



UNRWA REGISTERED REFUGEES (JUNE 2000)

	West Bank	Gaza Strip	Jordan	Syria	Lebanon	Total
Registered Refugees (RR)	583,009	824,622	1,570,192	383,199	376,472	3,737,494
Increase over 1999	2.3%	3.3%	3.8%	2.3%	1.7%	3.1%
% of total population	29.7	78	32.2	2.5	11.1	30.7
% of total RRs	16	22	42	10	10	100
No. of refugee camps	19	8	10**	10	12	59
RR living in camps (as % of RR)	157,676 (27)	451,186 (54.7)	280,191 (17.8)	111,712 (29.2)	210,715 (56)	1,211,480 (32.4)
RR outside camps	425,333	373,436	1,290,001	271,487	165,757	2,526,014

** Three additional neighborhoods in Amman, Zarqa and Madaba are considered 'unofficial' camps by UNRWA.
 (Source: UNRWA in Figures, UNRWA Headquarters, June 2000. For annual updates see www.un.org/unrwa)



Because of UNRWA's narrow refugee definition (only persons - and their descendants - whose normal place of residence was Palestine between 1 June 1946 and 15 May 1948, who lost their homes and means of livelihood as a result of the War of 1948, and who took refuge in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the Jordanian-ruled West Bank or the Egyptian-administered Gaza Strip) some 48% of Palestinian refugees in the Diaspora are not registered. The definition does not cover refugees who fled elsewhere, those displaced in 1967 (at least 325,000) unless they were already registered with UNRWA, or those who were outside the West Bank or Gaza in 1967. Also not included are the 'latecomers', numbering at least 50,000 cases.

