

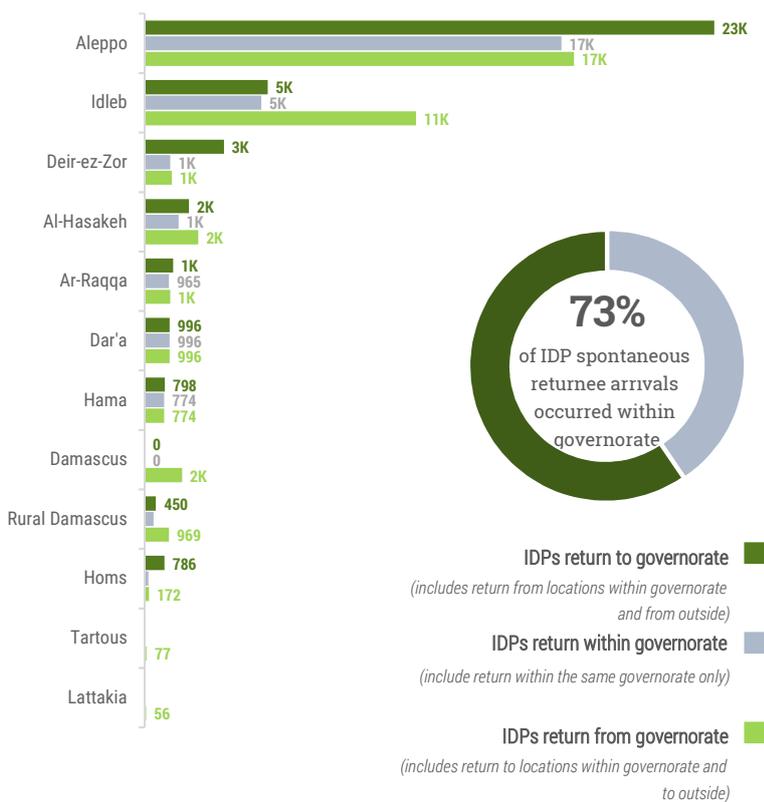
March 2020 updates

In March 2020, the humanitarian community recorded about 36,800 spontaneous IDP returnee movements in different locations across Syria. Following the announcement of a ceasefire on 6 March, and the relative calm observed on the ground in the following weeks of March, IDPs who have been displaced from western Aleppo and Idleb governorates began to gradually return to their areas of origin. The majority of these returns were recorded in Aleppo governorate with around 22,700 return movements from different governorates. Majority of return movements in Aleppo governorate was recorded from within governorate with about 16,600 movements and around 6,000 return movements were recorded from Idleb governorate to Aleppo. In March, Idleb governorate received around 5,000 return movements of which 4,700 were from within governorate. Deir-ez-Zor governorate received 3,200 spontaneous IDP returns from different governorates including Damascus, Al-Hasakeh, Aleppo and from within governorate. Hama and Homs received the least number of return movements with around 800 returns recorded in March.

Notes

- The returns refer to IDP spontaneous returns and do not necessarily follow the global definitions of 'Returnees' or durable solutions for IDPs.
- The IDP spontaneous returns include IDPs returning to their homes or communities of origin.
- The IDP spontaneous returns term used in this monthly report refers to the return movements occurred in the reported period only.
- The process of verification is based on triangulation of verified IDP spontaneous returns reported by different mechanisms and further examined by the IDP TF through cross-checking population numbers from previous years.

Governorate summary



IDP spontaneous returns map

(K: thousand)

