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# DATA COLLECTION ON FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATIONS DURING THE 2022 POPULATION CENSUS OF ARMENIA

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- Refugee related data according to the 2022 Population Census

## BACKGROUND

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- Over the last 30 years Armenia has hosted refugees and other displaced persons as a result of ethnic conflict and ongoing war in other countries. The country hosted forcibly displaced and stateless persons, including 115 000 refugees who were displaced as a result of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict.
- To address data challenges and gaps regarding these groups, ARMSTAT increased efforts to better capture data on forced displacement in national statistics.
- Taking the opportunity of the announcement of 2020 Census Round, UNHCR country office in cooperation with ARMSTAT, initiated round table discussions for the inclusion of statelessness and citizenship questions in the Census questionnaire, involving in the process International experts and relevant NGOs.

# METHODOLOGY OF THE 2022 POPULATION CENSUS CONDUCTION

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- 2022 Population census of the Republic of Armenia was carried out using a combined method:
  - 100 % State population register
  - sample based household survey covering 25% of the addresses using hand-held devices
- With special software the data of the state population register were connected with the data of Border Management Information System (BMIS), in order to clarify the status of residence in the country of registered persons.



## The Sampling Frame of the Survey

- The sample frame was designed according to the address lists created based on the RA State Population Register database.
- The sampling was carried out in all the settlements of the Republic of Armenia.



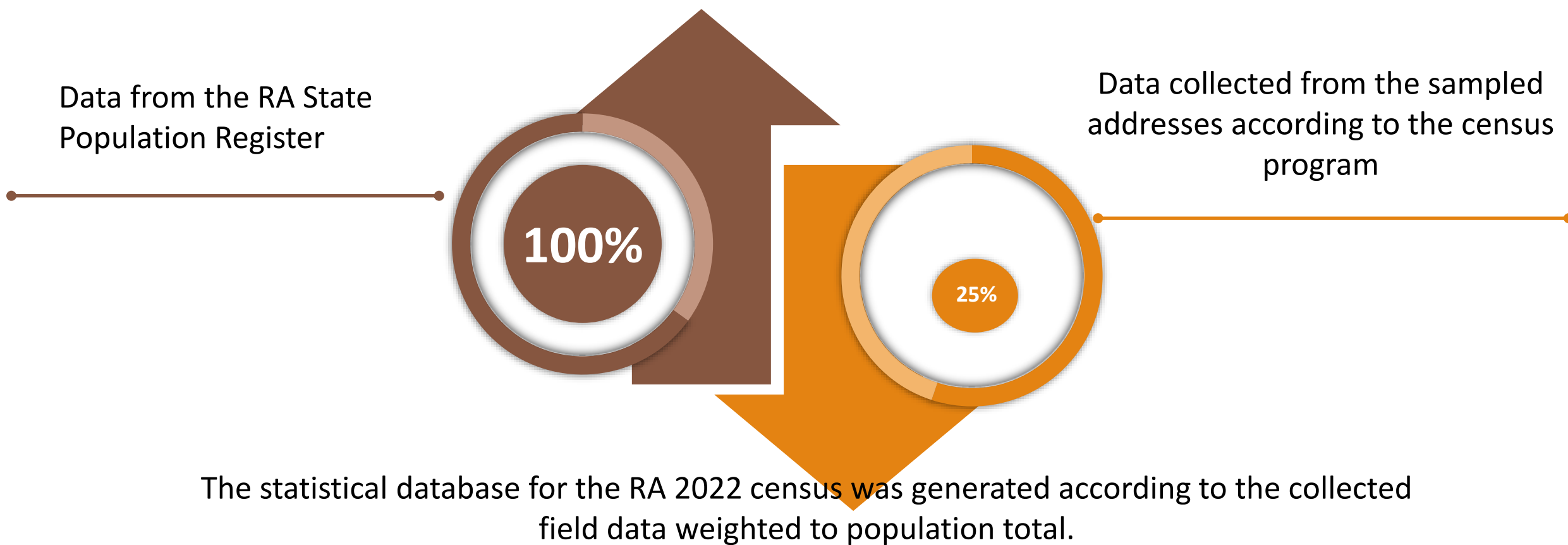
# RA 2022 POPULATION CENSUS CONTENET

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- ❑ The 2022 population census of the Republic of Armenia had been conducted in 13-22, October.
- ❑ Information on displaced population was also among the priorities in the census program, taking into consideration the recent conflicts and wars over the last 30 years, refugee influxes from neighboring countries, displaced people from the bordering settlements.
- ❑ ARMSTAT convened a roundtable to seek contributions from the relevant public institutions and migration service.
- ❑ The census questionnaire included a set of questions designed to identify the place of birth, citizenship, refugee status and reason for relocation of RA population.



# GENERATION OF THE CENSUS DATABASE



# THE DATA AVAILABLE FROM THE STATE POPULATION REGISTER

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- personal code
- name, surname and patronymic
- status (residence status or refugee status)
- actual registration address
- citizenship
- birthday, month, year, and birth place
- sex.





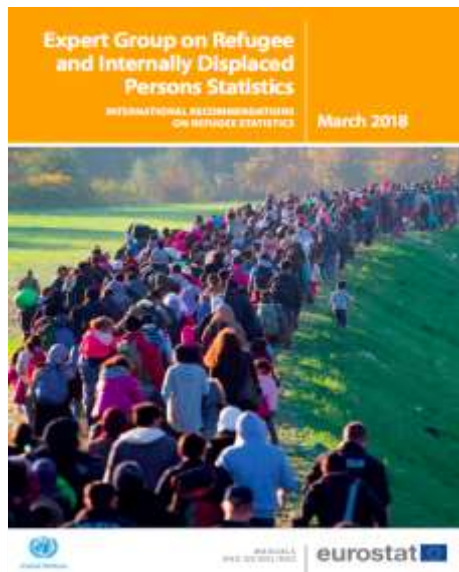
# Refugee-related questions from the 2022 Census questionnaire



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- ❑ **Country of birth,**
- ❑ **Country of citizenship,** dual citizenship, the way RA citizenship was acquired,
- ❑ **For stateless persons:** recognized refugees, undocumented stateless, unknown stateless,
- ❑ **Continuously residing** in the usual residence since birth (yes/no)  
if no: date of arrival, Country /RA region of previous usual residence, main reason for changing the residence.

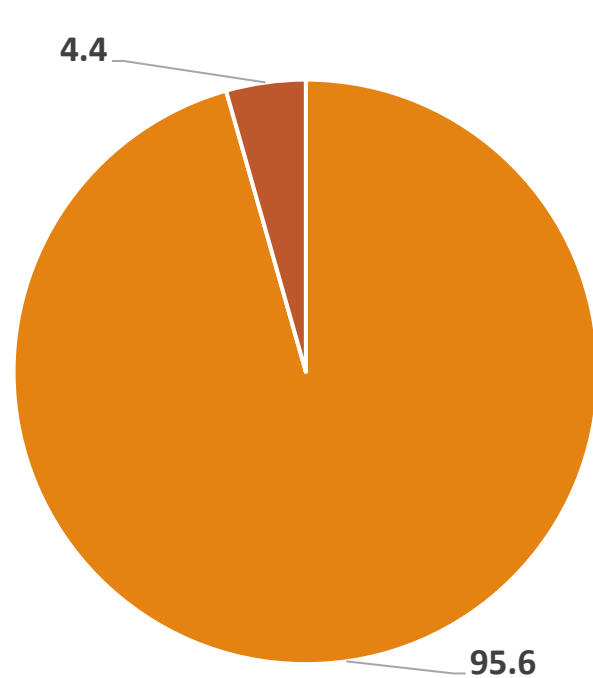
# THE USE OF INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON REFUGEE STATISTICS FOR THE 2022 CENSUS



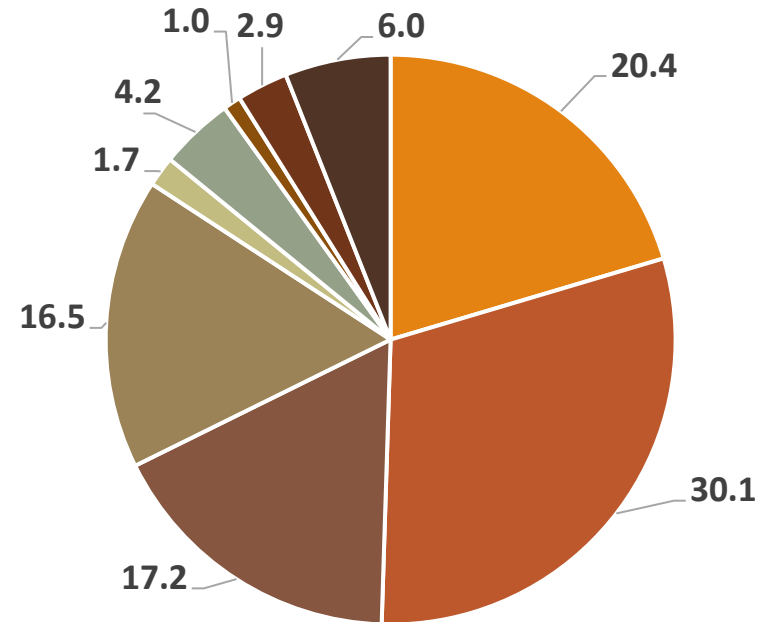
- The IRRS and IRIS were directly used to inform the development of the census methodology, pertaining to the displaced populations and the recommendations provided the “main source of guidance” to inform the questionnaire and advice on the use of administrative sources for producing statistics on refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced populations.
- The recommendations from chapter 4 of the IRRS were used to design the relevant questions of census questionnaire from the section B “2. Proposed core identification questions” to measure the number of refugees and to capture variables such as country of birth (COB), dual citizenship, refugee status (or recognition), and differentiation between asylum seekers and undocumented persons, as well as stateless populations.

# Distribution of Population by Country of Birth

(RA 2022 Population Census)

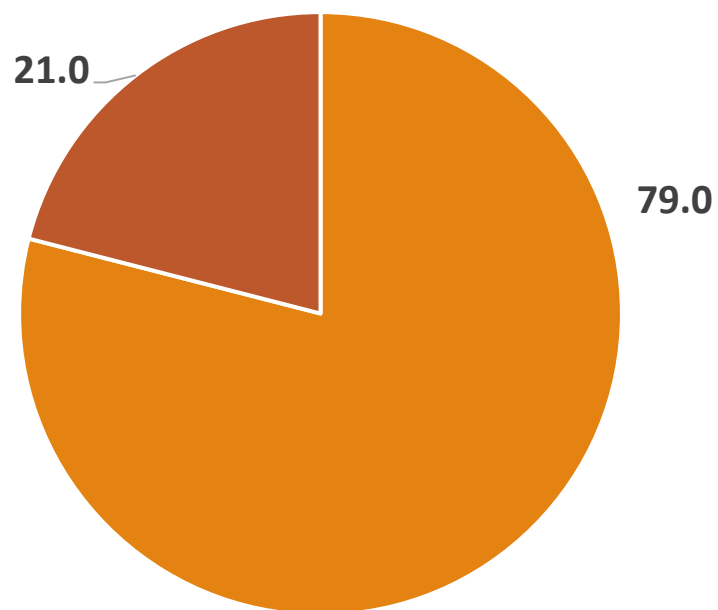


■ Native born ■ Foreign born

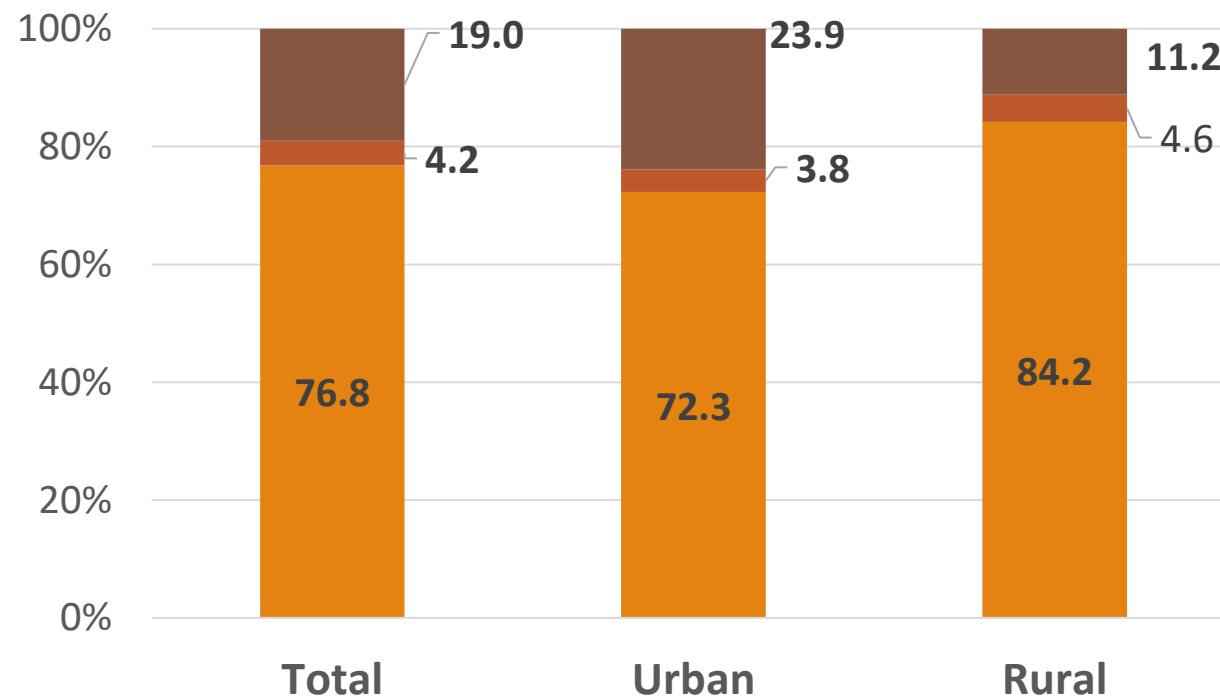


■ Georgia ■ Azerbaijan (SSR) ■ Russia  
■ Iran ■ Syria ■ Ukraine  
■ Lebanon ■ Nagorno Kharabakh ■ Other

# Distribution of Population by the Continuity of living in the Place of usual Residence and the country of previous residence, % (RA 2022 Population Census)

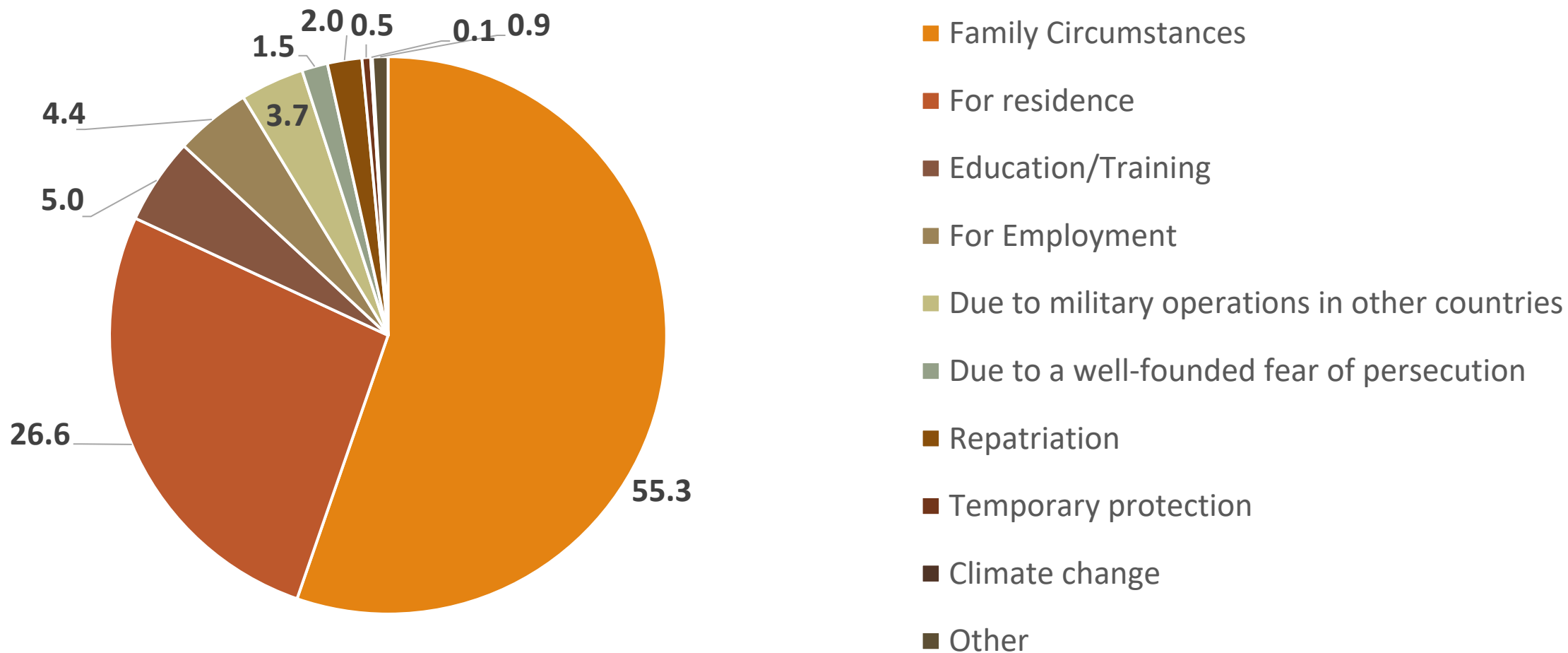


- Resided continuously since birth
- Have not lived continuously in the given place of residence since birth



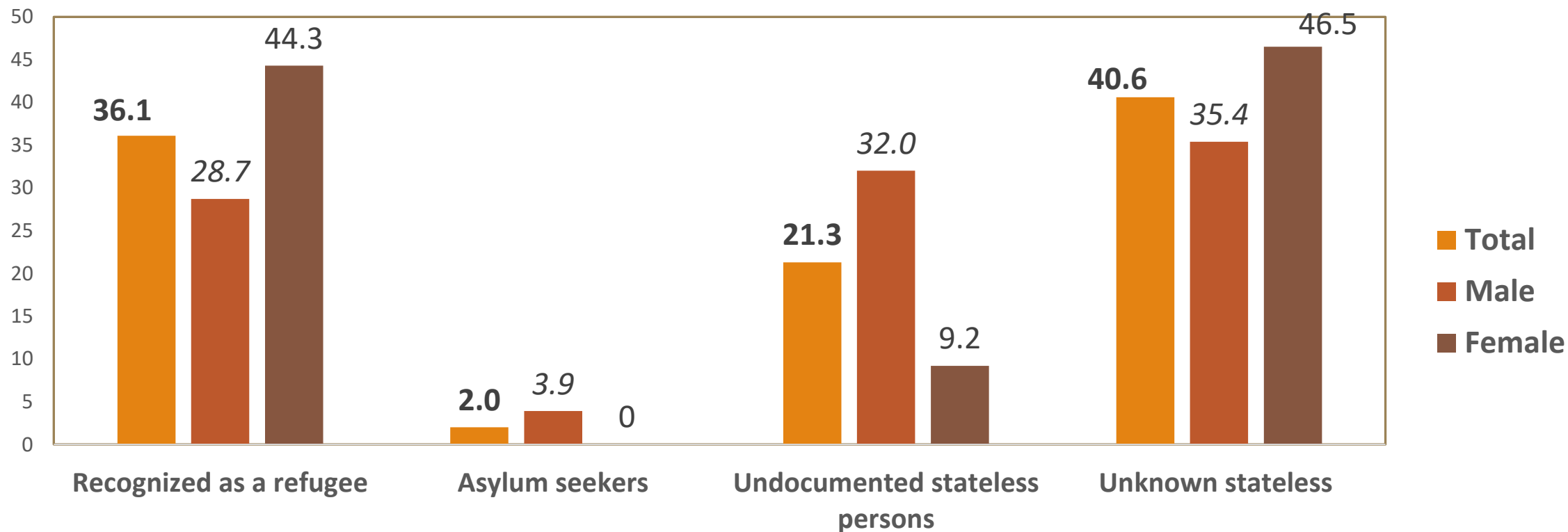
- Previous residence: Other Country
- Previous residence: Nagorno Karabakh
- Previous residence: Armenia

# The main reason for changing the place of residence of those not living at the usual place of residence since birth, %



# Distribution of Stateless Population according their status (RA 2022 Population Census)

%



# ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE OF DATA ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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- ✓ The International Recommendations, section “3. Administrative data including population registers” of chapter 4 of the IRRS was used to produce administrative data from the register on International Protection, maintained by the Migration and Citizenship Service under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Armenia.
- ✓ The main data source for statistics on asylum applicants and decisions taken during the asylum application process and it enables the measurement of data on persons granted refugee status, rejected claims according the country of citizenship.



## Lessons Learnt

- ❑ The effectiveness of cooperation initiatives at the planning process.
- ❑ The operationalization of the IRRS and IRIS recommendations to identify forced displacement using different data sources and improve coordination/collaboration with relevant stakeholders in the process.
- ❑ Involvement of relevant NGOs working in the sphere for data collection programming process.
- ❑ The use of the combined method of Census conduction, including the information in the Population Register and the collected field data.





## CENSUS AT SCHOOL

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**Thank you for attention!**



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