



2.12.7. Conflict-induced displacement and return

The abovementioned July 2025 escalation of violence in Sweida governorate reportedly led to the displacement of thousands of civilians towards Dar'a governorate.[1201](#) IOM's population movements assessments in Syria, which started as of February 2025, show that there was an increase in Dar'a's IDP population between February 2025 (around 36 000 out of a total population of approximately 1.19 million, 3 %)[1202](#) and April 2026 (around 68 000 out of a total population of approximately 1.37 million, 5 %).[1203](#)

UNHCR further estimated that, as of 21 May 2026, 28 000 individuals had returned to locations in Dar'a governorate from internal displacement since December 2024[1204](#) and 144 000 had returned to the governorate from abroad within the same period.[1205](#)

- [1201](#)

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