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Description The Refugee Population Statistics Database published by The Office of The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) contains information about forcibly displaced populations spanning more than 70 years of statistical activities. It covers displaced populations such as refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people, including their demographics. Stateless people are also included, most of who have never been displaced. The database also reflects the different types of solutions for displaced populations such as repatriation or resettlement. More information on the data and methodology can be found on the UNHCR Refugee Data Finder <https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>.

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`asylum_applications` *Asylum Applications*

Description

Asylum claims submitted by year and countries of asylum and origin. Claims are submitted by asylum applicants and are applications for international protection.

Usage

```
asylum_applications
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

procedure_type The procedure type describes the authority with whom the asylum claim was lodged. It can be one of: `G` – Government, `J` - Joint, `U` – UNHCR.

app_type The application type describes the stage of the procedure. Common values are `N` (New), `R` (Repeat) and `A` (Appeal).

dec_level The decision level provides more detail of the stage of the procedure. Common values are `NA` (New applications), `RA` (repeat/reopened applications) and `AR` (administrative review).

app_pc The data type describes whether the data provided reflects cases or persons. The most common situation is for the data on asylum applications lodged to reflect persons, but in certain situations (e.g USA), the data provided by governments is at the level of cases. A case can contain information on one or more persons.

applied The total number of asylum claims for the given dataset.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
asylum_applications
```

`asylum_decisions` *Asylum Decisions*

Description

Decisions taken on asylum claims by year and countries of asylum and origin. Asylum claims are applications for international protection and decisions on asylum claims can be positive, negative or otherwise closed.

Usage

```
asylum_decisions
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

procedure_type The procedure type describes the authority with whom the asylum claim was lodged. It can be one of: `G` – Government, `J` - Joint, `U` – UNHCR.

dec_level The decision level provides more detail of the stage of the procedure. Common values are `NA` (New applications), `RA` (repeat/reopened applications) and `AR` (administrative review).

dec_pc The data type describes whether the data provided reflects cases or persons. The most common situation is for the data on asylum applications lodged to reflect persons, but in certain situations (e.g USA), the data provided by governments is at the level of cases. A case can contain information on one or more persons.

dec_recognized The number of asylum applicants recognised as refugees under UNHCR's mandate.

dec_other The number of asylum applicants recognised as refugees under other forms of complementary protection.

dec_rejected The number of asylum applicants whose asylum claims have been rejected.

dec_closed The number of asylum applicants whose asylum claims have been otherwise closed.

dec_total The total number of asylum applicants for which a decision on their asylum claim has been made in the given reference period.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
asylum_decisions
```

`countries` *Countries*

Description

Country codes, names, UN major areas and UNHCR regional bureaux/operations.

Usage

```
countries
```

Format

A tibble.

iso_code ISO3 Country code.

unhcr_code UNHCR Country code.

name UNSD Name.

unhcr_region UNHCR Region name.

unsd_region UNSD Region name.

unsd_subregion UNSD Sub-region name.

unsd_imregion SDG Region name.

sdg_region SDG Region name.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
countries
```

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demographics *Demographics*

Description

Demographic and sub-national data, where such disaggregation is available. UNHCR collects this information for all population types, as well as two durable solutions (returned IDPs and refugees). Demographics are also available for IDMC and UNRWA datasets.

Usage

```
demographics
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

pop_type The three character code specifying the population type (e.g. `REF` for refugees, `ASY` for asylum-seekers etc).

location The textual description of the location.

loc_type An indication of whether the location is urban or rural. An urban location is classified as a settlement with more than 5,000 inhabitants. It can be one of the following values: `C` – Camp. Note that `C` was discontinued after 2010, at which point the accommodation type became available, `U` – Urban, `R` – Rural, `V` - Various/unknown

acc_type Accommodation Type became available in 2010 but is only populated from 2012. The code represents one of: `I` - Individual accommodation, `S` - Self-settled camp, `P` - Planned/managed camp, `C` - Collective centre, `R` - Reception/transit camp, `U` - Undefined

f_0_4 The number of female children aged 0 to 4 inclusive.

f_5_11 The number of female children aged 5 to 11 inclusive.

f_12_17 The number of female children aged 12 to 17 inclusive.

f_18_59 The number of female adults aged 18 to 59 inclusive.

f_60 The number of female adults aged 60 or more.

f_other The number of females for whom age disaggregation is unavailable.

f_total The total number of females (where disaggregation by sex is available).

m_0_4 The number of male children aged 0 to 4 inclusive.

m_5_11 The number of male children aged 5 to 11 inclusive.

m_12_17 The number of male children aged 12 to 17 inclusive.

m_18_59 The number of male adults aged 18 to 59 inclusive.

m_60 The number of male adults aged 60 or more.

m_other The number of males for whom age disaggregation is unavailable.

m_total The total number of males (where disaggregation by sex is available).

total The total number of persons.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
demographics
```

`flows` *Forced displacement flow dataset*

Description

UNHCR has published a new dataset recording the number of people forced to flee during each of the years since 1962. This dataset presents the forced displacement flows.

Usage

```
flows
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

refugees Refugee Arrivals: includes prima facie (group recognition) refugees and those who have received temporary protection. The first available data for this group is for 1962. People in refugee-like situations are also included from 2007.

asylum_seekers New Asylum Applications: are new asylum applications registered during each year. Repeat and appeal applications have been excluded. The first year that published data for this population group became available is 1970 and only for a limited number of high-income countries, with data from more countries available from 2000.

returned_refugees Refugees who have returned home within the previous year.

oip Other people in need of international protection: includes just the new arrivals of this population group, first reported in 2018.

Details

See the notes on the curation process in the Data Insights for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
flows
```

`idmc` *IDMC Data*

Description

Data on Internally displaced persons due to conflict and violence that is produced by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre.

Usage

```
idmc
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

total The total number of internally displaced persons due to conflict and violence.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
idmc
```

`population` *Population figures*

Description

UNHCR data on displacement at the end of the year.

Usage

```
population
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

refugees The number of refugees.

asylum_seekers The number of asylum-seekers.

returned_refugees The number of returned refugees.

idps The number of internally displaced persons.

returned_idps The number of returned internally displaced persons.

stateless The number of stateless persons.

ooc The number of others of concern to UNHCR.

oip The number of other people in need of international protection.

hst The number of host community members.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
population
```

`solutions` *Solutions*

Description

Data on solutions record those refugees and IDPs that have availed a durable solution.

Usage

```
solutions
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

returned_refugees The number of refugee returnees.

resettlement The number of resettlement arrivals.

naturalisation The number of refugees that have naturalised.

returned_idps The number of IDP returnees.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
solutions
```

`unrwa` *UNRWA data*

Description

Data on Palestine refugees registered under UNRWA's mandate.

Usage

```
unrwa
```

Format

A tibble.

year The year (e.g. 2020).

coo_name Country of origin name.

coo Country of origin UNHCR code.

coo_iso Country of origin ISO code.

coa_name Country of asylum name.

coa Country of asylum UNHCR code.

coa_iso Country of asylum ISO code.

total The total number of Palestine refugees registered under UNRWA's mandate.

Details

See the notes on the data structure in the methodology pages for more details.

Source

UNHCR Refugee Data Finder.

Examples

```
unrwa
```

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