

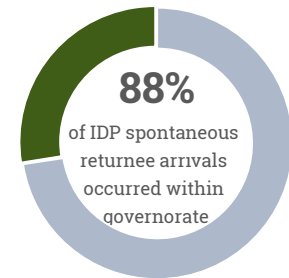
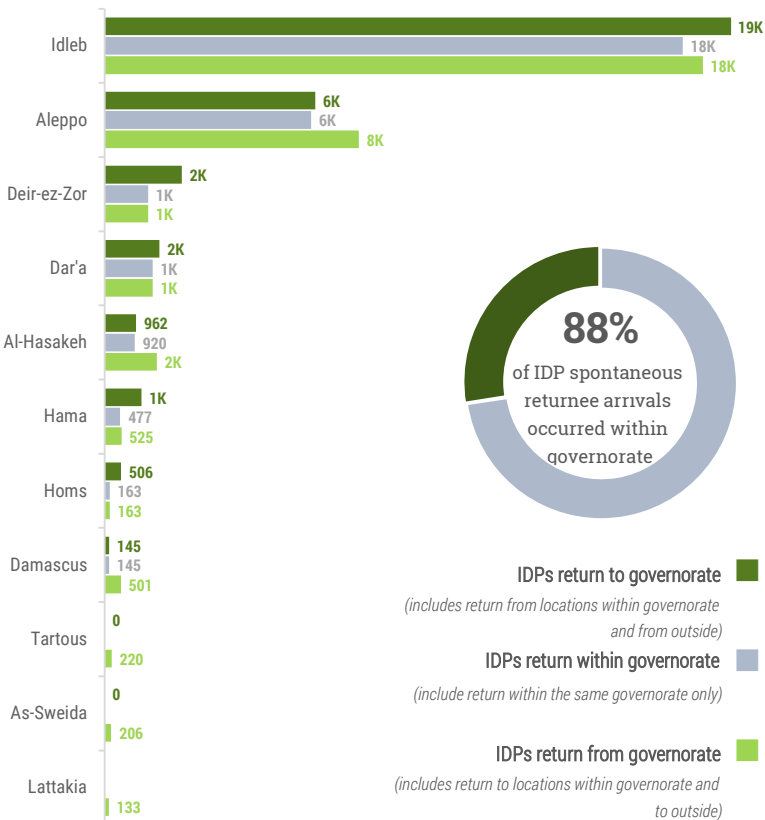
July 2020 updates

In July 2020, the humanitarian community recorded about 32,000 spontaneous IDP return movements in different locations across Syria, marking about a seventy percent decrease in comparison to the previous month. More than 25 thousand of these return movements, amounting to 79 percent, occurred within and between Aleppo and Idlib governorates. The relative calm observed in the Idlib area since early March was likely the driver behind these movements as people who have been displaced from southern Idlib and western Aleppo governorates due to hostilities earlier in 2020 returned to their communities of origin along the frontlines, albeit at a much lower rate compared to the previous month.

At the sub-district level, Ariha sub-district in southern Idlib governorate received the highest number of spontaneous return movements with around nine thousand returns while Ehem sub-district also in southern Idlib governorate received about four thousand spontaneous IDP return movements in July. Moreover, Atareb sub-district in western Aleppo governorate as well as Mhambal and Idleb sub-districts in Idlib governorate received about two thousand spontaneous IDP return movements each. At the community level, Ariha town in southern Idlib governorate received the largest amount of return movements with around five thousand returns. Aleppo city and Nayrab town in Idlib governorate received about two thousand spontaneous IDP return movements each. Spontaneous IDP return movements in areas other than northwest Syria remained very low.

- 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



- IDPs return to governorate** (includes return from locations within governorate and from outside)
- IDPs return within governorate** (include return within the same governorate only)
- IDPs return from governorate** (includes return to locations within governorate and to outside)

IDP spontaneous returns map

(K: thousand)

