

# Statistical Survey

## Counting the World's Refugees, 1982

### Africa

Country of Asylum	Number
ALGERIA	65,000
Western Sahara, various	
ANGOLA	73,000
Zaire, Namibia, South Africa	
BOTSWANA	1,500
Angola, Namibia, South Africa	
BURUNDI	55,000
Rwanda	
CAMEROON	20,000
Chad	
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	5,000
Chad	
DJIBOUTI	30,000
Ethiopia	
EGYPT	5,500
Various	
ETHIOPIA	11,000
Sudan	
KENYA	3,900
Ethiopia, Rwanda, Uganda, various	
LESOTHO	11,000
South Africa, various	
NIGERIA	40,000
Chad	
RWANDA	10,000
Burundi, Uganda	
SENEGAL	4,000
Various	
SOMALIA	700,000
Ethiopia	
SUDAN	500,000
Ethiopia, Uganda, Chad, Zaire	
SWAZILAND	5,700
South Africa	
TANZANIA	156,000
Burundi, Zaire	
UGANDA	113,000
Rwanda, Zaire	
ZAIRE	370,000
Angola, Uganda, Zambia	
ZAMBIA	42,000
Angola, Namibia, various	
OTHER COUNTRIES	30,000
<b>Africa TOTAL</b>	<b>2,251,600</b>

### Middle East

Country of Asylum	Number
IRAN	110,000
Afghanistan, Kurds, Iraq	
LEBANON	3,200
PAKISTAN	2,600,000
Afghanistan	
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES	1,884,000
Jordan	733,000
West Bank	334,000
Gaza Strip	370,000
Lebanon	232,000
Syria	215,000
OTHER COUNTRIES	40,000
<b>Middle East TOTAL</b>	<b>4,637,200</b>

### Europe

Country of Asylum	Number
AUSTRIA	43,000
Eastern Europe	
BELGIUM	33,000
Various	
DENMARK	1,800
Various	
FRANCE	150,000
Various	
GERMANY (FRG)	94,000
Various	
GREECE	3,800
Various	
ITALY	14,000
Various	
NETHERLANDS	12,000
Various	
NORWAY	6,000
Various	
PORTUGAL	7,600
Africa, Latin America	
ROMANIA	1,000
Chile	
SPAIN	40,000
Latin America, Southeast Asia	
SWEDEN	20,000
Various	
SWITZERLAND	37,000
Various	

UNITED KINGDOM	148,000
Various	
YUGOSLAVIA	2,000
Various	
<b>Europe TOTAL</b>	<b>613,200</b>

### North America

Country of Asylum	Number
CANADA	338,000
Various	
U.S.	849,000
Various	
<b>North America TOTAL</b>	<b>1,187,000</b>

### Latin America

Country of Asylum	Number
ARGENTINA	26,000
Europe, Latin America, Southeast Asia	
BELIZE	7,000
El Salvador	
BOLIVIA	500
Europe, Latin America	
BRAZIL	24,000
Europe, Latin America	
CHILE	1,500
Europe	
COLOMBIA	2,000
Latin America	
COSTA RICA	13,000
El Salvador, Latin America	
CUBA	3,000
Latin America	
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	3,800
Haiti	
ECUADOR	700
Various	
GUATEMALA	50-100,000
El Salvador	
HONDURAS	25,000
El Salvador, Nicaragua (Miskito Indians), Guatemala	
MEXICO	70-140,000
El Salvador	
NICARAGUA	20,000
El Salvador	

PANAMA	1,000
El Salvador	
PERU	1,500
Europe, Latin America	
URUGUAY	1,700
Europe, Latin America	
VENEZUELA	18,000
Europe, Latin America	

**Latin America TOTAL**.....  
268,700-388,700

### Asia

Country of Asylum	Number
AUSTRALIA	304,000
Various	
BHUTAN	1,500
Tibet	
CHINA	265,000
Southeast Asia	
HONG KONG	14,000
Vietnam	
INDIA	3,300
Afghanistan, various	
INDONESIA	6,000
Vietnam	
JAPAN	1,800
Vietnam	
LAOS	3,800
Cambodia	
MACAO	1,200
Vietnam	
MALAYSIA	99,000
Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia	
NEPAL	11,000
Tibet	
NEW ZEALAND	10,000
Various	
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	1,000
Indonesia	
PHILIPPINES	6,600
Vietnam	
SINGAPORE	500
Vietnam	
THAILAND	193,000
Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia	
VIETNAM	33,000
Cambodia	
<b>Asia TOTAL</b>	<b>954,700</b>

#### NB:

Reports of refugees in countries include both those who are settled and those who still require a durable solution because precise figure on refugees who have been resettled are not readily available... Virtually all refugees reported in North America and Australia are resettled. Many reported in western Europe and Latin America have been accepted for permanent residence. In some African countries, for example Sudan and Tanzania, substantial numbers of the refugees reported are "settled in place." The 265,000 reported in China are resettled there.

Of the 10 million refugees reported, then, perhaps one-quarter have found a durable solution in a country of asylum.

SOURCE: Reprinted from *World Refugee Survey*, 1982, U.S. Committee for Refugees.

#### A Note on the Politics of Counting the World's Refugees

In a mammoth and commendable job, the U.S. Committee for Refugees has compiled these statistics from various intergovernmental bodies and from the United States Government. However, they have not screened out some of the political biases deriving from these sources. One fundamental principle of statistics, that the same principles of counting should be used in relationship to all the figures, is not observed. For example, the number of refugees listed for Canada does not include the children of refugees. The number of Palestinian refugees listed does not include children of refugees and must also include all those who are long ago dead and buried. Also, the statistics for Canada simply describe a portion of its population. Another country in which resettled refugees (including almost 800 refugees from Indochina) make up an even greater proportion of its population is not even listed: Israel. It should be noted that according to the 1981 World Refugee Survey Israel ranks number one with the highest ratio of refugees to population - 1:37 (Canada and Australia's ratios are 1:285 and they are third and fourth in the ranking.)

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