

# VENEZUELAN REFUGEES & MIGRANTS IN THE REGION



**5.96M** APPROX. VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



**7.10M** TOTAL APPROX. VENEZUELAN REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN THE WORLD



## UPDATE ON THE FIGURES ON REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS FROM VENEZUELA – UP TO SEPTEMBER 2022

Refugees and migrants from Venezuela in the world: **7,10M**

Refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Latin America and the Caribbean: **5,96M**

### Context

- As detailed in the most-recent R4V Movements Report,<sup>1</sup> 2022 has so far seen a significant increase in the number of Venezuelan refugees and migrants engaging in onward movements; among them, in-transit movements by land routes northwards through Central America towards the United States. Due to closed borders and/or newly introduced visa requirements, refugees and migrants largely traveled along irregular routes where they are exposed to dangers of grave physical harm, exploitation, and abuse. Currently, all the countries in the Central America and Mexico sub-region have visa requirements for Venezuelans in place.
- As a result, in 2022, a considerable increase in **irregular flows** has been observed, which requires that governments and R4V actors adapt their responses to the humanitarian protection and integration needs, including through additional tools to reflect refugees and migrants from Venezuela in irregular situations in their population figure updates.
- As a result of the above developments, refugees and migrants from Venezuela have become even more vulnerable, *inter alia*, due to the loss of their already limited social and economic support to meeting basic needs, particularly in vital areas such as health, shelter, food, protection, and sanitary attention. The grave impact of the current situation has led some to consider returning to their country of origin, including via initiatives supported by the Government of Venezuela.
- In the context of the development of the Regional Refugee and Migrant Needs Analysis (RMNA) and the Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan (RMRP) for 2023-2024, the Regional Inter-Agency Coordination Platform for Refugees and Migrants from Venezuela (R4V) has actively coordinated with governments across the region. Besides ensuring that their priorities and planning projections are taken into consideration, these consultations included the elaboration of planning figures of refugees and migrants from Venezuela currently in their countries.

### What is the reason for the recent increase in number of refugees/migrants from Venezuela?

**Peru:** The increase in the total number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Peru to a total figure of 1,490,673 is due to an update from the National Superintendence of Migration (SNM) on 31 July 2022. This update is based on the latest figures available for people registered in the Integrated Migration System (1,098,507) and for asylum-seekers in the country not registered in this system (392,166); and represents an update of the last official number of refugees and migrants in Peru (1,286,464 people), provided by the SNM in September 2021.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.r4v.info/en/document/r4v-movements-report-second-quarter-2022>

This new number reflects the gradual increase in the Venezuelan population in Peru over the past year, and reflects observations of entries at border points, as well as institutional efforts to regularize those in an irregular situation. It should be noted that this figure refers only to people registered by the SNM and the Special Commission for Refugees (CEPR).

**Trinidad and Tobago:** The increase in the number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Trinidad and Tobago (+6,836) is based on individual asylum-seeker registration displacement tracking tools that have been used and endorsed by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago as reliable proxy data to support assessing the number of entries and exits for the period since June 2019 where no official data has been available; thus increasing the total number of refugees and migrants from Venezuela in Trinidad and Tobago to 35,314. The observed changes since the last population update (reported on 21 July 2021) reflect a gradual increase in the population figures between August 2021 and June 2022.

### What happens to Venezuelans who enter countries irregularly?

It is important to point out that population figures communicated officially refer, in great parts, to regular movements (with some notable exceptions, as previously mentioned). It is assumed that, if all refugees and migrants from Venezuela in irregular situations were considered, the total number could be superior to **7,10M globally / 5.96M in the region**

## Summary overview:

Region	Country	August	September	Difference
Caribbean	Aruba	17,000	17,000	0
Caribbean	Curacao	17,000	14,000	-3,000
Caribbean	Guyana	19,643	19,643	0
Caribbean	Dominican Republic	115,283	115,283	0
Caribbean	Trinidad & Tobago	28,478	35,314	6,836
Central America	Costa Rica	30,107	30,107	0
Central America	El Salvador	245	245	0
Central America	Guatemala	303	303	0
Central America	Honduras	103	103	0
Central America	Mexico	82,976	82,976	0
Central America	Nicaragua	165	165	0
Central America	Panama	144,545	144,545	0
Europe	France	7,249	7,249	0
Europe	Spain	438,380	438,380	0
Europe	Italy	59,432	59,432	0
Europe	Portugal	27,732	27,732	0
North America	Canada	22,375	22,375	0
North America	United States of America	465,235	545,234	79,999
South America	Argentina	171,050	171,050	0
South America	Bolivia	13,776	13,776	0
South America	Brazil	358,412	365,387	6,975
South America	Chile	448,138	448,138	0
South America	Colombia	2,477,588	2,477,588	0
South America	Ecuador	502,214	502,214	0
South America	Paraguay	5,895	5,767	-128
South America	Peru	1,286,464	1,490,673	204,209
South America	Uruguay	22,009	22,009	0
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,761,797</b>	<b>7,056,688</b>	<b>294,891</b>
Europe	Rest of Europe	30,688	30,688	0
America	Rest of America	4,270	4,270	0
Asia	Asia	503	503	0
Africa	Africa	391	391	0
Oceania	Oceania	7,560	7,560	0
	<b>Total World</b>	<b>6,805,209</b>	<b>7,100,100</b>	<b>294,891</b>
	<b>Total LAC</b>	<b>5,745,664</b>	<b>5,960,556</b>	<b>214,892</b>