

IDPs and Returnees by sub-area (payam) Summaries, maps and datasets

IOM's Displacement Tracking is pleased to share with you several maps and a dataset detailing data on the numbers and locations of IDPs and returnees in all counties for 444 sub-areas (payam) disaggregated by period of displacement / return (data collection in March 2019). The data indicates an increased return trend since the signing of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the conflict in South Sudan in September 2018 ([R-ARCSS](#) or Peace Agreement henceforth).

DTM mapped the presence of 1,420,189 persons internally displaced since 2014 and 1,183,683 individuals returned since 2016.

For the period since the R-ARCSS, 534,082 individuals have returned to their habitual residence of whom 210,199 (39%) came from abroad.

Of all individuals returned since 2016, 46 per cent arrived since the peace agreement. In other words, the seven-month period post R-ARCSS accounted for 45 per cent of all returnees compared to the 39-month period pre R-ARCSS, which accounted for 48 per cent of returnees (the rest unknown). The approximate average number of returnees per month stands at 17,900 individuals pre R-ARCSS and 76,000 individuals post R-ARCSS.

[For a summary and tables of figures, please access the dataset \(by county, sub-area and periods\)](#)

IDP maps:

[Map on IDPs by period of arrival \(2014-15; 2016-17; 2018; Jan-March 2019\) \(by counties\)](#)

[Map comparing IDP arrivals from 2014-2017 with 2018-March 2019 \(by sub-area\)](#)

Returnee maps:

[Map comparing returns from January-March 2019 from within South Sudan and abroad \(by sub-area\)](#)

[Map comparing average numbers of returnees per month pre- and post- R-ARCSS \(by county\)](#)

[Map comparing returns before and after R-ARCSS \(by sub-area\)](#)

[Map comparing returns post R-ARCSS from within South Sudan and abroad \(by sub-area\)](#)

[Map comparing returns from 2016 until R-ARCSS from within South Sudan and abroad \(by sub-area\)](#)

[Map comparing returns from 2016 - 2017 from within South Sudan and abroad \(by sub-area\)](#)

[Map comparing returns from 2018 pre R-ARCSS \(January-August 2018\) from within South Sudan and abroad \(by sub-area\)](#)

[Map comparing returns from 2018 post R-ARCSS \(September-December 2018\) from within South Sudan and abroad \(by sub-area\)](#)

Maps by location (1,973 locations on A0 format)

[Map on locations covered as of March by displacement site or host community setting 2019](#)

[Map locations covered indicating presence of IDPs and returnees from within South Sudan and from abroad](#)


IDPs

Persons or groups of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee, or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence, in particular as a result of or in order to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural or human-made disasters, and who have not crossed an internationally recognized state border. TIME OF DISPLACEMENT: 2014 - March 2019


Returnees

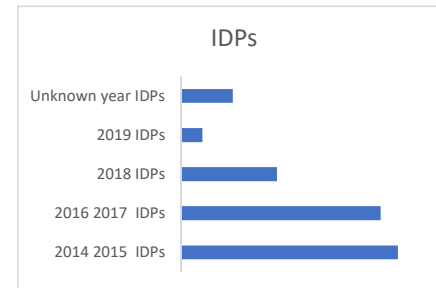
Returnee: Someone who was displaced from their habitual residence either within South Sudan (former IDP) or abroad (former refugee), who has since returned to their habitual residence. Please note that the returnee category, for the purpose of DTM data collection, is restricted to individuals who returned to the exact location of their habitual residence or an adjacent area based on a free decision. South Sudanese displaced persons having crossed the border into South Sudan from neighbouring countries without having reached their home are still displaced and as such not considered returnees.

Timeframe considered: 2016 - March 2019
As of 2019, R5: FROM ABROAD FROM WITHIN THE COUNTRY
R-ARCSS

REVITALIZED AGREEMENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT IN SOUTH SUDAN

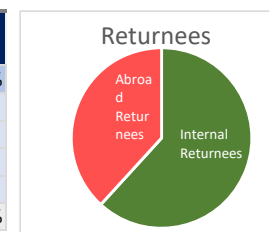
IDPs

| Internally Displaced year | Total IDPs | IDPs percentage by year |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Total IDPs ind | 1,420,189 | 100% |
| 2014 2015 IDPs | 525,379 | 37% |
| 2016 2017 IDPs | 483,965 | 34% |
| 2018 IDPs | 232,946 | 16% |
| 2019 IDPs | 52,268 | 4% |
| Unknown year IDPs | 125,631 | 8.8% |


Returnees by period of arrival (Pre and Post R-ARCSS)

| Returnees year and from where | Total | Internal Returnees | Abroad Returnees | Unknown | Months | Total Average per month |
|---|-----------|--------------------|------------------|---------|--------|-------------------------|
| Total of returnees | 1,183,683 | 684,343 | 423,694 | 75,646 | 39 | |
| 2016 2017 Total Returnees | 287,424 | 177,450 | 109,974 | | 24 | 11,976 |
| 2018 PRE Peace agreement Total Returnees | 286,531 | 183,010 | 103,521 | | 8 | 35,816 |
| 2018 POST Peace agreement Total Returnees | 385,113 | 226,837 | 158,276 | | 4 | 96,278 |
| 2019 Total Returnees | 148,969 | 97,046 | 51,923 | | 3 | 49,656 |
| Unknown year Returnees | 75,646 | | | 75,646 | | |

| Returnees year and from where | Total | Internal Returnees | Abroad Returnees | Unknown |
|---|-------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| Total of returnees | 100% | 58% | 36% | 6% |
| 2016 2017 Total Returnees | 24% | 15% | 9% | |
| 2018 PRE Peace agreement Total Returnees | 24% | 15% | 9% | |
| 2018 POST Peace agreement Total Returnees | 33% | 19% | 13% | |
| 2019 Total Returnees | 13% | 8% | 4% | |
| Unknown year Returnees | 6% | | | 6% |





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IDPs

IDP: South Sudanese national displaced in South Sudan

| State | 2014 2015 IDPs | 2016 2017 IDPs | 2018 IDPs | 2019 IDPs | Unknown year IDPs | Total IDPs Ind | # of County with IDPs present |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Total | 525,379 | 483,965 | 232,946 | 52,268 | 125,631 | 1,420,189 | 78 |
| Central Equatoria | 40,534 | 98,963 | 31,630 | 7,513 | 5,481 | 184,121 | 6 |
| Eastern Equatoria | 15,167 | 19,630 | 10,561 | 5,450 | 7,107 | 57,915 | 8 |
| Jonglei | 72,569 | 54,763 | 42,110 | 2,647 | 18,777 | 190,866 | 11 |
| Lakes | 94,625 | 38,148 | 29,968 | 4,740 | 35,607 | 203,088 | 8 |
| Northern Bahr el Ghazal | 15,810 | 12,615 | 5,125 | 261 | 1,480 | 35,291 | 5 |
| Unity | 102,532 | 86,843 | 14,961 | 947 | 11,748 | 217,031 | 9 |
| Upper Nile | 93,210 | 62,472 | 39,612 | 7,822 | 14,028 | 217,144 | 12 |
| Warrap | 39,547 | 33,767 | 14,093 | 5,673 | 14,686 | 107,766 | 6 |
| Western Bahr el Ghazal | 25,471 | 53,277 | 40,850 | 8,375 | 11,216 | 139,189 | 3 |
| Western Equatoria | 25,914 | 23,487 | 4,036 | 8,840 | 5,501 | 67,778 | 10 |



Returnees

Returnee: someone who was displaced from their habitual residence either within South Sudan or abroad, who has since returned to their habitual residence.

Timeframe considered: past 3 years

As of 2019, R5: FROM ABROAD FROM WITHIN THE COUNTRY

Returnees by period of arrival (Pre and Post R-ARCSS)

| State | Internal Ret Pre Peace | Abroad Ret Pre Peace | Internal Ret Post Peace | Abroad Ret Post Peace | Tot Ret Pre Peace | Tot Ret Post Peace | Total of returnees | Average per month Ret Pre peace | Average per month Ret Post peace | Unknown year Ret | # of County with returnees present |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Total | 360,460 | 213,495 | 323,883 | 210,199 | 573,955 | 534,082 | 1,183,683 | 17,936 | 76,297 | 75,646 | 75 |
| Central Equatoria | 37,109 | 10,490 | 35,753 | 13,531 | 47,599 | 49,284 | 106,468 | 1,487 | 7,041 | 9,585 | 6 |
| Eastern Equatoria | 15,275 | 62,309 | 7,898 | 22,617 | 77,584 | 30,515 | 112,220 | 2,425 | 4,359 | 4,121 | 8 |
| Jonglei | 86,269 | 25,364 | 45,712 | 22,868 | 111,633 | 68,580 | 199,500 | 3,489 | 9,797 | 19,287 | 11 |
| Lakes | 34,993 | 6,742 | 22,607 | 4,271 | 41,735 | 26,878 | 69,129 | 1,304 | 3,840 | 516 | 8 |
| Northern Bahr el Ghazal | 8,194 | 48,701 | 7,057 | 38,522 | 56,895 | 4557900% | 10267700% | 177797% | 651129% | 203 | 5 |
| Unity | 40,919 | 6,612 | 44,347 | 7,672 | 47,531 | 52,019 | 110,161 | 1,485 | 7,431 | 10,611 | 9 |
| Upper Nile | 28,100 | 43,663 | 32,809 | 95,322 | 71,763 | 128,131 | 217,291 | 2,243 | 18,304 | 17,397 | 12 |
| Warrap | 7,100 | 6,331 | 1,878 | 564 | 13,431 | 2,442 | 16,225 | 420 | 349 | 352 | 3 |
| Western Bahr el Ghazal | 44,047 | - | 67,707 | 743 | 44,047 | 68,450 | 123,363 | 1,376 | 9,779 | 10,866 | 3 |
| Western Equatoria | 58,454 | 3,283 | 58,115 | 4,089 | 61,737 | 62,204 | 126,649 | 1,929 | 8,886 | 2,708 | 10 |

Note: 3 Counties on Warrap State have not reported returnees presence

Returnees by period of arrival (Pre and Post R-ARCSS)

| State | 2016 2017 Internal Returnees | 2016 2017 Abroad Returnees | 2016 2017 Total Returnees | 2018 PRE Internal Returnees | 2018 PRE Abroad Returnees | 2018 PRE Total Returnees | 2018 POST Internal Returnees | 2018 POST Abroad Returnees | 2018 POST Total Returnees | 2019 Internal Returnees | F2019 Abroad Returnees | 2019 Total Returnees | Unknown year Returnees | Total of returnees |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Grand Total | 177,450 | 109,974 | 287,424 | 183,010 | 103,521 | 286,531 | 226,837 | 158,276 | 385,113 | 97,046 | 51,923 | 148,969 | 75,646 | 1,183,683 |
| Central Equatoria | 20,127 | 2,815 | 22,942 | 16,982 | 7,675 | 24,657 | 33,777 | 8,995 | 42,772 | 1,976 | 4,536 | 6,512 | 9,585 | 106,468 |
| Eastern Equatoria | 8,120 | 23,926 | 32,046 | 7,155 | 38,383 | 45,538 | 5,229 | 13,845 | 19,074 | 2,669 | 8,772 | 11,441 | 4,121 | 112,220 |
| Jonglei | 53,934 | 14,506 | 68,440 | 32,335 | 10,858 | 43,193 | 31,444 | 13,672 | 45,116 | 14,268 | 9,196 | 23,464 | 19,287 | 199,500 |
| Lakes | 9,830 | 5,702 | 15,532 | 25,163 | 1,040 | 26,203 | 8,154 | 3,090 | 11,244 | 14,453 | 1,181 | 15,634 | 516 | 69,129 |
| Northern Bahr el Ghazal | 4,135 | 32,286 | 36,421 | 4,059 | 16,415 | 20,474 | 6,332 | 26,058 | 32,390 | 725 | 12,464 | 13,189 | 203 | 102,677 |
| Unity | 21,021 | 4,241 | 25,262 | 19,898 | 2,371 | 22,269 | 30,767 | 4,829 | 35,596 | 13,580 | 2,843 | 16,423 | 10,611 | 110,161 |
| Upper Nile | 13,007 | 20,581 | 33,588 | 15,093 | 23,082 | 38,175 | 21,398 | 84,502 | 105,900 | 11,411 | 10,820 | 22,231 | 17,397 | 217,291 |
| Warrap | 5,088 | 4,820 | 9,908 | 2,012 | 1,511 | 3,523 | 1,248 | 164 | 1,412 | 630 | 400 | 1,030 | 352 | 16,225 |
| Western Bahr el Ghazal | 21,490 | - | 21,490 | 22,557 | - | 22,557 | 45,358 | 194 | 45,552 | 22,349 | 549 | 22,898 | 10,866 | 123,363 |
| Western Equatoria | 20,698 | 1,097 | 21,795 | 37,756 | 2,186 | 39,942 | 43,130 | 2,927 | 46,057 | 14,985 | 1,162 | 16,147 | 2,708 | 126,649 |