Refugees amounts to 107,300 representing around 1% of the total resident population. In the provinces and districts hosting refugees’ camps, the refugees' share is relatively higher.

For instance, in the Eastern Province refugees represent 1.9% of the total population of the province and in all other provinces it is below 0.6%.

By Districts, refugees' share is highest in the districts of Kirehe (11.7% of the district population), Karongi (3.5%), Nyamagabe (2.6%), Gisagara (2.2%) and Gatsibo (1.9%).

TABLE:Distribution (%) of the refugees resident population by nationality by Province

Nationality	**Province**				
	Kigali City	**Southern**	**Western**	**Northern**	**Eastern**
Total	5,083	19,055	14,975	894	67,293
Rwanda	1,592	5,439	3,676	447	14,323
Burundi	2,483	283	75	52	29,891
Tanzania	1	9	10		26
Kenya	5				1
Uganda	4	2	3		17
DRC	963	13,304	11,206	395	22,543
Other African	29	17	5		491
Europe	1				
America		1			
Asia	5				1

On the other hand, among the total refugees’ population, the Eastern Province have about 62.7% of the total refugees, followed by South with 17.8%, West with 14%, North with nearly 1% and the city of Kigali with 4.7% of the total refugees in the country.

Kirehe District hosting Mahama refugees Camp represents a half of the total refugees living in Rwanda (50.4%), followed by Karongi hosting Kiziba refugees camp with 12.3%, Gatsibo hosting Nyabiheke refugees camp (9.8%), Nyamagabe hosting Kigeme refugees camp (9%), Gisagara hosting Mugombwa refugees camp (8.1%), Bugesera (1.6%) but also in urban districts like Gasabo (2.1%) and Kicukiro (1.8%).

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