



2.6.7. Conflict-induced displacement and return

According to IOM's population movement assessment, the IDP population in Homs governorate only slightly decreased between February 2025 (about 129 000 or 9 % of a total population of approximately 1.43 million)^{[799](#)} and April 2026 (about 126 610 or 8 % of a total population of approximately 1.58 million).^{[800](#)}

UNHCR estimated that as of 21 May 2026, 182 585 individuals had returned to locations in Homs governorate from internal displacement since December 2024.^{[801](#)} Within the same period, 206 650 individuals had returned to the governorate from abroad.^{[802](#)} By the end of April 2026, UNHCR noted that the majority of those returning were Syrians, mostly families, with Homs governorate among the top four provinces of intended returns.^{[803](#)} Similarly, in March 2026, Homs governorate was one of the three governorates receiving the highest shares of arrivals from abroad.^{[804](#)}

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