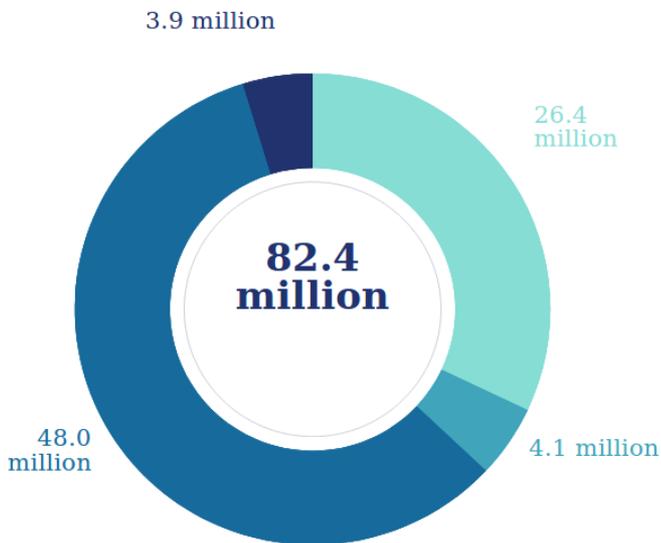


Refugees 2021: know the facts*



Worldwide, as of year-end 2020:

- **82.4 million displaced people** have fled their homes
- **26.4 million refugees** have fled their own country to seek refuge in a different country
- **48.0 million internally displaced people** have fled their homes but remain inside their home country
- **4.1 million asylum seekers** have formally requested sanctuary in another country
- **3.9 million Venezuelans** have fled their country

16.6 million refugees (out of 26.4 million worldwide) come from just 5 countries:



Syrian Arab Republic
6.7 million
(Displaced: **13.4 million**)



Afghanistan
2.6 million



South Sudan
2.2 million



Venezuela
4.0 million



Myanmar
1.1 million

Which countries take in most refugees?

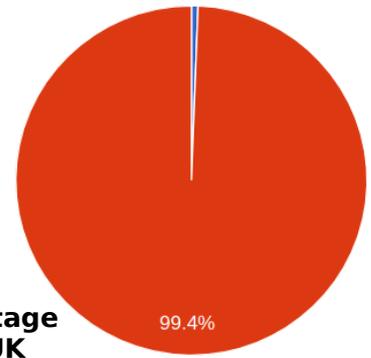
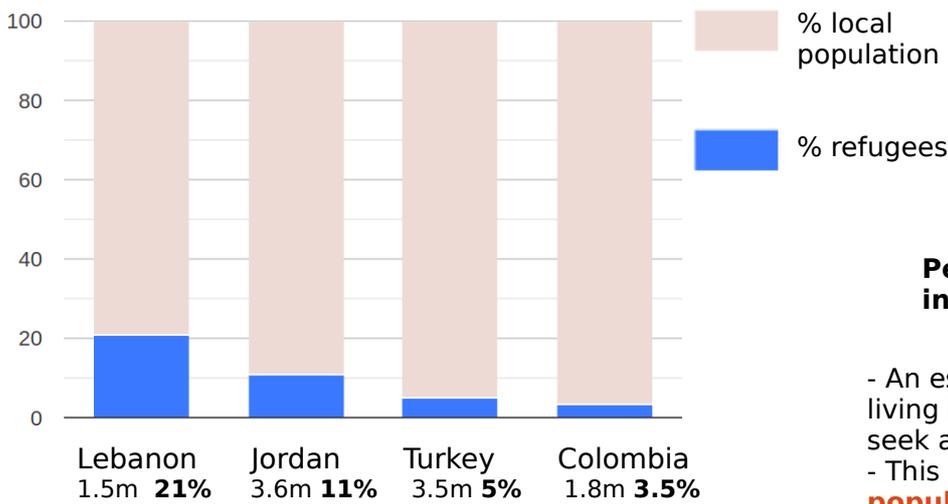
- As of mid-2020, the top 5 host countries of refugees were:



UK **388,000** The UK ranks 7th in **Europe** in absolute numbers of refugees, 14th in terms of percentage per head of population.

* This fact sheet has been put together by humans and while every effort has been made to double check the data, errors are possible! The data for this briefing was obtained from the **UNHCR Refugee Agency**; **Eurostat**, **UK Parliament** and the **Refugee Council**. Unless otherwise stated data are taken from 2020/1 reports (the latest available at the time of writing). Due to the different ways in which information is collected (across agencies, by country, by person, by 'main applicant') and asylum decisions may not be made in the year of arrival, the numbers don't always 'add up' and are best understood as indicative rather than definitive.

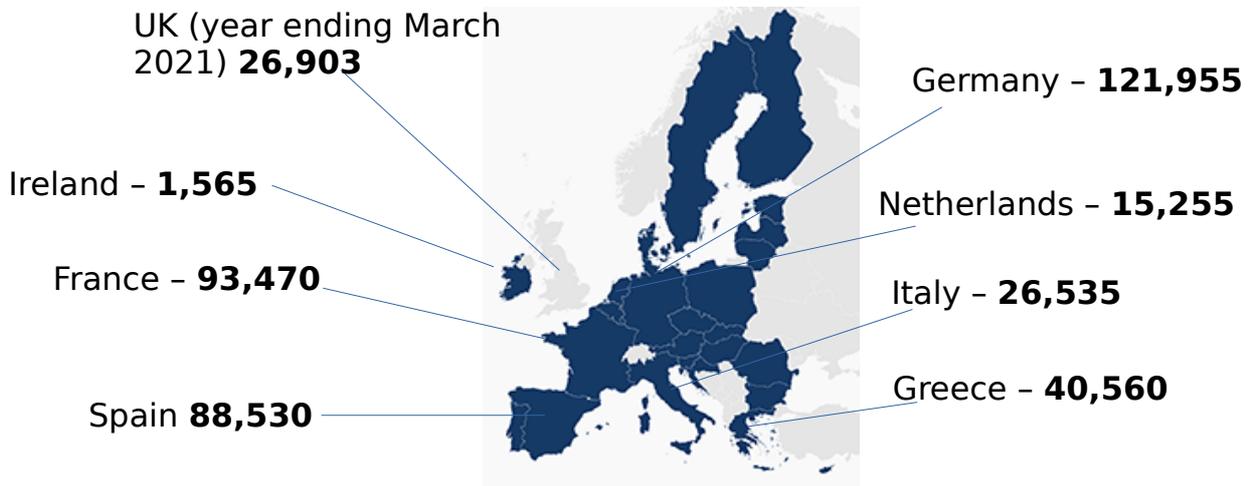
Refugees as % local population



- An estimated **388,000** foreign-born people living in the UK in 2019 originally came here to seek asylum.
 - This is equivalent to **0.6%** of the **UK population**

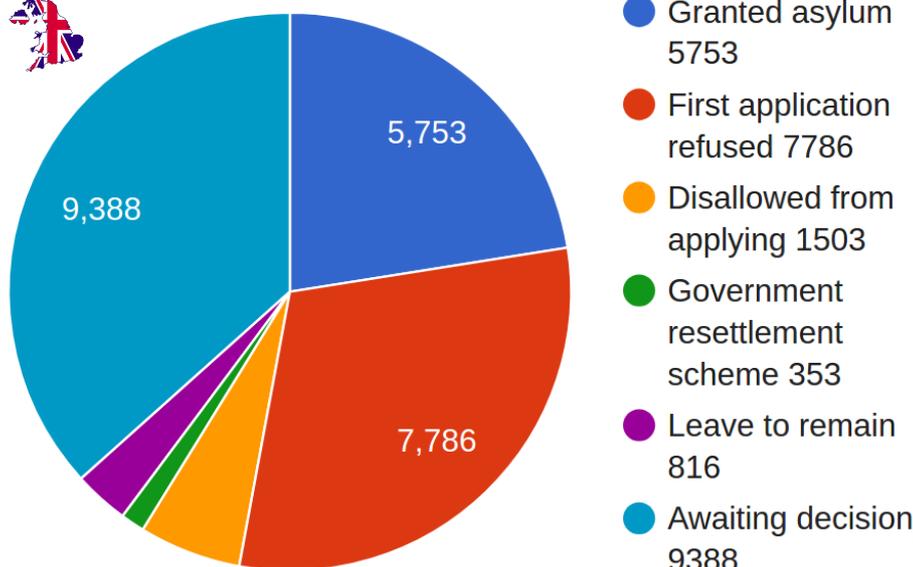
How many refugees are there in Europe?

Asylum applicants in Europe (year ending March 2020) Total: **616,355**



NB: Thousands of refugees are living in Europe **unregistered** as asylum seekers.

UK 2020: Asylum outcomes



- In addition there were:

- **19,226 refused asylum seekers** who had been held in immigration detention

- A backlog of **66,185 asylum seekers** awaiting a **decision**

- **8,500 Channel crossings in small boats**

