

# Afghanistan - Border Monitoring, outflow 2021

**UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)**

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## Identification

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SURVEY ID NUMBER  
AFG\_2021\_BMo\_v01\_M

TITLE  
Border Monitoring, outflow 2021

ABBREVIATION OR ACRONYM  
BMo 2021

COUNTRY

Name	Country code
Afghanistan	AFG

STUDY TYPE  
Other Household Survey [hh/oth]

ABSTRACT  
The situation inside Afghanistan deteriorated in 2021 and had significant consequences for the most vulnerable among the population. 1.6 million new arrivals have been witnessed in neighboring countries. Iran and Pakistan, which are neighbours of Afghanistan, also host some 8.2 million registered Afghan refugees and other Afghans with different statuses. The majority of registered refugees fled Afghanistan over the years, including from as early as 1979.

UNHCR border monitoring seeks to understand the triggers, intentions and reasons for Afghan cross-border movements, assess access to territory and “the right to seek asylum” as well as the barriers which hinder the movement of people who may need international protection. In 2021, more than 34,000 interviews were conducted with people across six crossing points into Pakistan, Iran and Central Asia from Afghanistan.

This dataset is the anonymized version of the original data.

KIND OF DATA  
Sample survey data [ssd]

UNIT OF ANALYSIS  
Households

## Version

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VERSION DESCRIPTION  
Version 2.1: Edited, cleaned and anonymised data

VERSION DATE  
2023-09-21

## Scope

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NOTES  
The survey was conducted with one focal point from each household covering the following:

1. Biodata and current location
2. Displacement history
3. Problems faced during displacement

TOPICS

Topic
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Livelihood and Social cohesion
Education
Basic Needs
Domestic Needs/Household Support
Shelter/Other Infrastructure
Legal Assistance/Protection

## Coverage

### GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

Border crossing points from Afghanistan into Iran, Pakistan and Central Asia

### UNIVERSE

Asylum-seekers and other border crossers in 2021

## Producers and sponsors

### PRIMARY INVESTIGATORS

Name	Affiliation
UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)	UN

## Sampling

### SAMPLING PROCEDURE

Not Applicable

## Data collection

### DATES OF DATA COLLECTION

Start	End
2021-01-01	2021-12-31

### DATA COLLECTION MODE

Face-to-face [f2f]

## Access policy

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## Metadata production

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DDI\_AFG\_2021\_BMo\_v01\_M

### PRODUCERS

Name	Abbreviation	Affiliation	Role
UN Refugee Agency	UNHCR	UN	Metadata producer
Development Data Group	DECDG	The World Bank	Metadata adapted for World Bank Microdata Library

### DATE OF METADATA PRODUCTION

2023-09-27

### DDI DOCUMENT VERSION

Identical to a metadata (UNHCR\_AFG\_2021\_BMo\_anon\_data\_v2.1) published on UNHCR catalog (<https://microdata.unhcr.org/index.php/home>). Some of the metadata fields have been edited.

## Data Dictionary

Data file	Cases	Variables
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### Technical documents

#### Questionnaire/codebook

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Title Questionnaire/codebook

Filename codebook.xlsx

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