

Annex III

Palestinian Refugees, Internally Displaced Palestinians, and Convention Refugees, 1950-2002

Year	Actual & Estimated 1948 Refugees		Estimated 1967 Refugees (3)	Estimated 'Other' Refugees (4)	Estimated 1948 Internally Displaced Persons (5)	Estimated 1967 Internally Displaced Persons (6)	Convention Refugees (7)
	Registered Refugees (1)	Non-registered Refugees (2)					
1950	914,000	257,021			(32,302)*		
1955	905,986	305,260			39,680		1,643,600
1960	1,120,889	362,553			48,742		1,516,000
1965	1,280,823	430,599			59,875		4,368,900
1970	1,425,219	511,417	250,402	63,000	73,550		2,480,200
1975	1,632,707	607,403	297,400	168,000	90,349		2,991,200
1980	1,844,318	721,404	352,218	273,000	110,984		8,894,000
1985	2,093,545	856,802	419,512	378,000	136,333		11,817,200
1990	2,668,595	1,017,611	498,249	483,000	167,470		17,228,500
1995	3,172,641	1,208,603	591,763	588,000	205,720		14,573,600
2000	3,737,494	1,435,441	702,829	693,000	252,706		12,062,000
2002	3,973,360	1,537,681	752,888	735,000	274,379	150,000	12,051,000

Sources: There is no single authoritative source for the global Palestinian refugee and IDP population. The figures above reflect estimates according to the best available sources. Figures are therefore indicative rather than conclusive.

(1) 1948 registered refugees – UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). UNRWA figures are based on data voluntarily supplied by registered refugees. The figures do not claim to be and should not be taken as statistically valid demographic data. Figures as of 30 June each year.

(2) 1948 non-registered refugees – Derived from *The Palestinian Nakba 1948, The Register of Depopulated Localities in Palestine*. London: The Palestinian Return Centre, 1998, and the average annual growth rate of the Palestinian refugee population (3.5%). The figures do not account for the small number of refugees reunified with family inside Israel.

(3) 1967 first time displaced refugees – Derived from Report of the Secretary General under General Assembly Resolution 2252 (EX-V) and Security Council Resolution 237 (1967), *UN Doc. A/6797, 15 September 1967 and the average annual growth rate of the Palestinian population (3.5%)*. The figures do not include 1948 refugees displaced for a second time in 1967. The figures for 1967 exclude those refugees who returned under a limited repatriation program in August-September 1967. The figures do not account for Palestinians who were abroad at the time of the 1967 war and unable to return, refugees reunified with family inside the occupied Palestinian territories, or those refugees who returned since 1994 under the Oslo political process.

(4) 'Other' refugees - Derived from George F. Kossaifi, *The Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return*. Washington, DC: The Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine, 1996, based on an average forced migration rate of 21,000 persons per year. Includes those Palestinian refugees who are neither 1948 or 1967 refugees and are outside the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 and unable due to revocation of residency, denial of family reunification, deportation, etc., or unwilling to return there owing to a well-founded fear of persecution. The figures do not account for family reunification or those refugees who returned to the occupied Palestinian territories since 1994 under the Oslo political process.

(5) 1948 internally displaced persons – Derived from initial registration figures from UNRWA in *Report of the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East*, UN Doc. A/1905, 30 June 1951 and an estimated average annual growth rate of the Palestinian population inside Israel between 1950 and 2001 (4.2%). According to the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics, the Palestinian Muslim population inside Israel (which comprises 82 percent of the total Palestinian population inside Israel) increased annually by 4.4 percent between 1948 and 2001. Israel Central Bureau of Statistics, 2002. *Statistical Abstract of Israel*, No. 53. A significant number of internally displaced Palestinians received assistance from UNRWA until the Agency turned over responsibilities for the internally displaced to Israel in 1952. The bracketed population estimate indicates that many of the internally displaced were likely included as UNRWA registered refugees. The figure does not include those Palestinians internally displaced after 1948, conservatively estimated at 75,000 persons. *Internally Displaced Palestinians, International Protection, and Durable Solutions*. BADIL Information & Discussion Brief No. 9 (November 2002).

(6) 1967 internally displaced persons – The estimate includes persons internally displaced during the 1967 war due to expulsion and demolition of homes, and persons displaced after 1967 due to ongoing land confiscation, house demolition, and revocation of residency rights in eastern Jerusalem. *Internally Displaced Palestinians, International Protection, and Durable Solutions*. BADIL Information & Discussion Brief No. 9 (November 2002). According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, an estimated 56,000 Palestinians were forced to change residence during the first 7 months of the second Palestinian *intifada* due to the proximity of their homes to Israeli military checkpoints and Israeli colonies (i.e., settlements). Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2001. *Impact of the Israeli Measures. Survey on the Well-being of the Palestinian Children, Women, and the Palestinian Households*, June 2001. In addition, some 80,000 Palestinians have been rendered homeless. United Nations, *Humanitarian Action Plan of Action 2003. Occupied Palestinian Territory*. Geneva and New York, November 2002. Also see, Norwegian Refugee Council, 2002. *Profile of Internal Displacement, Palestinian Territories. Compilation of Information Available in the Global IPD Database of the Norwegian Refugee Council (as of 13 November 2002)*.

(7) Convention Refugees – UNHCR, *The State of the World's Refugees, Fifty Years of Humanitarian Action*. Oxford: UNHCR and Oxford University Press, 2000. UNHCR, *Refugees by numbers 2002*. Geneva: Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.