In 2013 51.2 million
Forcibly displaced worldwide

• 16.7 million refugees (11.7 million
under UNHCR's mandate and
5.0 million Palestinian refugees
registered by UNRWA)
• 33.3 million internally displaced
persons
• 1.2 million asylum-seekers

This level of displacement is
the highest on record since
comprehensive statistics on global
forced displacement have been
collected.

If these 51.2 million persons were a
nation, they would make up the 26th
largest in the world.

An asylum-seeker is an individual
seeking international protection and
whose claim for refugee status has not
yet been determined.

Developing countries host 86
percent of the world’s refugees.

Top hosts (2013)
1. Pakistan (1.6 million)
2. Islamic Republic of Iran (857,400)
3. Lebanon (856,500)
4. Jordan (641,900)
5. Turkey (609,900)
6. Kenya (534,900)

Top origins (2013)
1. Afghanistan (2.56 million)
2. Syrian Arab Republic (2.47 million)
3. Somalia (1.12 million)

The Syrian Arab Republic has moved
from being the world’s second largest
refugee-hosting country to being its
second largest refugee-producing
country — within a span of five years.

In the first half of 2014, Canada registered 5,800 new
asylum applications, a 29% increase compared to the
same period in 2013. Germany is the largest single
recipient of new asylum claims among industrialized
countries — with 65,700 applications in the first half
of 2014.

Top country of origin for asylum seekers
in Canada (second quarter 2014):
2. Pakistan 7. Slovakia
3. Afghanistan 8. Bangladesh
5. Nigeria 10. Iraq

Residing in Canada (Jan 2014):
Refugees 160,349
Asylum Seekers 22,148

Canadian government contribution to
UNHCR (2013)
$77 million
Donor ranking per GDP: 14

All statistics from UNHCR