



2.4.7. Conflict-induced displacement and return

IOM's population movements assessments in Syria, which started in February 2025, show that there was a decrease in Latakia's IDP population between February 2025 (around 198 950 out of a total population of approximately 1.42 million, 14 %)[699](#) and April 2026 (around 145 180 out of a total population of approximately 1.45 million, 10 %).[700](#)

According to UNHCR estimates, as of 21 May 2026, 18 766 individuals had returned to locations in Latakia governorate from internal displacement since December 2024[701](#) and 32 765 had returned to the governorate from abroad within the same period.[702](#)

- [699](#)

IOM, Syrian Arab Republic – Community Baseline Assessment – Round 1 – February 2025, 6 March 2025, [url](#), p. 8

- [700](#)

IOM, Syrian Arab Republic – Population Mobility and Baseline Assessment – Round 15 – April 2026, 18 May 2026, [url](#), p. 7

- [701](#)

UNHCR, Syrian Arab Republic: Comprehensive Overview of IDPs and IDP Returns Dashboard, 21 May 2026, [url](#)

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UNHCR, Syrian Arab Republic: Comprehensive Overview of Refugee Returns Dashboard, 21 May 2026, [url](#)