,000         |
| Other .....                  | 6,300          |
| <b>TANZANIA</b> .....        | <b>321,900</b> |
| Burundi .....                | 240,500        |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....         | 79,700         |
| Other .....                  | 1,700          |
| <b>TOGO</b> .....            | <b>6,900</b>   |
| Ghana .....                  | 5,100          |
| Other .....                  | 1,800          |
| <b>UGANDA</b> .....          | <b>155,400</b> |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....         | 63,000         |
| Sudan .....                  | 57,300         |
| Rwanda .....                 | 17,300         |
| Somalia .....                | 8,200          |
| Burundi .....                | 3,500          |
| Eritrea .....                | 2,700          |
| Other .....                  | 3,400          |
| <b>ZAMBIA</b> .....          | <b>88,900</b>  |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....         | 47,300         |
| Angola .....                 | 27,100         |
| Zimbabwe .....               | 5,400          |
| Rwanda .....                 | 4,900          |
| Other .....                  | 4,200          |
| <b>ZIMBABWE</b> .....        | <b>3,900</b>   |
| Congo-Kinshasa .....         | 2,600          |
| Other .....                  | 1,300          |
| <b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b> ..... | <b>2,300</b>   |



## AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN

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|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>BRAZIL</b> ..... | <b>21,400</b> |
| Colombia .....      | 17,500        |
| Angola .....        | 3,900         |
| <b>CANADA</b> ..... | <b>72,500</b> |
| Mexico .....        | 11,300        |
| Haiti .....         | 8,700         |
| Colombia .....      | 7,600         |
| China .....         | 3,700         |
| Iraq .....          | 2,800         |
| Afghanistan .....   | 2,200         |
| Other .....         | 33,500        |

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| <b>COSTA RICA</b> ..... | <b>18,600</b>  |
| Colombia .....          | 10,300         |
| Other .....             | 8,300          |
| <b>ECUADOR</b> .....    | <b>135,000</b> |
| Colombia .....          | 127,600        |
| Other .....             | 7,400          |
| <b>MEXICO</b> .....     | <b>3,600</b>   |
| <b>PANAMA</b> .....     | <b>17,200</b>  |
| Colombia .....          | 16,600         |
| Other .....             | 600            |

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| <b>UNITED STATES</b> ..... | <b>161,200</b> |
| Cuba .....                 | 24,700         |
| China .....                | 19,500         |
| Myanmar .....              | 18,700         |
| Iraq .....                 | 15,300         |
| Haiti .....                | 6,400          |
| Iran .....                 | 6,300          |
| Bhutan .....               | 5,300          |
| Colombia .....             | 4,100          |
| Somalia .....              | 3,200          |
| Burundi .....              | 3,000          |
| Ethiopia .....             | 2,800          |

## TOTAL 649,500

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| Indonesia .....              | 2,800          |
| Russia .....                 | 2,200          |
| Other .....                  | 46,900         |
| <b>VENEZUELA</b> .....       | <b>211,000</b> |
| Colombia .....               | 211,000        |
| <b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b> ..... | <b>9,000</b>   |

How we count: Refugee status precedes its recognition. Most of the world's refugees do not receive formal determinations of their status under the 1951 Convention. USCRI, therefore, counts not only those whom officials recognized as refugees (until a durable solution is available) but also asylum seekers awaiting initial determinations, beneficiaries of more general forms of protection granted for similar reasons, and others USCRI considers to be refugees. Below each host country is a breakdown showing the leading countries of origin.

# WORLD TOTAL ..... 13,599,900

## EUROPE

## TOTAL 493,000



|                                     |        |
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| <b>ARMENIA</b> .....                | 4,500  |
| Azerbaijan.....                     | 3,800  |
| Other.....                          | 700    |
| <b>AUSTRIA</b> .....                | 12,200 |
| Russia.....                         | 3,400  |
| Other.....                          | 8,800  |
| <b>AZERBAIJAN</b> .....             | 2,800  |
| Russia.....                         | 2,500  |
| Other.....                          | 300    |
| <b>BELGIUM</b> .....                | 7,100  |
| <b>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b> ..... | 7,400  |
| Croatia.....                        | 6,300  |
| Other.....                          | 1,100  |
| <b>CROATIA</b> .....                | 2,600  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina.....         | 2,200  |
| Other.....                          | 400    |
| <b>CYPRUS</b> .....                 | 10,000 |
| <b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b> .....         | 3,200  |
| <b>DENMARK</b> .....                | 2,800  |

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| <b>FINLAND</b> ..... | 4,200  |
| <b>FRANCE</b> .....  | 22,300 |
| Sri Lanka.....       | 3,300  |
| Russia.....          | 2,400  |
| Other.....           | 16,600 |
| <b>GERMANY</b> ..... | 54,200 |
| Serbia.....          | 24,700 |
| Iraq.....            | 14,700 |
| Other.....           | 14,800 |
| <b>GREECE</b> .....  | 34,300 |
| Pakistan.....        | 11,800 |
| Afghanistan.....     | 3,900  |
| Georgia.....         | 3,800  |
| Iraq.....            | 3,300  |
| Bangladesh.....      | 3,000  |
| Other.....           | 8,500  |
| <b>ITALY</b> .....   | 19,000 |
| Eritrea.....         | 3,800  |
| Lebanon.....         | 2,300  |
| Other.....           | 12,900 |

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| <b>MACEDONIA</b> .....      | 3,200   |
| <b>NETHERLANDS</b> .....    | 11,800  |
| Iraq.....                   | 4,000   |
| Other.....                  | 7,800   |
| <b>NORWAY</b> .....         | 13,300  |
| Eritrea.....                | 3,300   |
| Other.....                  | 10,000  |
| <b>POLAND</b> .....         | 5,700   |
| Russia.....                 | 5,200   |
| Other.....                  | 500     |
| <b>RUSSIA</b> .....         | 107,000 |
| Afghanistan.....            | 62,000  |
| Georgia.....                | 40,000  |
| Other.....                  | 5,000   |
| <b>SERBIA</b> .....         | 66,600  |
| Croatia.....                | 47,000  |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina..... | 19,000  |
| Other.....                  | 600     |

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| <b>SPAIN</b> .....           | 5,600  |
| Colombia.....                | 2,400  |
| Other.....                   | 3,200  |
| <b>SWEDEN</b> .....          | 23,400 |
| Iraq.....                    | 7,200  |
| Somalia.....                 | 3,800  |
| Other.....                   | 12,400 |
| <b>SWITZERLAND</b> .....     | 13,700 |
| Eritrea.....                 | 4,100  |
| Other.....                   | 9,600  |
| <b>TURKEY</b> .....          | 18,200 |
| Iraq.....                    | 8,300  |
| Iran.....                    | 4,400  |
| Afghanistan.....             | 3,200  |
| Other.....                   | 2,300  |
| <b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> .....  | 26,600 |
| Eritrea.....                 | 3,600  |
| Somalia.....                 | 3,300  |
| Other.....                   | 19,700 |
| <b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b> ..... | 11,200 |

## MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

## TOTAL 6,343,800



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|-------------------------|-----------|
| <b>ALGERIA</b> .....    | 96,500    |
| Western Sahara.....     | 90,000    |
| Former Palestine.....   | 4,000     |
| Other.....              | 2,500     |
| <b>EGYPT</b> .....      | 152,400   |
| Former Palestine.....   | 70,000    |
| Iraq.....               | 50,000    |
| Sudan.....              | 23,300    |
| Somalia.....            | 5,700     |
| Other.....              | 3,400     |
| <b>GAZA STRIP</b> ..... | 1,066,100 |
| Former Palestine.....   | 1,066,100 |
| <b>IRAN</b> .....       | 993,600   |
| Afghanistan.....        | 935,500   |
| Iraq.....               | 58,100    |

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| <b>IRAQ</b> .....     | 39,500  |
| Turkey.....           | 15,700  |
| Former Palestine..... | 12,300  |
| Iran.....             | 10,800  |
| Other.....            | 700     |
| <b>ISRAEL</b> .....   | 16,500  |
| Eritrea.....          | 6,500   |
| Sudan.....            | 5,000   |
| Other.....            | 5,000   |
| <b>JORDAN</b> .....   | 621,600 |
| Iraq.....             | 450,000 |
| Former Palestine..... | 171,400 |
| Other.....            | 200     |
| <b>KUWAIT</b> .....   | 40,000  |
| Iraq.....             | 35,000  |
| Former Palestine..... | 5,000   |

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| <b>LEBANON</b> .....      | 333,500 |
| Former Palestine.....     | 278,000 |
| Iraq.....                 | 50,600  |
| Sudan.....                | 4,500   |
| Other.....                | 400     |
| <b>LIBYA</b> .....        | 18,900  |
| Former Palestine.....     | 10,000  |
| Sudan.....                | 3,400   |
| Somalia.....              | 2,700   |
| Other.....                | 2,800   |
| <b>SAUDI ARABIA</b> ..... | 291,100 |
| Former Palestine.....     | 290,000 |
| Other.....                | 1,100   |

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| <b>SYRIA</b> .....           | 1,763,900 |
| Iraq.....                    | 1,200,000 |
| Former Palestine.....        | 557,900   |
| Somalia.....                 | 3,400     |
| Other.....                   | 2,600     |
| <b>WEST BANK</b> .....       | 762,000   |
| Former Palestine.....        | 762,000   |
| <b>YEMEN</b> .....           | 145,700   |
| Somalia.....                 | 133,100   |
| Iraq.....                    | 11,000    |
| Other.....                   | 1,600     |
| <b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b> ..... | 2,500     |

## EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

## TOTAL 909,100



|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| <b>AUSTRALIA</b> ..... | 9,900   |
| Iraq.....              | 2,400   |
| Myanmar.....           | 2,300   |
| Other.....             | 5,200   |
| <b>CHINA</b> .....     | 332,000 |
| Vietnam.....           | 319,300 |
| North Korea.....       | 11,000  |
| Other.....             | 1,700   |

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| <b>JAPAN</b> .....    | 3,100   |
| <b>MALAYSIA</b> ..... | 171,500 |
| Myanmar.....          | 79,000  |
| Philippines.....      | 72,400  |
| Indonesia.....        | 17,700  |
| Other.....            | 2,400   |

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| <b>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b> ..... | 10,000  |
| Indonesia.....                | 10,000  |
| <b>SOUTH KOREA</b> .....      | 2,500   |
| <b>THAILAND</b> .....         | 368,800 |
| Myanmar.....                  | 361,100 |
| Laos.....                     | 5,000   |
| Other.....                    | 2,700   |

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|------------------------------|-------|
| <b>VIETNAM</b> .....         | 9,500 |
| Cambodia.....                | 9,500 |
| <b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b> ..... | 1,800 |

## SOUTH AND CENTRAL ASIA

## TOTAL 2,512,400



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|-------------------------|---------|
| <b>BANGLADESH</b> ..... | 193,100 |
| Myanmar.....            | 193,000 |
| Other.....              | 100     |
| <b>INDIA</b> .....      | 411,000 |
| Sri Lanka.....          | 120,000 |
| China.....              | 110,000 |

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| Myanmar.....     | 100,000 |
| Afghanistan..... | 30,000  |
| Nepal.....       | 25,000  |
| Bhutan.....      | 25,000  |
| Other.....       | 1,000   |

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| <b>KAZAKHSTAN</b> ..... | 4,500   |
| Russia.....             | 3,700   |
| Other.....              | 800     |
| <b>NEPAL</b> .....      | 121,300 |
| Bhutan.....             | 101,000 |
| China.....              | 20,000  |
| Other.....              | 300     |

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| <b>PAKISTAN</b> .....        | 1,775,600 |
| Afghanistan.....             | 1,774,400 |
| Other.....                   | 1,200     |
| <b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b> ..... | 6,900     |