



## 2.11.7. Conflict-induced displacement and return

IOM's population movements assessments in Syria, which started as of February 2025, show that there was a slight increase in the IDP population between February 2025 (around 2.04 million out of a total population of approximately 5.37 million, 38 %) [1113](#) and April 2026 (around 2.24 million out of a total population of approximately 5.74 million, 39 %). [1114](#) According to UNHCR estimates, about 213 000 people returned from abroad [1115](#) and about 82 000 IDPs [1116](#) returned to the governorate as of 21 May 2026.

According to IOM, about 46 000 returnees arrived in the governorate in October 2025. [1117](#) According to UNHCR, from 2 to 27 March 2026, about 95 000 people from Lebanon crossed the Jdeidat Yabous border into Rural Damascus. [1118](#)

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