

On the morning of 27 September, renewed hostilities erupted in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone. This was the latest flare up in a conflict that has been ongoing for over thirty years. On 9 November 2020, the Prime Minister of Armenia, the President of Azerbaijan, and the President of Russia announced a tripartite ceasefire agreement ending the hostilities in and around the Nagorno-Karabakh (NK) conflict zone.

While data on the population displaced as a result of the conflict and their needs remains limited, a number of first efforts have been rolled out to assess displacement locations and needs. As the first efforts at collecting information on the needs of displaced and host communities are being rolled out in ten selected districts, an Information Management Working Group has been set up to coordinate efforts, led by the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office jointly with UNHCR and with the active participation of IOM. In meantime IOM has received the registration data form the Armenian Migration Service (Ministry of Territorial on 17 November 2020 as export from registration database as aggregates on settlement level with population values by community settlement name. The latest update on registration data on spontaneous arrivals from the Armenian Migration Services from 30 November 2020 indicate that 89,149 spontaneous arrivals are scattered across 582 settlements and communities. 76 per cent of spontaneous arrivals are currently hosted in urban settlements, while 24 per cent are hosted in rural settlements. 39 per cent of the displaced have been registered in Yerevan, 18 per cent in Kotayk, and 9 per cent in Syunik. While actual number of displaced arrivals present in Armenia is highly dynamic and fluid, including due to ongoing returns to Nagorno Karabakh and the backlog in Migration Services registration, the data presented in this report represents official data available at community-settlement level and as such is subject to change.

For more details, historical data set and data visualisation dashboard please visit Armenia | Displacement (iom.int).

COMMUNITY and INDIVIDUAL DATA REGISTRY at REGION LEVEL, comparison between rounds

			R1- No. of			Difference in registered	% of Individuals	% of Individuals	% of Individuals	% of Individuals
	R1-No. of	R2-No. of	Registered			individuals between			registered in Urban	registered in Urban
Region	Communities	Community	Individuals		Individuals	rounds	Communities - R1	Communities - R2	Communities - R1	Communities - R2
Aragatsotn	5	8 5	7 2.	794	3.056	262	58%	59%	42%	41%
Ararat	8	5 8	6 6.	401	7.653	1252	74%	71%	26%	29%
Armavir	9	0 9	1 6.	117	6.563	446	56%	55%	44%	45%
Gegharkunik	5	1 5	3 3.	239	3.749	510	36%	43%	64%	57%
Kotayk	6	5 6	6 15.	535	15.867	332	30%	26%	70%	74%
Lori	5	5 5	5 3.	196	3.315	119	38%	36%	62%	64%
Shirak	5	3 5	4 1.	416	1.731	315	35%	33%	65%	67%
Syunik	6	1 5	9 7.	334	8.024	690	32%	19%	68%	81%
Tavush	2	4 2	5 1.	440	1.823	383	20%	20%	80%	80%
Vayots Dzor	2	4 2	4 2.	386	2.620	234	39%	38%	61%	62%
Yerevan	1	2 1	2 31.	550	34.748	3198	0%	0%	100%	100%
Total	57	8 58	2 81.	408	89.149	7 .741	74%	26%	76%	24%

Source: Migration Services, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Intergation, Armenia and IOM/DTM, December 2020 Full data set at community settlement level available here: Armenia — Baseline Assessment Settlement — Round 2 | Displacement (iom.int)

In Round 2, a total of 89,149 individuals in 582 different community settlements were registered. This represent an increase of 9 per cent (7,741 individuals) compared to the 81,408 individuals registered in Round 1. Three quarters (66%) of all individuals are mapped in the region of Yerevan (39%), Kotayk (18%) and Syunik (9%).

The higher increase in absolute terms of individuals in Round 2 compared to Round 1 is observed in the regions of Yerevan (+3,198) and Ararat (+1,252). Other regions have marked a significant increase in relative terms between the two rounds: the region of Tavush has registered an increase of individuals of 27 per cent, followed by the region of Shirak (+22%), Ararat (+20%), Gegharkunik (+16%). The number of registered community settlements has slightly increased by 4 from Round 1 to Round 2, reaching a total of 582 community settlements. Of these, more than half (52%) are mapped in only four regions in the country: Armavir, Ararat, Kotayk and Syunik.

Overall, three quarters (76%) of the individuals are observed in urban community settlements across the country while the remaining 24 per cent is observed in rural settlements. In the region of Yerevan, all individuals are in urban settlements. High shares of individuals in urban settlements are also observed in the region of Tavush (80%), Kotayk (70% and Syunik (68%). On the other side, most individuals are in rural community settlements in the regions of Ararat (74%), Aragatsotn (58%) and Armavir (56%).

Besides Yerevan region, where individuals are concentrated in a relatively few number (12) of community settlements, all in urban areas, individuals in the other regions of the country seem more spread in a higher number of community settlements of lower size on average (100-200 in Kotayk, Syunik, Vayots Dzor regions, less than 100 persons in settlements of all other regions).

NOTE ON SOURCES AND METHODOLOGY: The data source is the Migration Services of the Armenian Ministry of Territorial Administration and Integration. The data set is extracted from the Migration Service registration database as aggregates on settlement level with population values by settlement name in Armenian language in excel worksheets. The registration is based on individual forms filled and submitted by displaced population at individual level, which is cross-checked by communal authorities on by-weekly basis. The received data is processed by DTM team of IOM using Mobility Tracking baseline database where population values are entered each and one individually for all 582 settlement after location and name verification. Aggregated numbers for tabulation by region are generated from DTM database. Detailed settlement dataset with geographic coordinates and settlement Admin 1, source codes (from Armenia statistical office) was generated. Geographic reference Armenia Settlement, source https://ace.aua.am/vector-database-armenia-file-overview/

DISCLAIMER: Data covers the period from the start of the conflict up to 30 November 2020. Migration Services data base extract for the latest update). The data refers only to registered arrivals of displaced population and does not include individuals that have not registered with the authorities, or whose registration in the system is pending. The data does not relate to the number of displaced population actually present on the territory of Armenia and for which the triangulation based on return movements to Nagorno Karabakh remains to be factored in.





ARMENIA OVERVIEW MAP

Registered arrivals of displaced population in settlements DTM Round 2 information as of 1st December 2020

