

Table 7. Stateless persons¹, 2010

Data is not complete and includes estimates. Countries for which UNHCR has information about stateless persons but no reliable data have been included in the table and marked with an asterisk (*).

Country of residence	Description/origin	Pop. start-2010		Pop. end-2010	
		Total	of whom: UNHCR-assisted	Total	of whom: UNHCR-assisted
Armenia	Stateless	-	-	6	-
Austria	Stateless	523	-	401	-
Azerbaijan	Stateless	2,078	-	2,078	-
Bahamas	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Belarus	Stateless	7,799	1	7,731	1
Belgium	Stateless	637	-	691	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina ²	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	9,688	524	5,000	102
Bhutan	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Brazil	Stateless	106	-	*	-
Brunei Darussalam ³	Stateless	20,992	-	20,992	-
Burundi	Stateless	1,048	-	1,059	-
Cambodia	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Colombia	Stateless	11	-	11	-
Côte d'Ivoire	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Croatia	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	237	160	1,749	402
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Denmark	Stateless	3,263	-	3,216	-
Dominican Republic	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Egypt	Stateless	64	64	60	60
Eritrea	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Estonia ⁴	Stateless	104,813	-	100,983	-
Ethiopia	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Finland	Stateless	2,407	-	3,125	-

France	Stateless	1,078	-	1,131	-
Georgia	Stateless	1,677	-	1,826	-
Germany ⁵	Stateless	8,226	-	7,920	-
Greece ⁶	Stateless	260	-	260	-
Hong Kong SAR, China	Stateless	1	1	1	-
Hungary	Stateless	49	-	62	-
Iceland	Stateless	133	-	113	-
India	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Indonesia	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Iraq ⁷	Stateless	230,000	-	120,000	-
Israel	Stateless	12	3	9	-
Italy ⁸	Stateless	793	-	854	-
Japan	Stateless	1,525	-	1,397	-
Kazakhstan	Stateless	7,649	42	7,966	445
Kenya ⁹	Stateless	100,000	-	20,000	-
Kuwait	Bidoons	93,000	-	93,000	-
Kyrgyzstan	Stateless	24,615	-	21,157	200
Latvia ¹⁰	Stateless	168	-	171	-
Latvia ¹¹	Non-citizens	344,095	-	326,735	-
Lebanon	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Liechtenstein	Stateless	6	-	6	-
Lithuania	Stateless	3,902	-	3,674	-
Luxembourg	Stateless	177	-	173	-
Madagascar	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Malaysia ¹²	Stateless	40,001	1	40,001	1
Mexico	Stateless	3	3	3	3
Mongolia	Stateless	373	-	260	-
Montenegro ¹³	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	1,500	208	1,300	36
Myanmar ¹⁴	Stateless	723,571	200,000	797,388	200,000
Nepal ¹⁵	Stateless	800,000	-	800,000	-
Netherlands	Stateless	5,034	-	2,061	-
Niger	Stateless	*	-	*	-

Norway	Stateless	2,860	-	3,118	-
Pakistan	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Panama	Stateless	1	1	3	3
Papua New Guinea	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Philippines	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Poland	Stateless	865	-	763	-
Portugal	Stateless	31	-	31	-
Qatar	Bidoons	1,200	-	1,200	-
Rep. of Korea	Stateless	103	-	179	-
Rep. of Moldova	Stateless	2,014	-	2,031	-
Romania	Stateless	306	-	321	-
Russian Federation	Meskhetians	300	-	50	30
Russian Federation ¹⁶	Stateless	49,700	161	49,950	2,156
Saudi Arabia	Stateless	70,000	-	70,000	-
Serbia ¹⁷	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	16,700	1,600	8,500	1,600
Slovakia	Stateless	911	-	911	-
Slovenia	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	4,090	-	4,090	-
Spain	Stateless	28	-	31	-
Sri Lanka	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Sweden	Stateless	7,758	-	9,344	-
Switzerland	Stateless	67	-	62	-
Syrian Arab Republic ¹⁸	Stateless	300,000	-	300,000	-
Tajikistan ¹⁹	Stateless	2,300	-	2,300	-
Thailand ²⁰	Stateless	3,500,000	-	542,505	-
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ²¹	Citizens of former Yugoslavia	1,911	1,911	1,573	1,573
Turkey	Stateless	2,739	-	780	-
Turkmenistan	Stateless	12,000	-	20,000	-
Ukraine	Formerly deported persons in Crimea, Ukraine	4,500	2,000	5,500	700
Ukraine ²²	Stateless	37,000	60	34,853	140
United Arab Emirates	Stateless	*	-	*	-
United Kingdom ²³	Stateless	205	-	205	-

Viet Nam	Stateless	10,200	-	10,200	-
Zimbabwe	Stateless	*	-	*	-
Total		6,569,303	206,740	3,463,070	207,452

Notes

¹ This category covers *de jure* and *de facto* stateless persons, including persons who are unable to establish their nationality.

² The great majority of these people have yet to have their Bosnian nationality formally recognized.

³ The figure may drop due to the ongoing Government programme of expediting the granting of citizenship to stateless permanent residents in Brunei.

⁴ Almost all people recorded as being stateless have permanent residence and enjoy more rights than foreseen in the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

⁵ The figure does not represent the entire number of persons registered as stateless in the German Central Aliens Register. The number of stateless persons holding a humanitarian residence title (not all of whom are persons of concern to UNHCR) and the number of stateless asylum-seekers have been deducted from it.

⁶ Includes people deprived of their citizenship under previous nationality legislation, stateless individuals with permanent residence who are recognized as "stateless foreigners" and other stateless persons resident in Greece.

⁷ Estimate provided by the central Government of Iraq.

⁸ Figure refers to the end of 2009; no data available for 2010.

⁹ The figure of 20,000 is an estimate by UNHCR and civil society organizations based on currently available information on several communities in Kenya. This estimate is under review pending further research and mapping activities.

¹⁰ The Republic of Latvia enacted a Law on Stateless Persons on 17 February 2004, which replaced the Law on the Status of Stateless Persons in the Republic of Latvia of 18 February 1999, and which determines the legal status of persons who are not considered as citizens by the legislation of any State and whose status is not determined by the 25th April 1995 Law (quoted below).

¹¹ The Republic of Latvia, by the 25th April 1995 Law on the Status of Those Former USSR Citizens who are not Citizens of Latvia or of Any Other State, granted a transitional legal status to permanently residing persons (non-citizens) entitling them to a set of rights and obligations beyond the minimum rights prescribed by the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons.

¹² Figure includes one individual from the Czech Republic and an estimated number of individuals who are stateless, including people who are unable to establish their nationality from among the Indian community (Tamils). Estimate is based on NGO and media reports, some citing official sources.

¹³ The great majority of these people have yet to have their Montenegrin nationality formally recognized.

¹⁴ Muslim residents of northern Rakhine State.

¹⁵ Estimated number of persons who remained stateless after the issuance of approximately 2.6 million Citizenship Certificates in 2007.

¹⁶ UNHCR estimate provided in the absence of comprehensive Government statistics on the number of stateless persons in the Russian Federation. It includes 16,998 stateless persons registered with the Russian Federal Migration Service. According to figures from the Russian Federal Migration Service, 19,000 stateless persons were granted Russian citizenship in 2010 and a total of about 600,000 stateless persons were granted citizenship between 2003 and 2009.

¹⁷ The figure is based on data from a survey conducted by UNHCR in 2010. The great majority of the persons reported have yet to have their Serbian nationality formally recognized.

¹⁸ Figures are based on estimates from Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.

¹⁹ The figure is based on data from the last population census in Tajikistan in 2000 and includes 326 persons officially registered by the Government of Tajikistan as being stateless.

²⁰ The numbers are based on ongoing discussions between the Thai authorities and UNHCR and will be further verified in the course of the year.

²¹ The great majority of this population are either people who are yet to have their nationality of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia formally recognized, or as well as long term habitual residents without effective citizenship.

²² The figure is based on an extrapolation from the number of stateless persons registered in the 2001 census in Ukraine. It includes 6,412 persons who were registered with the Ukrainian Ministry of Interior in 2010.

²³ Figure refers to the end of 2005; no data available for subsequent years.

